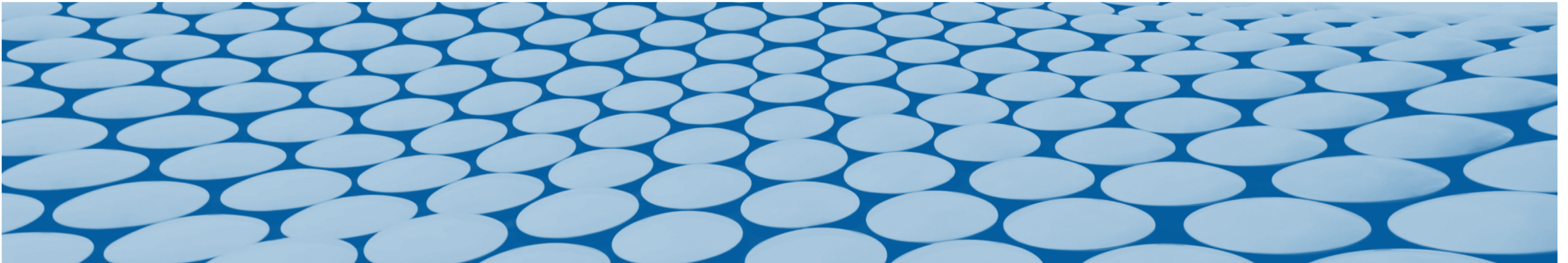


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# BOOK OF 2 THESSALONIANS

STUDY 3: CHAPTER 2:1-7



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# OUTLINE OF BOOK – 3 ISSUES; 3 CHAPTERS

## Chapter 1

Issue: **Affliction** and **persecution** intensify

Encouragement: Don't **waste** your difficulties

Prayer: Grow in **moral** goodness and **energetic** faith, all for the **glory** of God

## Chapter 2

Issue: **False Teaching** saying they are living in 'The Great Tribulation'

Encouragement: Times are **hard**, but this is **NOT** the Great Tribulation

Prayer: That the Lord would **comfort** and **strengthen** their hearts

## Chapter 3

Issue: **Unruly** Christians are stirring up strife in the church

Encouragement: Live an **honorable** life until Jesus comes

Prayer: May God grant you **peace** in all circumstances

## ISSUE: 'DAY OF THE LORD HAS COME'

2 THESS. 2:1-2

Clarifying the **RAPTURE** – *'the coming of the Lord and our gathering together to Him'* – One event

Calm their **EMOTIONS** – *'shaken from your composure or be disturbed'*

Source of their misinformation – *'a **SPIRIT** or a **MESSAGE** or a **LETTER** as if from us'*



## ENCOURAGEMENT: THE 'DAY OF THE LORD' WILL BE SUPER OBVIOUS

VS. 3-7

Three **CHARACTERISTICS** of the *'day of the Lord'*

The *'man of lawlessness is revealed'* – a bad man; the **ANTICHRIST** vs. 3

The **'APOSTASY'** comes – the bad action done by the bad man vs. 4

The **RESTRAINER** is 'taken out of the way' vs. 6-7

## PAUL'S TEACHING WHILE IN THESSALONICA

vs. 5

What would Paul have taught them about the end times and the Antichrist?

1 Thess. 1:9-10, 4:13-18, 5:1-11

God's plan for '*US*'

Daniel 7:3-26, 8:9-14, 21-26

The '*LITTLE HORN*' = the Antichrist

Daniel 9:27

The **PEACE TREATY** and the **ABOMINATION**

Daniel 11:36-45

The **REIGN** of the Antichrist

None of this has yet taken place, so you are **NOT** in the '*day of the Lord*'

## THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS & THE '**RESTRAINER**'

vs. 6-7

'**MYSTERY** of lawlessness' - Antichrist **TYPES** and **ATTITUDES** are at work

Types – **ANTIOCHUS** Epiphanes (168 BC); Adolf Hitler

Attitudes – **ANTISEMITIC, ANTICHRISTIAN**, lawlessness 1 John 4:3

The '**RESTRAINER**' is preventing the Antichrist's arrival until God's appointed time

Who is the '*restrainer*'? The '*he*' (2x) refers to the **HOLY SPIRIT**