

*Paul's Letter to the
Church at Thessalonica*



II Thessalonians

“THE END OF THOSE DECEIVED
BY THE MAN OF SIN”

(2 Thessalonians 2:9-12)

"COUNTED WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

The Coming of Jesus



❖ **Would not occur
UNTIL:**

❖ "The falling away
occurs first" - 3

❖ "The man of sin is
revealed, the son of
perdition" - 3

"COUNTED WORTHY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD"

Identifying The Man of Sin



- ▶ **Explanation** - *The Papacy / Catholicism:*
 - ▶ The Apostasy - *Catholicism evolved as a defection from the original faith.*
 - ▶ Not Revealed in the 1st Century
 - ▶ Lawless
 - ▶ God-Opposing / Ecclesiastical Usurper of Divine Status
 - ▶ Usurps the Throne of God
 - ▶ Claims of Miracles
 - ▶ Early Stages at Work in Paul's Day
 - ▶ Initially Restrained by Pagan Rome
 - ▶ Flourished After Fall of Rome
 - ▶ To Continue Till Return of Christ

2 Thessalonians 2:9–12 (NKJV)

⁹ The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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The Intent of The Man of Sin (2:9,10)



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(NKJV)**

¹⁰ and with all
unrighteous deception
among those who
perish, because they
did not receive the
love of the truth, that
they might be saved.

► **“Deceit of (to promote) unrighteousness” -**

- The man of sin rejected the truth himself and uses deception as the means of promoting his error. - Ro. 16:18. 2 Co. 2:17; 4:2; 11:13, 15. Ep. 4:14. 2 Pe. 2:18. He. 3:13
- The result of his deception is “unrighteousness” - all things contrary to the truth is NOT RIGHT!

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The Fruit of The Man of Sin (2:9,10)



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¹⁰ and with all
unrighteous deception
among those who
perish, because they
did not receive the
love of the truth, that
they might be saved.

► **"Among those who perish" -**

■ The man of sin will be able to
successfully lead men astray -
those who are perishing.

► **"Because" -**

■ Their condemnation is just
for they did NOT receive a
love for the truth - John
3:19-21; John 8:45-47; Mat.
13:13-15; Rom. 1:18-23

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The Condemnation of the Deceived (2:10)



**2 Thessalonians 2:11
(NKJV)**

11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

► **“And for this reason” - 11**

■ Those who did not receive a love for the truth - it was offered - they declined - cf. John 8:31-47

► **“God will send them a strong delusion” - 11**

■ God will allow those who do not love the truth to be deceived, and to continue to be deceived - Mat. 13:13-15; Rom. 1:24-32; 1 Kings 22:19-24

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The Condemnation of the Deceived (2:10)



**2 Thessalonians 2:12
(NKJV)**

¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

▶ **"That they all may be condemned" - 12**

■ Those who do not believe the truth will be condemned - John 8:24; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Rev 21:8

▶ **"Had pleasure in unrighteousness" - 12**

■ Unrighteousness is ANYTHING other than the truth - (*for those who do not love the truth, almost any error will do*) - John 3:19-21; Rom 2:8; 2 Tim 3:4; 2 Pet 2:13-15

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Does It Really Matter What We Believe?

**Lies Are
EVERY
WHERE!**

**How to
be saved**

**How to
remain
saved**

**ANY
church is
good**

**Belief's do
not matter**

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The Tragedy Of A Lie

The Prophet Who Believed a LIE – (1 Kings 13)



- ▶ Judgment pronounced – (13:1-5)
- ▶ *Doom decreed and sign given – 13:2,3 (2 Kings 23:15-20)*
- ▶ *Hand withers, altar split – (13:4,5)*
- ▶ Jeroboam's reaction – (13:6-9)
 - ▶ *Plea for healing – (13:6)*
 - ▶ *Hospitality offered – (13:7,8)*
- ▶ The obedient prophet – (13:8-10)

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The Prophet Who Believed a LIE – (1 Kings 13)



► **Deceived – (13:11-19)**

- Old prophet seeks out the man of God – 13:11-14
- Old prophet finds him resting – 13:14
- Old prophet lies to him – 13:15-19

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The Prophet Who Believed a LIE – (1 Kings 13)



► **Price of disobedience – (13:20-26)**

- Judgment Pronounced – 13:20-22
- The man of God's death - 13:23-26

◆ **Punished even though . . .**

- Withstood the wrath of the king
- Shunned the lure of riches
- Obeyed until deceived -
- A good man who believed a lie - (1 Kings 13:18)

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Making Some Applications



- ▶ The danger of deception – (Ep. 5:6; 2 Pt 3:16,17; Gal 1:8,9; Lk 6:39)
- ▶ Truth is what the Lord says, not what He doesn't say! – (Deut 4:2; Prov 30:6; 1 Pet 4:11; Rev 22:18,19)
- ▶ The majority, worldly wisdom, or professed special insights are NOT the standards for establishing truth! – (Ex 23:2; 1 Cor. 1:18-21; Gal. 1:6-9)

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- ▶ True and acceptable worship is revealed worship – everything else is vain worship - (12-13:1-10; Col. 2:23; Mat. 15:7-9; John 4:24)
- ▶ God demands complete obedience – (1 Sam 15:1-23; Mt 7:21-23; Jam. 2:10)
- ▶ Disobedience cancels out obedience – (Num 20:1-13; Lev 10:1,2; 2 Sam 6:6,7; James 2:10; Ez. 18:20-32)

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- ▶ Sincerely believing a lie does NOT change the lie into the truth – (13:26-30; Prov 14:12; Jer 10:23; Gal 6:3)
- ▶ Liars will be destroyed – but they also destroy those who believe them – (Rev. 21:8; Jer. 23:23; 2 Pet 21-22; 2 Thes 2:10-12)
- ▶ We can know the truth and we can please God – (John 7:17; 8:32; Rom 10:17; 2 Thes 2:10-12)

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We Can Know The Truth



- ▶ Must fear the Lord - Prov 1:7
- ▶ Must love the truth - 2 The 2:10
- ▶ Must will to do God's will - Jn 7:17
- ▶ Need to mature in the faith - Rom 16:16; Eph 4:14; Heb 5:14
- ▶ We MUST test what is said - Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1
- ▶ We MUST study for ourselves - Prov 2:1-5; Psalm 1:1,2; 119:11,97-104; 2 Tim 2:15; Heb 5:14
- ▶ Never misapply the word - 2 Cor 2:17; 2 Peter 3:16

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We Can Know The Truth



Truth is not contingent
upon one's belief in it,
altered by ones rejection of
it, or nullified if no one
accepts it

TRUTH IS TRUTH

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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We Can Know The Truth



If you feel that the truth is
NOT the truth - no matter
how strong those feelings
may be –

THE TRUTH IS STILL
THE TRUTH!

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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We Can Know The Truth



If you feel that a LIE is the truth - no matter how strong that feeling may be –

A LIE IS STILL A LIE

& THE TRUTH IS STILL
THE TRUTH!

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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We Can Know The Truth



Anything that is different from
the truth – is NOT the truth –
TRUTH IS NARROW! (Mat 7:13,14)

TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE! –
(Ps 119:151;152)

TRUTH IS VALUABLE! –
(Prov. 23:23)

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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We Can Know The Truth



If "God said it -
that settles it -
I need to believe it!"

(John 17:17; Psalm 19:7-9; 119:9,11,104)

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Romans 1:18-25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Romans 1:18–25 (NKJV)

²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Romans 1:18-25 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.