

## The peace of knowing God's prophetic plan

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, p. 959

### I. THEIR QUESTIONS: DON'T BE DISTURBED ABOUT THE FUTURE BY FALSE TEACHERS (2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-2).

A. Don't be confused about the rapture of the church (2:1).

- *Oh no, was Paul wrong about Jesus rapturing the church?*

B. Don't believe false reports about the Day of the Lord (2:2).

- *Oh no, did Paul say the judgments of the Day of the Lord were already here?*

### II. PAUL'S ANSWERS: RELAX, THE DAY OF THE LORD IS STILL FUTURE (2 THESSALONIANS 2:3-12).

A. We are NOT in the Day of the Lord because the rapture hasn't happened and the Antichrist has not been revealed (2:3-4).

1. The departure must come first (3a-Apostasy OR Rapture?).
  - o Lit. "Departure" – Likely the departure of Christians at the rapture instead of departure from truth by unbelievers
2. The Man of sin/Antichrist must be revealed in temple (3b/4).

B. Remember what I taught about the Day of the Lord (2:5-12).

1. The Restrainer (Holy Spirit) must be removed (5-7).
2. The Lawless One (Antichrist) will be revealed (in Tribulation) and destroyed when Jesus comes (end of Tribulation, 8).
3. The Antichrist will satanically deceive unbelievers who perish eternally because they hate truth and love wickedness (9-12).