

2 Thessalonians

- I. Introduction.
 - A. Theme of 2 Thessalonians: The revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven.
 - B. Introductory Notes.
- II. It Has a Two-Fold Purpose. Chapter 1.
 - A. To Render Vengeance to the Disobedient.
 - B. To Be Glorified in the Saints.
- III. It Shall Be Preceded by the Apostasy and the Revealing of the Man of Sin. Chapter 2:1-12.
- IV. Its Contemplation/Anticipation. It should result not in disorderliness, idleness, and excitement, but in sanctification, comfort, and peace.
 - A. Compare the opposite effect among some.
 - 1. The Millerites in 1844, who became the Russelites, and then the Jehovah's Witnesses. Miller predicted the date of Christ's return, and his followers sold their houses, farms, etc., quit jobs, and went out to the hill he indicated to wait for Christ. They were obviously disappointed. Anticipation of Christ's return should not interrupt the living of a faithful Christian life; it should encourage it.
 - 2. The Harold Camping debacle in the 1990's and 2000's, when similar things happened.
 - 3. This kind of thing always happens when someone tries to predict the date, time, and place of Christ's return.