

## REVELATION 13:2 – II THESS. 2:3-10

Another passage dealing with the “*man of sin*” who received his throne and power from Satan is in [II Thess. 2:3](#). This individual deceives in many ways: by intellectual means, emotional means and by unexplainable means (miracles).

“*that day*” – NOTE *DAYS* IN SCRIPTURE:

DAY OF CHRIST = RAPTURE

DAY OF THE LORD = 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT

DAY OF GOD = ETERNITY

“*Let no one deceive in any way, since, because unless* (hoti ean me - ὅτι ἐὰν μὴ) *there come an APOSTASIA*” - (ἀποστασία) DEPARTURE FIRST (πρώτον) RAPTURE – Resurrection, Baptism Of Christ “*and the man of lawlessness*” (ἀνομίας – no law) SIN “*is revealed, son of perdition*” (Tribulation dictator).

This is saying that the tribulation cannot come without the Rapture of the Church.

Let’s analyze:

1. When the body is completed, then the Rapture will occur ([I Thess. 4:16ff](#)).
2. The body becomes the Bride.
3. The Bride gets a resurrection body, with the removal of the old sinful nature (OSN), and the works of the flesh.
4. During this time on earth, the Tribulation is occurring; in the tribulation this dictator who is called the “*son of perdition – man of sin*” will be revealed.
5. When Satan offered to the Lord Jesus Christ the Kingdom (in [Matt. 4](#)), he said – *NO!*
6. Satan does the same thing to this man, and He says – *YES!* Read [2 Thess. 2:4](#).
7. A statue will be placed in the Temple in Jerusalem.
8. This is called “*the Abomination of Desolation*”

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9. Vs. 5 – Paul had warned the Thessalonians in about 50 or 51 AD.
10. Vs.6 – *“Now you know the restraining one, the one who restrains, that he might be revealed in his time”*. Even though Satan works now, he is under restraints because of the power of the Holy Spirit in Believers today. That restraining power will be removed at the time of the Rapture.
11. Vs. 7 – *“For the mystery of iniquity doth already work”* – The principles by which Satan works were already being used in Paul’s day (Religion, legalism, emotionalism, works of the flesh). *“Only he who now holds down will hold down, until he be taken out of the way.”* THIS IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH AGE!
12. Vs. 8 – *“And then (Tribulation) shall that wicked one (Beast of the Sea, Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire) be revealed, (then will be revealed the lawless one) whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming.”* – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent – This tells us what will happen with this dictator.
13. Vs. 9 – This verse tells us how this Dictator deceives. First, we see his method of operation (very energetic – ἐνέργειαν) *“with all power”* (δυνάμει) *“and signs”* (σημείους) *“lying wonders”* miracles performed with the tongues.
14. Vs.10 – The purpose of these satanic miracles will be to keep people from loving the Truth. This dictator of the Tribulation will have a dynamic personality, be very attractive, a performer of miracles, leader of the tongues movement, a man of organization, and a great orator.

[II Thess. 2:3-10](#) and [Rev. 13:1, 2](#) reveal vividly a picture of this brilliant, public relations man of the Tribulation. Humanly speaking he will be very attractive.