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**2 Thess. 2:1-4**

The Coming of the Lord

Intro

**A. DON’T PANIC, YOU HAVEN’T MISSED THE DAY OF THE LORD (2 Thess. 2:1-3).**

1. The immediate concern at hand (2 Thess. 2:1-2).

2. What does it mean that “the day of the Lord had come”?

a. spiritual resurrection view

b. The day of the Lord includes a period of tribulation.

3. Paul’s answer (2 Thess. 2:3).

**B. THE TIMING OF THE COMING OF THE LORD AND RAPTURE AND (2:1-2).**

1. The “coming of our Lord,” and “our gathering together to Him,” and “the day of the Lord” all refer to the same event.

2. Review of 1 Thess. 4:15-17.

a. Nothing in this context indicates it is a pre-trib. rapture.

b. The “comfort” in (4:18) does not refer to escaping the tribulation.

c. “Meet the Lord in the air” (4:17) does support a post-trib. rapture.

d. The word “coming” (*parousia*) supports a public event.

3. The context of Christ’s “coming” and our “gathering” in 2 Thess. 2:1.

1. The preceding context refers to the second coming (1:4-10).

2. The following context is the second coming (2 Thess. 2:8). Christ’s coming (*parousia)* occurs in both 2 Thess. 2:1 and 2 Thess. 2:8.

4. “gathering together” supports a post-tribulational rapture. See Mt. 24:29-31.

Conclusion