

PAUL'S EXPLANATION OF THE "COMING" OF THE LORD
(2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

I. Paul's ENCOURAGEMENT In Light of Present Persecution (chp 1)

II. Paul's EXPLANATION Concerning the "COMING" of the Lord (2:1-2)

* What does the word "now" indicate?

A. Paul's Personal Appeal ... "we _____ you brethren..." (2:1)

1. Why are they being appealed to?

"coming" (parousia)

• What does the "coming" of the Lord Jesus Christ refer to?

1) Christ coming _____ His Church, the Body of Christ, at the _____ (1 Thess. 4:13-18; 1 Cor. 15:53; 2 Thess. 2:1; Rev. 3:10)

2) Christ coming _____ His saints, at the _____ (Rev. 19:11-16)

2. What aspect of His "coming" is in question here?

a. Our _____ to Him, which concerns the _____ (2:1), and

b. The _____ of the Lord, which concerns the _____ (2:2)

• What does this teaching indicate?

B. With Regards to Our _____ to Him (2:1)

1. It speaks of the hope of every believer—the upward call at the _____ of the Church to heaven (1 Thess. 4:13-18)

1 Thess. 2:19

1 Thess. 4:15

C. With Regards to the _____ (2:2)

D. The Aim of the Appeal (2:2a)

1. That they would not be soon _____ in mind

2. That they would not continue to be _____

- What was the *source* of their shaken troubled minds?

a. By _____

b. By _____

c. By _____

d. Paul's statement in verse 2 "*as if from us*" indicates all three sources as _____
or _____.

- What does God's word say about people who falsely testify just to spread discord?

- What are some distinctions between:

The Day of Christ

&

The Day of the Lord?

What does all this mean to you?