



## HICKORY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Facing the Future Without Fear | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Pastors' Class | Wednesday, August 5, 2020

God gives us a glimpse into the future so that we can live hopefully and expectantly in the present.

#### 1. Deception Distorts Reality (2:1-3a, 5)

A. False teaching robs us of peace

2 Thess. 2:1-3a Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, **not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed**, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. Let no one deceive you in any way.

B. False teaching ruins our perspective

2 Thess. 2:5 **Do you not remember** that when I was still with you I told you these things?

#### 2. Rebellion Intensifies in History (2:3b-4, 6-10a)

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A. The coming apostasy

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2 Thess. 2:9-10 **The coming of the lawless one** is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

B. The rise of the antichrist

2 Thess. 2:3b-4 For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, **the son of destruction**, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, **proclaiming himself to be God**.

2 Thess. 2:6-10a And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at

work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. **The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan** with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing,

C. The removal of the restrainer

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### 3. God Controls Our Destiny (2:8b, 10b-12)

A. The antichrist is destroyed

2 Thess. 2:8b whom the Lord Jesus **will kill** with the breath of his mouth and **bring to nothing** by the appearance of his coming.

B. The rebellious are judged

2 Thess. 2:10b-12 because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that **all may be condemned who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.