

"The brightness of His Coming"

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This is the 2nd in a series of studies on **2nd Thessalonians 2:**

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If we can set aside what our leavened religious traditions have taught us, we may begin to see through to the truth. However, be forewarned; the traditions of men are powerful and can be powerfully deceptive.

Take a look at these subject scriptures for starters:

2nd Thessalonians 2:

2Th 2:1 now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him,

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2Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first and **that man of sin** be revealed, the son of perdition;

2Th 2:4 Who **opposeth and exalteth himself** above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that **he** as God **sitteth in the temple of God**, shewing himself that **he** is God.

2Th 2:5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

2Th 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that **he might be revealed** in his time.

V6 (Peshitta text: ... "And (so) now you know what has prevented him from being revealed in his time".)

2Th 2:7 For **the mystery of iniquity** doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until **he be taken out of the way**.

V7 (Peshitta text: "For the mystery of iniquity is already at work: **until he who now is the obstacle is taken out of the way**".)

2Th 2:8 And then shall **that Wicked** be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2Th 2:9 *Even him*, whose **coming** is **after** the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2Th 2:11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

2Th 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

OK, now look again at the two verses that follow;
(2nd Thessalonians 2:8 & 9)

V8: "And then shall that wicked be revealed, whom **the Lord** shall consume with the spirit of **His** mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of His coming (G3952)."

v9: "**Even him**, whose coming (G3952) is after (G2596) the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders..."

Here comes part of the camouflage.....

In verse 9 above; the... "**Even him**"...; has been offered as an: "anti-Christ", by carnal tradition and now by many main stream eschatology teachers.

Look very carefully, without bias or pre-condition; in verse 9, above, the "**him**" (... "**Even him whose coming**...) is NOT an "anti-Christ" but is, in fact; "**Him**"... (**the Lord**) who destroys "**him**" ("**that wicked**") with "**the brightness of His coming**"?

Look at the Greek definition of "**coming**":

V9... "Even him whose **coming** (G2952)" **G3952** παρουσία parousiapar-oo-see'-ah From the present participle of **G3918**; a being near, that is, advent (often, return; specifically of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by implication) physical aspect: - coming, presence.

"**Coming**" in verse 9, being the same *Greek word* that was used for the Lord's "**coming**" or presence in verse 8.

Now consider the context of verse 8 through verse 12 and look again at the Greek definitions of the words "**after**" as used in verse 9;

2 Thessalonians 2: v9: Even him (**Him**), whose **coming** is **after** (G2596; "concerning, pertaining to, touching") the **working** of satan....."

The "**HIM**" in v9 would be better understood, in context, to mean;

v9 "Even **Him**, (the Lord) whose coming is (pertaining to and because of the) working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness **in them** that perish; because **they** received not the love of the truth, that **they** might be saved."

Even if we identify this **camouflage**, it may seem to be just a careless, but basically harmless, diversion from the truth. However, if we could follow its effect, we would see that this error, like leaven, has permeated some Christian eschatology and contributed to the growth of a multi headed doctrinal beast.

Now consider the context of verse 8 through verse 12 and look again at the Greek definitions of the word "**wicked**" as used in verse 9;

"**wicked**" : **G3551**; lawless, that is, (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law; (by implication a Gentile), or (positively) wicked: - without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

Verses 8 & 9 talk of; "**that wicked**" and "**the working of satan**". Therefore indicating Satan works through; "**that wicked**" which would be **revealed, consumed** and destroyed, by the **Spirit of His mouth** and the **brightness of His coming**.

What kind of weapon is "**the spirit of His mouth**" ?

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

Speaking of **swords**..... A weapon of our spiritual warfare (the sword) is not to fight the devil in our outer carnal world. We see how this sword is to be used in **Hebrews chapter 4: (specificly in verses 12-13)**. It is **not a carnal weapon** but rather a **Spiritual weapon** to slice into the dark recesses of **our wicked hearts**to divide **our** soul and spirit, to separate once again as he did at the creation, the **darkness** from **the light**. All this is done down in **our flesh** even unto the joints and marrow of the darkest recesses of **our flesh**. This is in order to bare us naked in His sight and thereby expose **the darkness within us** to the **light or brightness of His coming**.

As darkness is exposed to light, it is **consumed**.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged **sword**, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Heb 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

This is His work within us, we are to just "REST".....and this will be accomplished through the word of God.....which is the **Sword** of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:17)

2Th 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the **brightness of his coming**:

So how is this sword to be wielded by God, as the “**Spirit of His Mouth**”?

Ephesians 6: again has a clue:

Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God:

Eph 6:18 Praying always with **all prayer** and supplication **in the Spirit**, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

If we did not divide verse 17 and 18 with verse references as above, lets look at verse 17 and 18 as one complete thought without changing punctuation or adding any comments.

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Would we not see that the **sword of the Spirit** is to be wielded with the mouth. Therefore as we yield our mouth to the Holy Spirit and let Him pray “**in accordance with the will of God**” through us, is not this “**sword**” or weapon “the Spirit of HIS mouth”?

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rom 8:27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

Isa 28:11-12 For with **stammering lips and another tongue** will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This is the rest *wherewith ye* may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Psa 81:8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, **if thou wilt hearken unto me;**

Psa 81:9 **There shall no strange god be in thee;** neither shalt thou worship any strange god.

Psa 81:10 I *am* the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: **open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

Psa 81:11 But **my people would not hearken** to my voice; and Israel would none of me.

Psa 81:12 So **I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust;** *and* they walked in their **own counsels.**

Psa 81:13 Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, *and* Israel had walked in my ways!

Psa 81:14 **I should soon have subdued their enemies,** and turned my hand against their adversaries.

Psa 81:15 The **haters of the LORD** should have submitted themselves unto him: but their time should have endured for ever.

Psa 81:16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat: and with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

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Let Him who hath an ear hear

Journey on... narrow is the way

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- 2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
- 2Th 2:14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2Th 2:15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.
- 2Th 2:16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
- 2Th 2:17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.