

Extended Q&A Session

The PreTrib Rapture (II Thessalonians 2:3)

1. **Language Issue** (II Thessalonians 2:3)

- (A) The Greek word "**Apostasia**"
- (1) The KJV rendering ("**falling away**")
 - (2) The English renderings prior to the KJV translation (1611):
 - (a) Wycliffe Bible (1384)
- "**dissension**" ("**departing away**")
 - (b) Tyndale Bible (1526)
- "**departing**"
 - (c) Coverdale Bible (1535)
- "**departing**"
 - (d) Cranmer Bible (1539)
- "**departing**"
 - (e) Matthew's Bible (1549)
- "**departing**"
 - (f) Beza Bible (1565)
- "**departing**"
 - (g) Geneva Bible (1575)
- "**departing**"
- (B) Only one other occurrence of "**Apostasia**" (feminine noun) in Greek NT:
 - (1) "**forsake** Moses" (Acts 21:21)
- (C) Three occurrences of "**Apostasion**" (neuter noun) in Greek NT:
 - (1) "writing of **divorcement**" (Matthew 5:31)
 - (2) "writing of **divorcement**" (Matthew 19:7)
 - (3) "bill of **divorcement**" (Mark 10:4)
- (D) Fifteen occurrences of "**Aphistemi**" (verb form) in Greek NT (** departure from truth):
- (1) "**departed** not from the temple" (Acts 2:37)
 - (2) "he **departed** from him" (Luke 4:13)
 - ** (3) "in time of temptation fall away" (Luke 8:13)
 - (4) "**depart** from me" (Luke 13:27)
 - (5) "**drew away** much people" (Acts 5:37)
 - (6) "**Refrain** from these men" (Acts 5:38)
 - (7) "**departed** from him" (Acts 12:10)
 - (8) "who **departed** from them" (Acts 15:38)
 - (9) "he **departed** from them" (Acts 19:9)
 - (10) "they **departed** from him" (Acts 22:29)
 - (11) "that it might **depart** from me"
(II Corinthians 12:8)
 - ** (12) "some shall **depart from the faith**"
(I Timothy 4:1)
 - (13) "from such **withdraw** thyself"
(I Timothy 6:5)
 - ** (14) "**depart from iniquity**" (II Timothy 2:19)
 - ** (15) "**departing from the living God**" (Hebrews 3:12)

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2. **Context Consideration** (II Thessalonians 2:1-9)

(A) **Exhortation** (II Thessalonians 2:1):

- (1) "OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM"
(II Thessalonians 2:1), i.e.
- (2) "DEAD in Christ shall RISE FIRST ...
THEN WE which are ALIVE ...
CAUGHT UP TOGETHER WITH THEM ...
TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR"
(I Thessalonians 4:16-17)

(B) **Admonition** (II Thessalonians 2:2):

- (1) THEREFORE, "BE NOT SHAKEN in mind,
OR BE TROUBLED ... THAT the
DAY of the LORD is AT HAND" **
(II Thessalonians 2:2)
- (2) KJV rendering ("DAY of CHRIST") of
Greek word "KURIOS" ("LORD") -
SAME Greek word (I Thessalonians 5:2)
- (3) "DAY of CHRIST", i.e. the RAPTURE
(Philippians 1:6,10; 2:16)

(C) **Explanation** (II Thessalonians 2:3-4):

- (1) KJV rendering ("A FALLING AWAY") of
Greek word, "APOSTASIA" ("DEPARTING")
preceded by the Greek definite article ("THE"),
i.e. a SPECIFIC "DEPARTING"
- (2) "THE DEPARTING" (II Thessalonians 2:3),
i.e. "OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM"
(II Thessalonians 2:1) and THEN the REVELATION
of "the MAN of SIN, the SON of 'PERDITION'
('DESTRUCTION')" (II Thessalonians 2:3-4)

(D) **Affirmation** (II Thessalonians 2:5)

- (1) "REMEMBER YE NOT ... I TOLD YOU THESE THINGS?"
(II Thessalonians 2:5), i.e.
(I Thessalonians 5:2-5)
- (2) "the DAY of the LORD" (I Thessalonians 5:2) -
a DAY of "DESTRUCTION" and "DARKNESS"
(I Thessalonians 5:2-4 cf.
Joel 2:1-2,10-11,30-31) - having
NO RELATIONSHIP to "the CHILDREN of the DAY"
(I Thessalonians 5:4-5; Ephesians 5:8)

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2. Context Consideration (II Thessalonians 2:1-9) - cont'd

(E) Confirmation (II Thessalonians 2:6-9)

- (1) "NOW ye know what 'WITHHOLDETH' ('HOLDETH FAST')
that HE might be REVEALED in HIS TIME"
(II Thessalonians 2:6)
- (2) "HIS TIME" (II Thessalonians 2:6), i.e.
"THE LAST TIME" WHEN "ANTICHRIST SHALL COME"
(I John 2:18)
- (3) "MYSTERY of 'INIQUITY' ('LAWLESSNESS') doth
ALREADY WORK" (II Thessalonians 2:7), i.e.
"WORKING of SATAN ... SIGNS ... LYING WONDERS"
(II Thessalonians 2:9)
- (4) God, "NOW 'LETTETH' ('HOLDETH BACK') ...
UNTIL HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY AND
THEN SHALL THAT 'WICKED' ('LAWLESS ONE')
BE REVEALED " (II Thessalonians 2:7-8 cf.
II Thessalonians 2:3-4)
- (5) "HE BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WAY"
(II Thessalonians 2:7) - at the RAPTURE
(II Thessalonians 2:1 cf.
I Thessalonians 4:16-17) - the "HE" is
"the CHURCH, which is HIS BODY"
(Ephesians 1:22-23), i.e. the
"ONE NEW MAN ... ONE BODY" (Ephesians 2:15-16)