

# 2 Thessalonians

The Great Apostasy (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)

## Read: The Great Apostasy (2:1-12)

## Explain: The Great Apostasy (2:1-12)

Bible study is asking and answering questions about the text. Let's ask some.

### Are there any literary/structural observations?

### Are there any repeated words?

### What do the words mean?

**1 Now, brethren, concerning the coming** [*parousia*; being near, advent, return, coming, presence] **of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together** [*episynagoge*; \_\_\_\_\_ collection, Christian meeting (for worship), assembling (gathering) together] **to Him, we ask** [present active indicative; interrogate, request, ask, beseech, desire, intreat, pray] **you, 2 not to be soon** [briefly, speedily, rapidly, hastily, quickly, shortly, soon, suddenly] **shaken** [aorist middle infinitive; to waver, agitate, rock, topple, destroy, disturb, incite, move, shake (together), shaken, stir up] **in mind** [intellect, mind, meaning, understanding] **or troubled** [present middle infinitive; to wail, to clamor, to frighten, trouble], **either by** [*dia*] **spirit** [*pneuma*] **or by** [*dia*] **word** [*logos*] **or by** [*dia*] **letter** [*epistole*], **as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come** [perfect active indicative; to place on hand, impend, instant, come, be at hand, present]. **3 Let no one deceive** [aorist active subjunctive; seduce wholly, beguile, deceive] **you by any means** [turn, mode, style, deportment, character, conversation, manner, means, way]; **for that Day will not come unless the falling away** [*apostasia*; defection from \_\_\_\_\_, falling away, forsake] **comes** [second aorist active subjunctive] **first** [*proton*], **and the man** [*anthropos*; manfaced, human being, certain, man] **of sin** [offence, sin] **is revealed** [*apokalyppto*; aorist passive/middle subjunctive; to take off the \_\_\_\_\_, disclose, reveal], **the son of perdition** [*apoleia*; ruin, loss, damnable, destruction, die, perdition, perish, pernicious ways, waste], **4 who opposes** [present middle participle; lie opposite, be adverse, be repugnant to, adversary, be contrary, oppose] **and exalts** [present middle participle; raise oneself over, become haughty, exalt self, be exalted above measure] **himself above all that is called** [*lego*;

present middle participle] **God or that is worshiped** [something adored, an object of worship, devotion, worshipped], **so that he sits** [aorist active infinitive; seat down, set, sit down, settle, hover, dwell, continue, tarry] **as God in the temple** [fane, shrine, temple] **of God, showing** [*apodeiknymi*; present active participle; show off, \_\_\_\_\_, demonstrate, accredit, prove, set forth, show] **himself that he is** [present middle indicative] **God.**

**5 Do you not remember** [*mnemoneuo*; present active indicative; exercise memory, recollect, rehearse, make mention, be mindful, remember] **that when I was** [present middle participle] **still with you I told** [*lego*; \_\_\_\_\_ active indicative] **you these things? 6 And now you know** [perfect active indicative] **what is restraining** [*katecho*; present active participle; to hold down, have, hold fast, keep, let, make toward, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold], **that he may be revealed** [*apokalypto*; aorist middle infinitive; to take off the \_\_\_\_\_, disclose, reveal] **in his own time** [set or proper time, opportunity (convenient, due) season, (due, short, while) time, a while]. **7 For the mystery** [*mysterion*; secret, mystery] **of lawlessness** [illegality, violation of law or wickedness, iniquity, transgression of the law, unrighteousness] **is already** [even now, already, by this time] **at work** [*energeo*; present middle indicative; to be active, efficient, do, (be) effectual, be mighty in, shew forth self, work (effectually in)]; **only He who now** [just now] **restrains** [*katecho*; present active participle; to hold down, have, hold fast, keep, let, make toward, possess, retain, seize on, stay, take, withhold] **will do so until He is taken** [second aorist active subjunctive] **out of the way. 8 And then the lawless one** [*anomos*; lawless, not subject to law, wicked, without law, transgressor, unlawful, wicked] **will be revealed** [*apokalypto*; future middle \_\_\_\_\_], **whom the Lord will consume** [future active indicative; to take up, adopt, take away (violently), abolish, murder, put to death, kill, slay, take away, take up] **with the breath** [*pneuma*] **of His mouth and destroy** [*katargeo*; future active indicative; be (render) entirely idle (useless), abolish, cease, cumber, deliver, destroy, do away, become of no effect, fail, loose, bring to nought, put away (down), vanish away, make void] **with the brightness** [*epiphaneia*; manifestation, advent, appearing, brightness] **of His coming** [*parousia*; being near, advent, return, coming, presence; this is the noun]. **9 The coming** [*parousia*; being near, advent, coming, presence] **of the lawless one is** [present middle indicative] **according to the working** [*energeia*; efficiency, operation, strong, (effectual) working] **of Satan** [*Satanas*; the accuser, the devil, Satan], **with all power** [*dynamis*], **signs** [an indication, miracle, sign, token, wonder], **and lying** [*pseudos*; falsehood, lie, lying] **wonders** [prodigy, omen, wonder], **10 and with all unrighteous** [*adikia*; injustice, moral wrongfulness (of character, life, or act), iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong] **deception** [delusion, deceitfulness, deceivableness] **among those who**

**perish** [present active participle; to destroy fully, destroy, die, lose, mar, perish], **because they did not receive** [aorist active indicative; accept, receive, take] **the love** [*agape*] **of the truth, that they might be saved** [*sozo*; aorist middle infinitive; to save, deliver, protect, heal, preserve, do well, be (make) whole]. **11 And for** [*dia*] **this reason God will send** [present active indicative; dispatch, transmit, bestow, wield, send, \_\_\_\_\_ in] **them strong** [*energeia*] **delusion** [fraudulence, a straying from \_\_\_\_\_ or piety, deceit, to deceive, delusion, error], **that they should believe** [*pisteuo*; aorist active infinitive; to have faith, credit, to entrust, believe, commit, put in trust with] **the lie** [*pseudos*; falsehood, lie, lying], **12 that they all may be condemned** [*krino*; aorist middle subjunctive; distinguish, decide, try, condemn, punish, avenge, conclude, damn, decree, determine, esteem, judge, go to (sue at the law), ordain, call in question, sentence to, think] **who did not believe** [*pisteuo*; aorist active participle] **the truth but had pleasure** [aorist active participle; to think well of, approve, approbate, think good, please, be the good pleasure, be willing] **in unrighteousness** [*adikia*; injustice, moral wrongfulness (of character, life, or act), iniquity, unjust, unrighteousness, wrong].

### Apply (What is the point?)

1. Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ yet returned
2. Undercover operatives \_\_\_\_\_ among us
3. Those who oppose God will be \_\_\_\_\_

### Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. Thank the \_\_\_\_\_ for His guarantee of return
2. Thank the \_\_\_\_\_ for His protection
3. Thank the \_\_\_\_\_ for His impending righteous judgment

### Next week: Stand Fast (2:13-17)

### Homework

1. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
2. Read next week's text (multiple times/multiple ways) (**2 Thessalonians 2:13-17**)
3. Talk to someone about the text ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool) or in person)
4. Share ([fb.com/OurSundaySchool](https://www.facebook.com/OurSundaySchool)) insights and questions by Thursday
5. Invite a member or non-member

### Extra Credit

Invite former members . . . next week we party and praise God for 10 years here