

2 Thessalonians 2

- 1) What is the main purpose of this chapter?

- 2) What had (at least some of) the Thessalonians concluded about the coming of Christ?
 - a) Where in his earlier writings to the Thessalonians had Paul discussed the notion of being “gathered” to the Lord?

- 3) What two expressions did Paul use to describe *how* the Thessalonians might have been *affected* by the erroneous views? (see v. 2). Be prepared to explain the difference between these affects:

- 4) What means and methods were used by deceivers to deceive the Thessalonians? (v. 2) Be prepared to explain the possibilities:
 - a) What had Paul said in 1 Thess. 4:15 and 5:2-4 that might have been misconstrued by errorists?

- 5) What two things did Paul say would happen before the coming of Christ?

- 6) Given the nature and timing of Paul’s instructions in this chapter, what is the likely timeframe for the coming apostasy and of the “man of sin?” (some say that it has not yet happened)

- 7) (thought question) Who is “the man of sin?” (You may have your own idea, or you may have some suggestions from others...)
- 8) What interchangeable terms are used for “man of sin?”
- 9) List the characteristics of the man of sin:
- 10) Would the man of sin automatically appear?
- a) What did the Thessalonians know about the timing of his appearance? (v. 6)
- 11) When “the wicked one” (man of sin) did appear, how would he be opposed by Christ? (v. 8, but also compare Rev. 1:16 and 19:15)
- 12) By what methods would the man of sin win others to him? (vs. 8, 9)
- 13) What will happen to those who do not love the Truth?
- 14) How are people “called” to salvation?
- 15) Are all “traditions” bad?