



2 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
The Man of Sin—part 1  
From Sermon 5.29.22

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Review from Sunday's sermon: Even though we've moved into chapter 2, the theme and topic is still the Day of the Lord. We do, however, now get a new Truth Set—that of Satan and his crew. This is an important one to learn. Much of the church has allegorized this teaching or ignored it by assigning it to the 1<sup>st</sup> Century. Our darkening days and the re-establishing of Israel should make it clear these events and this world leader are actual physical realities.

1. Read *Psalm 2*? Discuss what it's referring to in the despised shackles. The world wants to be free from rules, values of biblical God. They demand the church stop preaching a holy judgment. In the Tribulation, their desire will be granted. Man wants a human solution--an ultra-leader/king. It will also be granted, and they will be doomed.

2. What were the Thessalonians afraid of? They had missed the Day of the Lord. They were living in the Tribulation and missed the deliverance (Rapture).

2a. What evidence did Paul offer to calm their fears? That teaching did not come from me. Tribulation cannot begin until the Antichrist is revealed...and the remaining faithful church is gone.

3. What is the "Spirit of antichrist" vs. person of "Antichrist"? The spirit has always been active in human history. In the end, there will be a physical appearance. The power of Satan and the spirit of antichrist have always been present in the world—killing, stealing, and destroying. He tried, historically, to prevent Christ's 1<sup>st</sup> Coming. See also *1 John 2:18* & *2 John 7*

3a. List some events and characters that he used. Various answers. Tempting Adam and Eve. Cain killing Abel. Demons cohabitating with pre-flood women. Pharoah in Egypt. Haman in Esther. Herod in Bethlehem.

3b. Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming, he's now busy trying to thwart the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming. List some events and character that he's used/is using/will use. False teachers and false doctrine. Evil human leaders. The Holocaust. Islam conquering the Holy Land & the Temple Mount.

4. The devil is always and only a copycat & imposter: a trinity, a human agent, a fake resurrection, eventual ruling the world, desire for worship. What three spheres of human authority will this antichrist conquer and control? 1-Political/Military, 2-Economic, & 3-Religious.

5. What other two cast members help him secure the religious world? The False Prophet and the Scarlet Harlot. Securing "the apostasy" or falling away, as the pseudo church slides into syncretism.  
See also *1 Timothy 4:1-2*