

**Big Idea:** Paul answered eschatological (“end times”) questions in 1 Thessalonians, and now follows up in 2 Thessalonians. The specific misinformation is that the Second Coming of Jesus Christ (the “Parousia”) has already happened, and they missed it. Paul says no, you haven’t missed it, because there is a sequence: the rebellion and the revealing of the man of lawlessness must come first. The identity of this man is not given, but his traits are described, e.g. he will proclaim himself to be God and deceive many.

## I. Introduction

Why is eschatology sometimes intimidating?

## II. The Topic and Question

2 Thes. 2:1-3

Why does Paul bring up this topic?

How do these terms and phrases line up with Matthew 24-25?

Are both 2 Thes. 2 and Matthew 24-25 regarding the same topic?

## III. The Answer: There will be a Sequence and Signs

2 Thes. 2:1-3

How does Paul answer the question?

(Paul’s Parenthetical thoughts):

2 Thes 2:5-7

1. Why does Paul remind them of his previous teaching?
2. Who is the “restrainer”?

## IV. The Description of The Lawless One

2 Thes. 2:3-4

2 Thes. 2:8-9

What are some of the descriptors of the man of lawlessness?

## V. The Nature of Deception

2 Thes. 2:10-12

Does deception originate in the mind? Why or why not?