

Man of Lawlessness

2:1 NOW we request you, ^abrethren, with regard to the ¹^bcoming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our ^cgathering together to Him, 2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your ¹composure or be disturbed either by a ^aspirit or a ²^bmessage or a ^cletter as if from us, to the effect that ^dthe day of the Lord ^ehas come. 3 ^aLet no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the ¹^bapostasy comes first, and the ^cman of ²lawlessness is revealed, the ^dson of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above ¹^aevery so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, ^bdisplaying himself as being God. 5 Do you not remember that ^awhile I was still with you, I was telling you these things? 6 And you know ^awhat restrains him now, so that in his time he may be revealed. 7 For ^athe mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only ^bhe who now restrains *will do so* until he is taken out of the way. 8 And then that lawless one ^awill be revealed whom the Lord will slay ^bwith the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the ^cappearance of His ¹coming; 9 *that is*, the one whose ¹coming is in accord with the activity of ^aSatan, with all power and ²^bsigns and false wonders, 10 and with ¹all the deception of wickedness for ^athose who perish, because they did not receive the love of ^bthe truth so as to be saved. 11 And for this reason ^aGod ¹will send upon them ²^a^bdeluding influence so that they might believe ³what is false, 12 in order that they all may be ¹judged who ^adid not believe the truth, but ²^btook pleasure in wickedness.

13 ^aBut we should always give thanks to God for you, ^bbrethren beloved by the Lord, because ^cGod has chosen you ¹from the beginning ^dfor salvation ²^cthrough sanctification ³by the Spirit and faith in the truth. 14 And it was for this He ^acalled you through ^bour gospel, ¹that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brethren, ^astand firm and ^bhold to the traditions which you were taught, whether ^cby word *of mouth* or ^cby letter ¹from us.

16 ^aNow may our Lord Jesus Christ ^bHimself and God our Father, who has ^cloved us and given us eternal comfort and ^dgood hope by grace, 17 ^acomfort and ^bstrengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

^a 2 Thess. 1:3

¹ Or, *presence*

^b 1 Thess. 2:19

^c Mark 13:27; 1 Thess. 4:15-17

¹ Lit., *mind*

^a 1 Cor. 14:32; 1 John 4:1

² Lit., *word*

^b 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Thess. 2:15

^c 2 Thess. 3:17

^d 1 Cor. 1:8

^e 1 Cor. 7:26

^a Eph. 5:6

¹ Or, *falling away* from the faith

^b 1 Tim. 4:1

^c Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:8; Rev. 13:5ff.

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- ² Some early mss. read *sin*
- ^d John 17:12
- ¹ Or, *all that is called God*
- ^a 1 Cor. 8:5
- ^b Is. 14:14; Ezek. 28:2
- ^a 1 Thess. 3:4
- ^a 2 Thess. 2:7
- ^a Rev. 17:5, 7
- ^b 2 Thess. 2:6
- ^a Dan. 7:25; 8:25; 11:36; 2 Thess. 2:3; Rev. 13:5ff.
- ^b Is. 11:4; Rev. 2:16; 19:15
- ^c 1 Tim. 6:14; 2 Tim. 1:10; 4:1, 8; Titus 2:13
- ¹ Or, *presence*
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- ^a Matt. 4:10
- ² Or, *attesting miracles*
- ^b Matt. 24:24; John 4:48
- ¹ Or, *every deception*
- ^a 1 Cor. 1:18
- ^b 2 Thess. 2:12, 13
- ^a 1 Kin. 22:22; Rom. 1:28
- ¹ Lit., *sends*
- ² Lit., *an activity of error*
- ^b 1 Thess. 2:3; 2 Tim. 4:4
- ³ Or, *the lie*
- ¹ Or, *condemned*
- ^a Rom. 2:8
- ² Or, *approved*
- ^b Rom. 1:32; 1 Cor. 13:6
- ^a 2 Thess. 1:3
- ^b 1 Thess. 1:4
- ^c Eph. 1:4ff.
- ¹ Some ancient mss. read *first fruits*
- ^d 1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Thess. 2:12; 5:9; 1 Pet. 1:5
- ² Lit., *in*
- ^e 1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Pet. 1:2
- ³ Lit., *of*
- ^a 1 Thess. 2:12
- ^b 1 Thess. 1:5
- ¹ Lit., *to the gaining of*
- ^a 1 Cor. 16:13
- ^b 1 Cor. 11:2; 2 Thess. 3:6
- ^c 2 Thess. 2:2
- ^c 2 Thess. 2:2
- ¹ Lit., *of*

^a 1 Thess. 3:11

^b 1 Thess. 3:11

^c John 3:16

^d Titus 3:7; 1 Pet. 1:3

^a 1 Thess. 3:2, 13

^b 2 Thess. 3:3

ⁱ*The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.