

STANDING OUT: Stand Understanding

2 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

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Standing in the Present Requires Understanding the Future

1. Understand the **Sensational** with Caution (2-3a, 5).

2. Understand the **Schedule** with Comfort (1-7).
 - a. Rapture (1,5).

 - b. Rebellion (3b).

 - c. Revelation of Antichrist (3b-4, 6, 8).

 - d. Rebuilt Temple (4).

 - e. Restraint Removed (6-7).

3. Understand the **Stability** with Confidence (2, 5, 8).

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Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers,

²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way.

For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed,

... whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

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Discussion Questions:

1. What troubles you about the news? How does not knowing the timing of Jesus's return adjust our present focus? Jesus's return should be a source of comfort rather than terror. How does this change how you think about the end times?
2. How can we be busy with the things God has called us to do while waiting for his return? How should the thought of Christ's imminent return produce appropriate urgency?
3. How does knowing that evil is on a leash comfort you in times of turmoil? Why can the Christian be the ultimate optimist?



Quote for the Week. . .

by Vance Havner

"I know that some are always studying the meaning of the fourth toe of the right foot of some beast in prophecy and have never used either foot to go and bring men to Christ. I do not know who the 666 is in Revelation but I know the world is sick, sick, sick and the best way to speed the Lord's return is to win more souls for Him."