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Introduction: Here in Chapter Two Paul gets into what seems to be one of the chief reasons he wrote this second letter to the Thessalonian church: to debunk false teachings and assertions that the "Day of the Lord" had already come. This lie had spread and gained enough of a foothold so as to prompt Paul to personally deal with it in writing. It is likely that the false claim that Christ had already returned had fostered significant discouragement, and perhaps this created the idleness among some of these Christians that Paul addresses in Chapter Three. It is important for us to understand what is coming. It has an effect on how we live. We should be motivated to stand firm with Christ when we know that He will return for us. It also arms us with information with which we can warn others as we spread the gospel. So here we have teaching concerning some of the signs of the imminent coming of Jesus Christ for His church at the "Rapture" (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

1. Verses 1-2 - The Issue Identified

- v.1 - When **Jesus Christ** comes, He will gather His servants to Himself.

- v.2 - Don't be **shaken** or **troubled**, for He has not come yet. Paul had taught them in person and in writing concerning the coming of Christ, but others had come and falsely taught that the **day of Christ had** already **come**, even going so far as to falsely attribute this teaching to Paul. So the writing here in 2 Thessalonians 2 is to correct this heresy.

2. Verses 3-4 - The Revealing of "Antichrist" Precedes the "Day of the Lord"

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3. Verses 5-8 - The Emergence of "Antichrist" Circumstances Surrounding This

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4. Verses 9-12 - The Works of "Antichrist" To Lie and Deceive

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5. Verses 13-17 - Don't Move From Sound Teaching

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Conclusion: