

DELUDED

Scripture:

2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Introduction

When the church is removed by rapture from this world, the deceptive power of Satan is going to reach its apex. Furthermore, those who have heard the Gospel, and rejected it, are going to be the most susceptible to "The Great Lie" because they received not a love for the truth.

I. The next great event

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1 Thess. 4:16-17

A. The rapture of the church

...only he who now letteth will

let, until he be taken out of the way.

2 Thess. 2:7

1. Church's restraining influence

a. Prayer

b. Withstanding satanic spirits

c. Setting moral standards

2. Restraints removed at rapture

B. Revelation of Anti-christ

And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

2 Thess. 2:8

II. The great lie

And with all deceiveableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

2 Thess. 2:10

- A. World now being prepared to receive it
- B. Miraculous happenings

Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

2 Thess. 2:9

- C. ~~Conditions for believing a lie~~
 - 1. A temporary "lasting" peace
 - 2. A false sense of security
- D. Strong Delusion

And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.

2 Thess. 2:11

III. Damnation

That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Thess. 2:12

- A. The truth rejected
 - 1. Jesus Christ, the Truth

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the TRUTH, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

- 2. A choice is made
 - a. Christ (the truth) is rejected
 - b. Pleasure in unrighteousness is chosen

- B. Eternal damnation inevitable

Rom 11:20-32
God Gave
them up