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II Thessalonians 2:1

1. Read Thessalonians every day.
2. Read from different translations.
3. Master Are the Dead Alive Now?

I Thessalonians focused on our walk in the hope with a view to the return of Jesus Christ **for** his saints.

II Thessalonians focuses on our work of patience with a view to the return of Jesus Christ **with** his saints.

II Thessalonians 2:1 – beseech – erotao – to ask or beg, to lovingly implore, because of its usage; here it is with love.
Coming – parousia
Soon – quickly
Shaken – move to and fro, flipping back and forth, “to the end that you be not quickly flipped to and fro in your mind”.
Gathering together – episunagoge – (root sunagoge – synagogue, gathering place), a gathering.

Hebrews 10:24, 25 – assembling...together – episunagoge

II Thessalonians 2:2 – neither, nor, not etc. FOS paradiastole – repetition of disjunctives
In this context the FOS points out the things that the adversary uses to sway us or distract us from our walk.
Shaken – saleuo – put into a state of waving rocking or vibratory motion like being tossed in a boat at sea.

Acts 16:26 – shaken – like an earthquake

In other word, your mind ought to be set so that you are not soon shaken. It’s interesting how they translated that word “from” as “in.” “To the end that ye be not quickly moved to and fro FROM YOU MIND SET.” Do you understand why it would be used that way?

Everything begins in the mind. That’s where the decisions are made to believe; that’s where the decisions are made to question. And here in Thessalonians he said, “That ye be not quickly shaken,” means, “Don’t get shook, don’t flip back and forth, (because you have a stayed mind) don’t be troubled”.

II Thessalonians 2:2 – troubled – throenoai – to be momentarily shaken or troubled to the point of yelling.

mind – nous – ordinary sober state of mind, a mind that is set, as opposed to the “shaken” in mind of verse 1

Troubled – throeo – to be frightened so as to be made to cry allowed, cry of alarm, to be in a state of being disturbed (Mark 13:7), constant state of nervous excitement.

Spirit – devil spirit

Word – logos – oral utterance

Letter – epistle – written word

From – by – cha – denotes the cause (The Bible Tells Me So page22)

“as though the day of Christ” most manuscripts read “The day of the Lord”

The day of the Lord is a day on earth. It is a day of judgment **with** his saints. The day of Christ is in the clouds when he comes **for** his saints.

II Thessalonians 2:3 – deceive – exapatao – to seduce but not rape, to beguile, to talk into That...come – FOS ellipsis – emphasizing the actual coming of that day.

Falling away – he apostosia – the departure (Romans 8:1; I Thessalonians 1:10, 5:9; Romans 5:9) Both the Geneva and Tindale read “a departure first.

Apo / stasis – a drawing away from

Acts 21:21 – to forsake Moses and the law – to draw away from

II Thessalonians 2:3 – sin – hamartia – sin (some manuscripts read “anamos” which is lawlessness)

Revealed – apokalupto – to reveal (to reveal by revelation in Galatians 1:16 and II Thessalonians 1:7)

Perdition – destruction, ruin

Means – medies – like the news media. That’s the word that word “media” comes from. So don’t let any form of media deceive you. That means any form of communication. If you look up the word “media” you will get a better understanding. It means any type of communication that involves more than one person. If I speak and someone overhears me that is media, if I write something down and someone else reads it that is media. Do you see it? Just let absolutely nothing deceive you.

It is interesting that here in this verse we have a double negative. “Let no man deceive you by any means...” A double negative in the Greek text is used for a very great specific emphasis. If I were to read this in English it would be read thusly, “Let NO ONE deceive you by NO MEANS!” That’s the emphasis.

II Thessalonians 2:4 – opposeth – to be opposite, withstand as an adversary
Exalteth – to be arrogant

Daniel 11:31-37 – Anytime you get arrogant you stray from God because you forget that you have everything by his grace. It is not by works lest any man should boast.

II Thessalonians 2:4 – worshipped – sebasma – religiously worshipped as in Acts 17:23
Sits – kathizo – taking a seat of authority as in a Cathedral where the Bishop resides and passes judgment.
Temple – naos – sanctuary proper the holy of holies not referring to the public area.
God – Jehovah – our Father
Showing – exhibiting himself, putting on a show as in a theater

2:5 – FOS erotesis – rhetorical question asked for effect
told – repeatedly told them they were impertinent

2:6 – NOW – Now that you have all this other information and we are all tracking on the same page, now let me tell you something that you may not have known.
Withholdeth – katecho – kata = down – exho = hold. (Neuter) referring to something that neuters, something that holds down such as a restraint. In this context it is holy spirit.
The gift of holy spirit in us is what holds him down so he will be revealed in his own time and not our time.
Revealed – apokalupto – same as in verse 3 – to unveil so as to be visible to the eye

II Thessalonians 2:7 - V.P.W. quote:

“I’d like to explain to you this mystery to the best of my understanding. A mystery can be unfolded in part, but not in full. In other words, like a woman’s purse, you can take half of it out and then the mystery is revealed. Close the purse up and that mystery hasn’t been revealed. The mystery of iniquity doth already work; the secret is already unfolded.”

I John 4:4: “...greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world”.

I John 4:3: “And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.”

“See that’s part of that secret, or the mystery of iniquity, or lawlessness. Contempt of the laws of God is already actively in operation in the world in which you and I live. It’s really something, “doth already work”, already work.”

II Thessalonians 2:7 – iniquity – anomia – lawlessness. Literally it is contempt of law of God or the true God’s law. It’s in the active tense.

Lettheth – withholdeth – it is in the masculine and is referring to the believer with holy spirit in him.

FOS ellipsis – it emphasizes the fact that you have the great hold on him right now until you’re taken out of the middle.

Until we are taken out of the middle the devil cannot let loose. But once we are out of the way nothing will hold him down anymore.

Ephesians 1:20-23 – We are above the feet because we are children we are not under him, but we stand next to him in light of the body of Christ.

2:6 – We were raised up together to sit in the heavens.

Colossians 1:13 – Darkness has not control over us.

1:27 – This mystery is the restraining power over the mystery of iniquity. It is Christ in you the hope of glory that holds him down.

I Corinthians 2:7-16 – It never ceases to thrill my heart to be reminded that the mystery that was hid from everyone and everything since the world began is now made known to us. We are spiritual and because we are spiritual we discern spiritual things and the mystery of iniquity is a spiritual thing.

Before us; before Christ in you, the devil could do just about anything he wanted to; he could push man all around because no one had spirit in them. The perfect mind of Christ is what suppresses him. Had they known it would be Christ in you and that there would be thousands upon thousands of “Christ ins” they never would have crucified the Lord of glory. They thought that by killing him they would solve the problem. After all it had worked hundreds of times before, every time a man of God stood up and started moving the Word all the devil had to do was discredit him and kill him. It is his ministry after all; to steal, kill and destroy.

Romans 8:1, 33-37 – The son of lawlessness can’t even condemn us.

Revelations 12:12 – The devil is not having a good millennia he knows that his time is limited. He doesn’t know how long he has so he is trying to make the best of it, but frankly it is getting on his nerves and he is getting

frazzled. His anger has been building up because we have been suppressing him, so once we are gone all hell is going to break loose.

II Thessalonians 2:8 – wicked – anamos – lawless one (this is the 3rd time it is referenced) that he will be revealed.

Then – this always denotes time. Then, next.

V.P.W. quote:

“They have interpreted it to mean that it happened right then and there, pronto. But it doesn’t say that, you read that into it. Then shall the wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume. The consuming of it with the spirit of his mouth. They have assumed to be immediately. It doesn’t say that. You have the same truth in Luke.”

Luke 2:39

“You see that verse? Well you pin you eyeballs right down on it. When they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, I red into it “immediately” they returned into Galilee. It does not say immediately. It says what? They returned into Galilee, and we have assumed, we have read into it, that they returned immediately. Doesn’t say that. Now we we’re sincere, but sincerity is no guarantee fro truth. In between, the word “Lord” and the word “they” of verse 39, you have the two years in Egypt and plus their return and the time they spent in Bethlehem before they went back into Galilee to their own city of Nazareth.”

“Then shall the wicked be revealed whom the Lord shall consume, with the spirit of his mouth and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming”. There’s a time span in there, which I’m not going to argue about cause I don’t know. A thousand years, somebody says. I believe it perhaps can be documented within a very broad perspective, but I do no believe anybody can just say exactly there will be just a thousand years to the minute, to the day, this kind of stuff.”

II Thessalonians 2:8 – wicked – this is the lawless one. He is not lawless because he has not law, he will be making up his own law structure, and he is called lawless by God because that is the standard that God is holding him to. He is “lawless” from God’s point of view.

Brightness – epiphaneia – glorious and visible manifestation. We get the English word epiphany from this word. He shall be made totally inactive by Jesus Christ’s epiphany.

Today he cannot have full reign but he tries to seduce you, he tries to deceive you with pseudo signs and wonders. The truth is that he has no right to do this. You and I we are

children of the most high, he has no right to come near us. So claim your right as a son of God and tell the adversary to take a hike.