

II Thessalonians

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The lawless one revealed then overthrown...2:7-9

Who is the only One able to restrain Satan? 2:7-8; Job 1:12, 2:6; Jude 9; Rev.12:7-9, 20:1-3

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How long is this? Dan.9:27; Rev. 12:14; Rev.13:5; Rev.12:6

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Does Satan 'succeed' with his deceptions? 2:10; IICor.4:3, 11:13-15

What is absolutely true about *the perishing*? 2:10b; Rom.1:20; Jn.3:19-21

What does God do *since they refused...*? 2:11; Isa.6:9-10; Mt.24:5, 11; ITim.4:1

And what is the purpose of this judgment of God? 2:12; Rom.1:32

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Only God has ultimate authority to restrain Satan. God may delegate power to angels.

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From mid-point of tribulation (revealed) to destruction by Jesus Christ at His return.

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Mid point of Daniel's 70th week; time, times, ½ time; 3.5 years; 42 months; 1260 days.

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He'll come using Satan's works; counterfeit miracles, signs, and wonders; deceiving evil.

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Yes, to a great extent. He deceives those who are perishing (not destruction. Total ruin).

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They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Without excuse!

What does God do *since they refused...*? 2:11; Isa.6:9-10; Mt.24:5, 11; IITim.4:1

God sends them a powerful delusion (wandering) so that they will believe a lie.

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So that all who have not believed the truth, delighted in wickedness, will be condemned.

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God may seal them in this unbelief if the rapture occurs and the antichrist is revealed.

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