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³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The falling away comes first – The Apostasy (ap-os-

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Why we believe the Rapture Occurs before the 7 year tribulation commences.

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*24 "Seventy weeks are determined
For your people and for your holy city,
To finish the transgression,
To make an end of sins,
To make reconciliation for iniquity,
To bring in everlasting righteousness,
To seal up vision and prophecy,*

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25 "Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the command
To restore and build Jerusalem (under
Zerubbabel in Ezra)

Until Messiah the Prince, (Until Jesus)
There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks;
The street shall be built again, and the wall,

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26 “And after the sixty-two weeks
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself;
(Jesus dies)

And the people of the prince who is to come
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary.

The end of it shall be with a flood,

And till the end of the war desolations are

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27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week;

But in the middle of the week (after 3½ years)

He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate,

(Antichrist -
abomination of desolation)

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Consider Revelation 11 and the two witnesses
11:1-3 Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ² But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. ³ And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will

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11:7-9 ⁷ When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. ⁸ And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. ⁹ Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies

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11:10 ¹⁰ And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

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Consider The prophecy of Daniel 9:24

24 "Seventy weeks are determined

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Then Consider Romans 11:25-26

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in

your own opinion, that blindness in part has

happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles

has come in; 26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as

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Consider [Thessalonians 5:9](#)

For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

The chapters 6-19 of Revelation reveals the wrath of God being poured out. And with the two witnesses of revelation prophesying from day one of the seven years, we are not there, but are raptured to enjoy the wedding supper of the Lamb in

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The restrainer is the Holy Spirit in His saints who are doing the Gospel

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⁸ And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. ⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not

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2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

The Antichrist will be revealed and in Revelation **19:20**

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These

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Revelation 13:2-4

² Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority. ³ And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. ⁴ So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the

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2:10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Revelation 6:15

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the

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The LORD looks down from heaven upon the children of men,
to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.
(Psalms 14:2)

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2:11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,

<https://connectusfund.org/2-thessalonians-2-11-meaning-of-god-sends-them-a-powerful-delusion>

God will allow “the lawless one” to come, and he will have satanic power to perform miracles that seem to authenticate what they already know to be a lie. This is similar to the hardening of Pharaoh’s heart in the time of the Exodus when God, to accomplish his purposes, not only hardened Pharaoh’s heart but allowed Pharaoh’s magicians to perform some of the very same miracles as God did through Moses and Aaron. This was part of the means of Pharaoh’s hardening.

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2:12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Paul is saying that *two things*, not one thing, will be true of these people whom God allows to be deceived by the great deception which will occur. They will be deceived because 1) they “did not believe the truth” and because 2) they “had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

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Verses 1-2

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Ephesians 6:11-13

¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armour of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm

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Conclusion

1 Test all things.

2 Make sure we let the bible interpret the world – not the other way around.

3 Remember that some of the games Satan plays in the book of Revelation could easily be played out in your life.

4. Paul expected the Thessalonians, after reading his letter, that they would not be afraid of what the future may hold for them.