

We Go First 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7

V1: Paul wants to talk about _____.

"...I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." - John 14:2-3

V.2: The lie being spread through the Thessalonian church was that there was no Rapture and they were in the _____.

Based on Paul's teachings, the Thessalonians had an expectation of a _____ Rapture.

V.3: "falling away" = "apostasia" in the original Greek

It's a compound word, consisting of "apo" ("away from") and "histēmi" ("to stand").

"apostasia" literally means "to stand away from" or "to depart".

It is not a technical word (I.E. it does not always mean the same thing).

It is defined as, "rebellion against God, apostasy, departure, disappearance, distance" (Liddell and Scott) and "revolt, defection, apostasy (from orthodoxy), divorce, departure, standing aloof" (Lampe's, "A Patristic Greek Lexicon").

REASONS FOR A PHYSICAL DEPARTURE IN V.3:

- 1) There has always been _____ in the Church.
- 2) The definite article before the phrase "falling away".
- 3) The rest of _____ teaches a pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church.
- 4) The Rapture, not apostasy, is in view in 1 & 2 Thessalonians.
- 5) 2 Thessalonians 2 strongly implies the Thessalonian believers were troubled because they did not expect to go through the Day of the Lord.
- 6) Early Bible translations favour a _____ departure.
- 7) The Restrainer of VV.6-7.

For more on this issue, read "The Falling Away" by Dr. Andy Woods.

Before the Day of the Lord can begin, the Church must be raptured and the _____ must be _____.

V.4 refers to the event known as, "the abomination of desolation" (Cf. Daniel 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 24:15; Mark 13:14).

V.4 presumes the existence of a _____ Jewish _____ in Jerusalem at the time of the Antichrist.

The restrainer of VV.6-7 is the _____ indwelling the _____.