

AVOIDING DECEPTION

2 Thessalonians 2 : 1 - 12

The Certainty of Christ's Coming

- *Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples on the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

Matthew 24 : 30

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Warning against false teaching

- *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

• *1 Peter 1 : 6 & 7*

- *For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*

• *2 Corinthians 4 : 17*

The rebellion of antichrist

The leader of the rebellion

- The man of lawlessness
- The man doomed to destruction
- The enemy (he will oppose)
- The self exalter (proclaiming himself to be God)

- *For then there will be great distress,
unequaled from the beginning of the world
until now – and never to be equaled again.*

Matthew 24 : 22

The nature of rebellion

- *It is dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

Hebrews 10 : 31

Conclusion

God's Time Line

– Restraint

• Rebellion

• Retribution & Reward

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness, instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

• *2 Peter 3 : 9 & 10a*

Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honoured his name. On the day when I act, says the Lord Almighty, they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous