

# Confidence In the Face of Rumors

II Thessalonians 2:1—12

# 1. **Keep** our heads – 2:1–2

- The Greek word for “coming” here is the word “**parousia**”, and it describes the personal arrival of Jesus at the end of history.

- This word describes an **“assembling”** together of a group.
- “The day of the Lord” is that time when God answers evil, judges evil, and ushers in God’s **kingdom**.

- The word report is probably a sermon or teaching.
- It literally reads “shaken” from your mind.

2. **Observe** the signs of the times.

- The word here means “to rise up in open **defiance** of authority, with the intention to overthrow it.”
- Lawlessness is a complete **disregard** for the laws of God.

- This same “man of lawlessness” is also described in the New Testament as the “*anti-Christ*” (I John 2:18).

- This means that it's *impossible* to know his identity before he's revealed.

3. **Remind** ourselves that God is in control – 2:6–8.

- Paul assures us that the man of lawlessness won't be **revealed** until the proper time.
- All Jesus has to do is appear and **breathe**.



## 4. **Discern** truth from error – 2:9–12

- The advent of “man of lawlessness” is a parody, an **imitation** of the incarnation of God in Jesus.

- The advent of the “man of lawlessness” will be designed to **deceive** people.
- God will confirm their rejection by sending a strong **delusion** on them to believe the lie.

- Only those who “love the truth”, who think that truth matters will be safe from this lie.
- If you love the truth, you won't be misled.