

sermon notes

July 31, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Come | "A Series of Unfortunate Events" | **2 Thess 2:1-12**

What should we expect before Christ's great victory?

1. A _____ of _____
(2:1-2)
2. A _____ of _____
(2:3-5)
3. A _____
(2:6-10)
4. A _____
(2:11-12)

What is our Hope in the here and now?

1. God is _____ over all human _____
2. Satan's _____ are _____
3. Jesus is the _____

Questions for Further Application of God's Word:

GO DEEPER

What did the Thessalonian church fear according to 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2? Was their fear rational? It looks like some people were exploiting the fears of the Thessalonians for their own gain. Why would people do that? How do people exploit others' fears in our day?

When will the "day of the Lord" take place? What will it look like? How do we know that it has not happened yet? According to 2:3, what must happen before the "day of the Lord" comes? Is there a chance it might not happen?

Who is the "man of lawlessness"? What role does he play at the end of human history? Explain as best you can what happens before and after Christ's return. Concerning end times, what details are you still unclear about?

GET PERSONAL

Does it feel like this world is going to go on and on without any climax or resolution? What will the end of our world look like? Does knowing the end (or some aspect of the end) change the way you live right now? Why or why not?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

According to 2:5, Paul taught the church in Thessalonica about eschatology (the study of end times) during his short visit. He told these brand-new believers details about Christ's coming and even the coming of the antichrist. Is it important to teach new believers about eschatology? What aspects of eschatology are essential? See the following video "Christ's Return" for more on what is essential in this regard: <https://app.vidgrid.com/view/Tpp1fPCR65m9>

ADVANCED QUESTION

Who is the evilest person in human history? Nero, Caligula, Genghis Khan, Mao Zedong, Pol Pot, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Osama Bin Laden? How do you think the future antichrist will compare to these individuals? What is the hope that we have even amid past, present, and future evil in our world?

Read 1 John 2:18-27. Who are the "antichrists" in John's letter? Is there a difference between "antichrists" and "the antichrist"? What is the false teaching of the antichrists? What is the truth about Jesus' humanity? What is the truth about Jesus' deity? What passages of Scripture affirm those truths? According to 2:26, why is John writing this passage to the church? Who is trying to deceive the church? What weapons has God given us to combat deceivers? Read the following article "The Antichrist Is Here, and Not Yet Here" by John Piper to help you distinguish between antichrists and the antichrist:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-antichrist-is-here-and-not-yet-here>