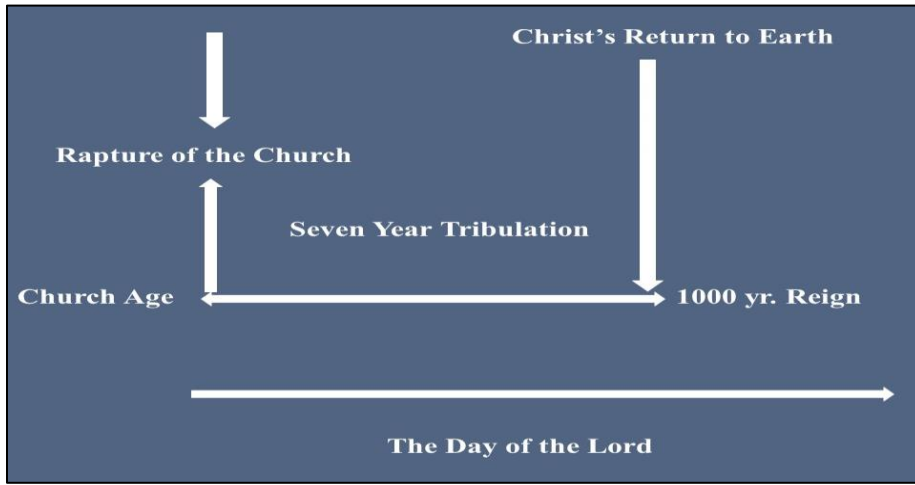


First Words:



The Education for Steadfastness

A. _____ is _____ - **2 Thessalonians 2:1-2** - Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

1. The area of confusion – **2 Thessalonians 2:1a** - Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him...
2. The result of confusion - **2 Thessalonians 2:1b-2a** ...we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed...
3. The source of confusion - **2 Thessalonians 2:2b**either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us....
4. The issue of confusion - **2 Thessalonians 2:bc**to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

B. _____ is _____ – **2 Thessalonians 2:3-7** - Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶ And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

1. Before the day of the Lord begins there will be the rebellion of sinful man – **2 Thessalonians 2:3a** - Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first....

2. Before the day of the Lord begins there will be the revelation of the man of sin – **2 Thessalonians 2:3b-5**and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵ Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

3. Before the day of the Lord begins there will be the removal of the restrainer – **2 Thessalonians 3:6-7** - And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷ For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

C. _____ is _____ – **2 Thessalonians 2:8-12** - *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

1. For the man of sin – **2 Thessalonians 2:8-10a** - *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, ¹⁰ and with all wicked deception.*

a. His destiny – **2 Thessalonians 2:8** - *And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.*

b. His description – **2 Thessalonians 2:9** - *The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders*

c. His deception - **2 Thessalonians 2:10a** - *.....and with all wicked deception.*

2. For sinful man – **2 Thessalonians 2:10b-12** - *for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. ¹¹ Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, ¹² in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

a. Their description - **2 Thessalonians 2:10b** - *....for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved*

b. Their deception - **2 Thessalonians 2:11**- *Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false*

c. Their destiny - **2 Thessalonians 2:12** *..... in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.*

