

2 Th 2:1 Brothers, we are asking you, in regard to our previous discussion about the **Coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ
(Coming For Us)
and our gathering together **TO** Him ...

(TO meet Him “in the air”—Not “on the earth”)

v. 2 not to be **mentally shaken** so quickly, or be **alarmed**, by a spirit prophecy or speech or letter as if it came from us that,
*quote: “The Day of the Lord **HAS COME!**”*

(Perfect Tense Active Voice)



2 Th 2:3 **You do not allow** anyone to deceive you with any
(*active voice*)

means or method: prophecy, sermon or letter as if from us
... because **IF** THE Apostasy **did not come**, as a first event,
(*3rd class cond.*) (*aorist tense active voice*)

and the man of lawlessness **was not revealed**, as a second event,
(*aorist tense passive voice*)

the son of destruction, the one who opposes and puts himself
above every god and form of worship, and *the result is*, he sets
himself up in the temple of God, publicly displaying himself that
“He is god” — **THEN** (*the only conclusion that makes sense*) —

“The Day of the Lord **HAS NOT COME!** (*Previous Reference*)
(*Perfect Tense Active Voice*)

The Coming of Jesus and The Day of The Lord

Many people throughout church history have confused the teaching of the apostles, that Christ *could* come at any moment (for believers at the Rapture), with the unbiblical idea that He *would* come soon. The first, correct view, is the doctrine of imminence, but the second, incorrect view, involves date setting.

Tom Constable 2 Thess.

┌———— LAWLESSNESS ———┐

#1 Apostasy ← *Linked* → #2 Revelation

The Apostasy Comes

The Man Revealed

not “a falling away” KJV
better “*the rebellion*” RSV

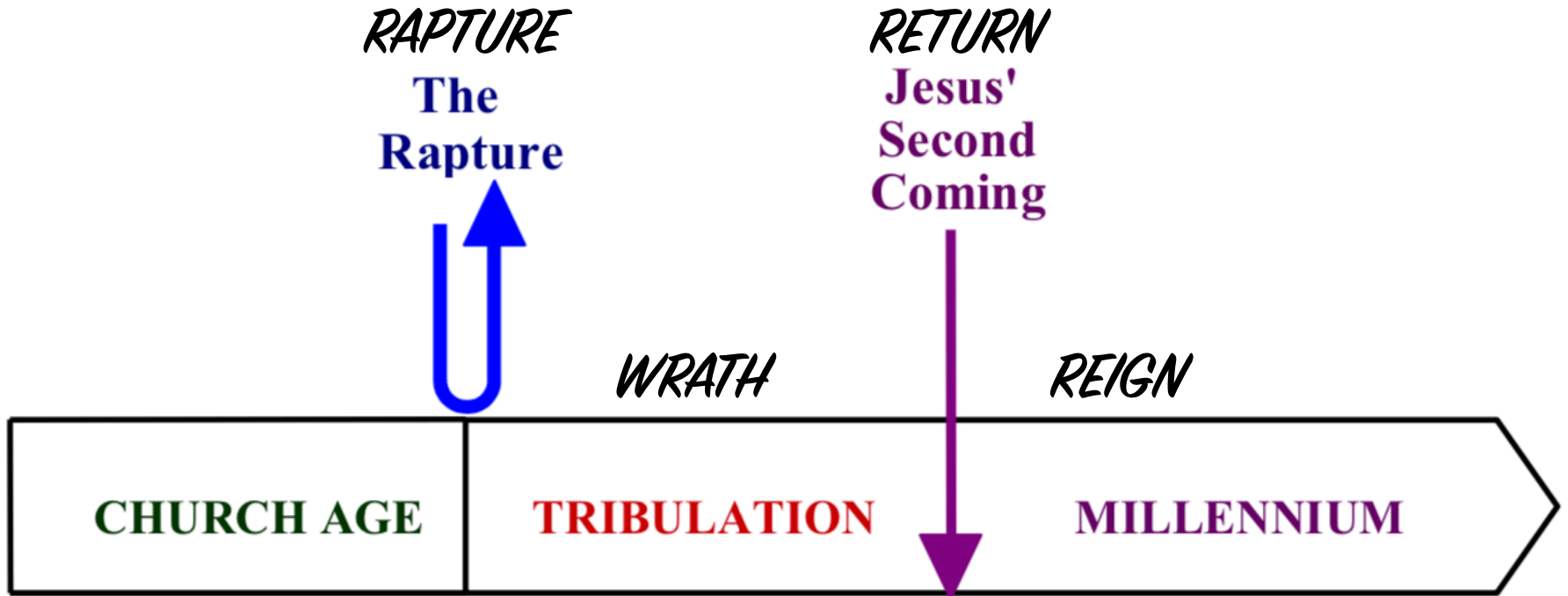
“*the man of sin*” KJV(TR)
“*the man of lawlessness*” NASB

The Apostasy (Lawlessness) *begins* the Day of the Lord—
(“Peace and Safety!”)

Revealed in The Man of Lawlessness 3½ years later—
(Total Destruction)

Lawlessness

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- Disregard of God's Law in particular as given in His Word.
- A “lawless movement” existed in Paul's day, it is still present, but God is restraining it’s full impact until His appointed time.
- Apostasy is lawlessness (rebellion)



RAPTURE
The Rapture



WRATH

RETURN
Jesus'
Second
Coming



REIGN

CHURCH AGE

TRIBULATION

MILLENNIUM

The Man of Lawlessness

Rev 6

Rev 13

Rev 19

The APOSTASY

The Jewish Nation

Makes Peace with a *False* Christ *Dn 9:27*

The Apostate Church

Supports a *False* Christ

The REVELATION

Jewish Persecution *Mt 24:15*

Apostate Church Destroyed

Rev 17:16

TRIBULATION



". . . (1) the **organized church** as contrasted with the true church has *separated* from the faith—it has apostatized and—

(2) there has been another departure, the *departure* of the true church from the earth. The departure of the true church *leads* *into* the total apostatizing of the organized church."

J Vernon McGee 2 Thess.

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- Apostasy is lawlessness (rebellion)
- God is restraining Lawlessness until His appointed time.
- The “restrainer” will be removed and then—The Lawless One

Lawlessness

2Th. 2:6 And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time **he** (*The Man of Lawlessness*) will be revealed.

2Th. 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **he** who now restrains *him* will continue to restrain *him* until **he** (*the one who restrains*) is taken out of the way.



I / II THESSALONIANS

“THE RESTRAINER”