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**2 Thess. 2:1-3**

The Coming Apostasy

Intro

**A. BE NOT DISTURBED (2 Thess. 2:1-2).**

 1. Don’t be alarmed by reports that the day of the Lord had come.

 2. Wrong assumptions that persecution was part of the day of the Lord.

**B. BE NOT DECEIVED (2 Thess. 2:3).**

 1. “Deceived” – used of Satan’s deception of Eve in 2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 2:14.

 2. Two signs will precede the day of the Lord: apostasy, man of lawlessness.

**C. THE COMING APOSTASY (2 Thess. 2:3).**

 1. Apostasy here has the idea of a defection from the true faith, the gospel of Christ.

 2. True believers cannot apostatize. Jn. 10:28; 6:39; 1 Jn. 3:9; Phil. 1:6; Rom. 8:30; Lk. 22:32.

 3. Paul aligns with Mt. 24: 5, 9-13, 23-24.

 4. This defection is also found throughout this age. 1 Tim. 4:1-2; 2 Tim. 3:1, 5; 2 Pet. 2:20; Gal. 3:1; 5:4; Heb. 3:12; 6:4-6; 2 Cor. 11:3-4; 1 Jn. 2:18-19; Rev. 2:4; 3:1; Acts 20:29-30.

**D. APPLICATION – how to survive the temptation of apostasy**.

 1. Persevere in the means of grace.

 2. Persevere in being prepared for hard times.

 3. Persevere in testing yourself.

 4. Persevere in fixing our eyes on Christ.

Conclusion