

2 Thess. Class Schedule

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Outline*

The Predictive Teaching 2:6-12

1. Concerning the Present 2:6-7
2. Concerning the Future 2:8-12
 - a. The Revelation of the Man of Lawlessness 2:8-10
 - (1) His Certain Destruction 2:8
 - (2) His Satanic Working 2:9
 - (3) His Evil Success 2:10
 - b. The Delusion 2:11-12

* McCalley 2

Review of verses 8-10 – Lawless One revealed

Chp 2 gives us the following names of the Lawless One:

- Man of Sin or Lawlessness v:3
- Son of Destruction or Perdition v:3
- Lawless One v:8
- The Lie or the Falsehood v:11

From these names we can say:*

- He is a man, not a fallen angel.
- He is the personification of sin.
- He cannot be redeemed.
- He is in rebellion against God.
- He is a liar.

* Merryman

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Then that Lawless One will be revealed:

- This statement follows verse 7b.
- v:7b Only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.
- He is the Holy Spirit working through the body of believers. Merryman
- Taken out of the way appears to be referring to the rapture.
- Then the Lawless One will be revealed.
- No timing is given in this verse.

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Now we fast forward to the fate of the Lawless One:

1st - the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth

slay - *anaireō* - to take away, destroy, kill

- Rev 19:20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet --- these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

2nd - bring to an end by the appearance of His coming

bring to an end - *katargeō* - to reduce to inactivity,
render inoperative

- This will occur when Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation.

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⁹ *that is*, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

- Now a description of the Lawless One's character!

the one [i.e. the lawless one] whose coming is

in accord - *kata* – according to a norm or standard

1st - with the activity of Satan

- With the restrainer removed, there is nothing to hinder the working of Satan. Keathley

2nd - with all power and signs and false wonders

- The Lawless One's activities are a counterfeit of Christ's character.
- Acts 2:22b Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst.

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¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

3rd - with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish

deception - *apatē* - akin to *apataō*, "to cheat, deceive, beguile", that which gives a false impression, whether by appearance, statement or influence

- Certainly, the deception proceeds from the evil nature of Satan's system and it will lead to an unrighteousness that is unparalleled in history. Keathley

for those who perish – these unbelievers will be the focus of verses 10b to 12

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¹⁰ and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

because – this is why they are called "those who perish"

subject: they

verb: did not receive - *dechomai* – signifies to accept, by a deliberate and ready reception of what is offered

- "those who perish" did not accept what was offered

dir. object: the love of the truth

- because they did not welcome the Truth but refused to love it Amplified
- John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.
- They did not accept the person and work of Christ.

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Today's Verses

¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them [those who perish] a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

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for this reason - based on not accepting the person of Christ in verse 10b

- The words for this reason show that the judgment is not capricious but is part of a cause and effect relationship. McCalley

subject: God

verb: will send - *pempō* – the sending of persons or things
(present tense - lit: is sending)

modifier: upon them - those who perish

dir. object: a deluding influence - a deluding influence is literally, “a working of error or delusion.”

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more on “a working of error”:

working – *energeia* - working, operation, action, but in the New Testament, always of what is supernatural

- Eph 1:19 and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might
- 2 Thess 2:9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity [working] of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

error – *plane* - a wandering, roaming

- In the New Testament it is used only figuratively of wandering from the path of truth in the sense of error, delusion, deceit, deception to which one becomes subject.

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¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

for them to believe the falsehood [the lie]

Interlinear

for – *eis* – to make

Amplified

them - those who perish

to believe - *pisteuō* – have faith in “to be persuaded of,” and hence, “to place confidence in, to trust”

- Most often used of belief in the truth:
- John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.

the falsehood - *pseudos* - a falsehood, a lie

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¹¹ For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

- Since we have the definite article what is “the lie” or the falsehood?
- The man of lawlessness has declared many lies and falsehoods in verse 4:
 - opposes & exalts himself above every so-called god
 - he takes his seat in the temple of God
 - displaying himself as being God
- Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a [the] lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator.
- Certainly also, this all goes back to Satan’s original lie to Eve in claiming that by choosing to eat of the tree of good and evil, man can become like God. Keathley

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¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

in order that – denotes the purpose to follow

they - those who perish

all - pas – none excluded

may be judged - *krinō* - to determine and so to judge and to execute judgment upon

Now the reason is given for God’s judgment!

who did not believe the truth

- Again the focus is upon believing “the truth.”
- Since Christ is the Truth,
- they did not accept Him for who He is.

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¹² in order that they all may be judged who did not believe the truth, but took pleasure in wickedness.

but took pleasure in wickedness

but – *alla* – in strong contrast

took pleasure - eudokeō - "to be well pleased with,"
or "take pleasure in"

in wickedness - *adikia* - unrighteousness, iniquity

- Again, we are brought face to face with the root issue of man's unbelief. It's man's inherent desire to live in unrighteousness. Keathley
- Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.

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Final Thoughts



- Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper.
- By the lie [what is false] is apparently meant the denial of the fundamental truth that God is God; it is the rejection of his self-revelation as Creator and Savior, righteous and merciful Judge of all, which leads to the worship due to him alone being offered to another, such as the "man of lawlessness." Constable