

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE RAPTURE?
Part Ten: December 30, 2020

2 Thessalonians 2:1-17

- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 1a, 2a)**
 - "Now we _____ you, brethren...that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled..."
- **The _____ for Paul's Appeal (vs. 1)**
 - The comforting _____ of the Rapture (our "gathering together unto Him")
- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 2)**
 - Don't believe the deception that you are currently living through the _____ (that the Day of Christ has already begun).
- **The _____ for Paul's Appeal (vs. 3)**
 - The _____, preceded by the great _____, must occur before the Tribulation.
- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 4-8)**
 - The _____ must be removed before the antichrist can be revealed.
- **The _____ of Paul's Appeal (vs. 9-17)**
 - Have you _____ the truth of the gospel?

The Reason for Paul's Appeal

- **A Clear Prophetic _____, in Order:**
 - The falling away _____
 - "The apostasy" (apostasia) _____
 - General Greek = _____, abandonment, breach of faith, departure, forsaking, defection
 - Septuagint Greek = _____ to God, rebellion, backsliding away from God
 - New Testament Greek = apostasy, _____ previous beliefs or faith
 - Acts 21:21: _____

 - Sometimes the word aphistemi is used in a similar sense = "to _____ away from Biblical faith"
 - Luke 8:13: _____

 - 1 Timothy 4:1: _____

- Hebrews 3:12: _____

- “The apostasy” (apostasia) _____
 - 2 Tim. 3:1-5: _____

 - 2 Tim. 4:1-4: _____

 - See 2 Pet. 3:1-7: _____

 - Not just atheists and pagans, but even those who know what the Bible says about the coming of Christ will _____ at the idea.
 - They will also be “_____ ignorant” of 6-day recent creation and the global Flood.
 - See Rev. 3:14-22: _____

 - The people in the _____ church of the Last Days will be:
 - _____ and self-centered.
 - Comfortable and complacent in spiritual poverty.
 - _____-off from the former fire of the Philadelphian church.
 - Largely _____.
 - About to be _____ from Christ’s body.
 - See Luke 18:1-8: _____

 - “Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find _____ on the earth?”
 - Real, _____, persevering faith will be in short supply in the days before Christ’s coming.
- The _____
 - Setting in _____ the Day of the Lord on earth
- The man of sin is _____
 - The unveiling of the _____
 - Not “first,” but soon _____ the Rapture, near the beginning of the Tribulation

Application

- **Where do we stand on this timeline today?**

- Do we see widespread and significant _____?
 - Yes, unlike at any other time in this church age.
- Has the _____ taken place?
 - No
- Has the man of sin been _____?
 - No, but we can see the _____ being set for his coming.