

DO NOT BE DECEIVED

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A.W. Pink — *As Christ has a Gospel, Satan has a gospel too; the latter being a clever counterfeit of the former. So closely does the gospel of Satan resemble that which it parades, multitudes of the unsaved are deceived by it.*

II Thessalonians 2:1,2 — Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2 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.

Three Reasons It's Not The End.

I. The Apostasy.

II Thessalonians 2:3 — Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

II Timothy 3:13 — while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

II Timothy 4:3,4 — For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

T.A. McMahon — *Only a love for the truth and a willingness to do what the Word of God says will preserve us from the apostasy that Scripture tells us will overtake the world.*

II. The Lawless One.

II Thessalonians 2:4,5 — 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. 5 Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

II Thessalonians 2:6,7 — And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. 7 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.

III. The Restrainer.

II Thessalonians 2:8 — 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.

Revelation 16:20 — The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

II Thessalonians 2:9-12 — The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, 10 and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. 11 Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, 12 in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Revelation 3:20 — Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

C.S. Lewis — *I willingly believe that the damned are, in one sense, successful, rebels to the end; that the doors of hell are locked on the inside.*

George Mueller — *The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety.*
