

# THE UNFINISHED STORY OF CHRISTMAS

2 Thessalonians 1:7-11, 2:1-12

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- 1) INTRODUCTION
  - a) The Jesus who came the first time as a baby in a manger is coming again.
  - b) Christmas is not complete without the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.
  - c) 2 Thessalonians 1:7-11
  - d) Luke 1:31-33
  - e) 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17
  
- 2) WE NEED NOT BE DISTURBED (2 Thessalonians 1:7)
  - a) Think of the “who” of His coming.
    - i) 2 Thessalonians 1:7
    - ii) 2 Thessalonians 1:10
    - iii) Acts 1:11
  - b) Think of the “when” of His coming.
    - i) 2 Thessalonians 1:10
    - ii) Matthew 24:36
    - iii) Malachi 4:2
  - c) Think of the “wonder” of His coming
    - i) (2 Thessalonians 1:10)
    - ii) We will wonder at His transforming love.
    - iii) We will wonder at His amazing grace.
      - (1) Acts 16:31
      - (2) Isaiah 64:6
    - iv) We will wonder at His keeping power.
  
- 3) WE SHOULD NOT BE DECEIVED (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)
  - a) All through Jesus’ earthly ministry, Satan tried to destroy Him.
  - b) Now we come to the last days when Satan’s final blasphemy will be carried out in the form of the antichrist.
  - c) In this passage, the antichrist is referred to as “the man of sin” and “the son of perdition.”
    - i) Revelation 13:1
  - d) Satan has always desired to be worshipped.
    - i) Isaiah 14:13-14
  - e) At the end of the age, Satan will gain the worship on the earth that he wants.
    - i) 2 Thessalonians 2:4
  - f) 2 Thessalonians 2:7 refers to the unbelievable wickedness in the world today as “the mystery of iniquity.”
    - i) This passage also mentions a restraining force.
    - ii) What is restraining Satan today?
      - (1) The church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
      - (2) The Holy Spirit of God, who lives in the church.
    - iii) When the church and the Holy Spirit are removed through the rapture, the Great Tribulation will begin.

4) WE WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14)

- a) There are two aspects of Jesus' coming:
  - i) He will first come secretly for His bride, the church.
  - ii) He will then come sovereignly as the King.
- b) Jesus came the first Christmas to die in the sinner's place. He's coming the second Christmas to receive the sinner to Himself.
- c) Our faith looks backward to a crucified Savior, our love looks upward to a crowned Savior, and our hope looks forward to a coming Savior.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- b) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
  - i) Romans 3:23
  - ii) Romans 10:9-10
  - iii) Romans 10:13
  - iv) Acts 16:31