Does The Antichrist Come First? An Examination of 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 By Eric Douma 01/02/22

The Issues

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

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The Issues

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

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What Does 2nd Thessalonians Teach?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

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"has come" = enesteken

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Uses of Enesteken

Romans 8:38

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers...

1 Corinthians 3:22

whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you,

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Uses of Enesteken

1 Corinthians 7:26

I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

Galatians 1:4

who gave Himself for our sins so that He might rescue us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,

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Uses of Enesteken

Hebrews 9:9

which is a symbol for the **present** time. Accordingly both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make the worshiper perfect in conscience...

2 Thessalonians 2:2b-3a

to the effect that the day of the Lord "is present". <u>3</u> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless

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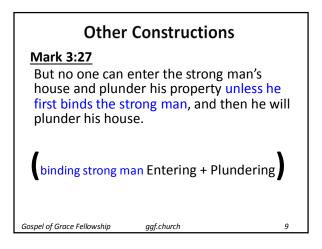
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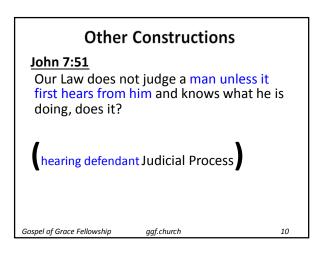
2 Thessalonians 2:2-3

that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is present. <u>3</u> Let no one in any way deceive you, for *it will not come* unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction... What is wrong with the implied apodosis?

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Putting It Together

2 Thessalonians 2:2-3

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Now There Is No Discrepancy!

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