

STUDYING THE BOOK OF 2 THESSALONIANS
IN SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS

Lesson 2 - The Man of Lawlessness - [2 Thessalonians 2:1-12](#)

Read the following verses in the New International Version or a translation of your choice. Then discuss the questions that follow. Questions should be studied by each individual before your discussion group meets.

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2TH 2:1 Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, [2] not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. [3] Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness* is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. [4] He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2TH 2:5 Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? [6] And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. [7] For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. [8] And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming. [9] The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, [10] and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. [11] For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie [12] and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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13. What subject was Paul addressing? ([2:1](#))
14. What reaction had Paul's previous letter caused among his readers? ([2:2](#))
15. What must happen before the day of the Lord comes? ([2:3](#))
16. What kind of person will the man of lawlessness be? ([2:4](#))
17. What is delaying the coming of the man of lawlessness? ([2:6](#))
18. What will happen to allow the man of lawlessness to be revealed? ([2:7](#))

19. What will happen when the man of lawlessness encounters the Lord Jesus? ([2:8](#))
20. How will Satan's power be evident during the time of the man of lawlessness? ([2:9-10](#))
21. Why will people perish? ([2:10-12](#))
22. What will God do to allow those who delight in wickedness to persist in their ways? ([2:11-12](#))
23. How can you decide if a miracle or a miracle worker is from God or from Satan?

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2TH 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you* to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. [14] He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. [15] So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings* we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter.

2TH 2:16 May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, [17] encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

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24. For what reasons did Paul encourage people to thank God? ([2:13](#))
25. How did Paul describe God's role in our salvation? ([2:13](#))
26. When did God choose the Thessalonian Christians for salvation? ([2:13](#))
27. What forces work for our salvation? ([2:13](#))
28. Who calls people to salvation? ([2:14](#))
29. For what reason did God call us to salvation? ([2:14](#))
30. What encouragement did Paul give to the church? ([2:15](#))
31. What media did Paul use to send instruction to the church at Thessalonica? ([2:15](#))

32. What impact did Paul want God to have on every believer in the church? ([2:16](#))

33. What did Paul want God to encourage and strengthen in the Thessalonian believers? ([2:17](#))

34. What teachings should a Christian hold on to as he or she lives for Christ?