

“The Day of the Lord and the Final Apostasy” (2 Thessalonians 2:1–5)

The Big Idea: Christ will not return until the final Antichrist arises in a final apostasy.

I. The Alarming Rumor That the Day of the Lord Had Arrived (verses 1–2)

a. The True Doctrine: An Arrival and a Gathering (verse 1)

Matthew 24:3, 29–31; 1 Thessalonians 4:15–17; 5:1–4

b. The False Doctrine: The Arrival and Gathering Already Past (verse 2)

1 Corinthians 15:12–23; 2 Timothy 2:15–18

II. The Reminder That One Unfulfilled Event Must Arrive First (verses 3–5)

a. The Revelation of a Lawless Apostate (verse 3)

b. The Usurpations by That Doomed Apostate (verse 4)

Daniel 11:31; Daniel 9:26–27; 11:36–37; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14
Matthew 24:6, 10; Matthew 24:4–5, 11–12, 23–25; Isaiah 14:12–15

c. The Reminder of Paul’s Previous Teachings (verse 5)