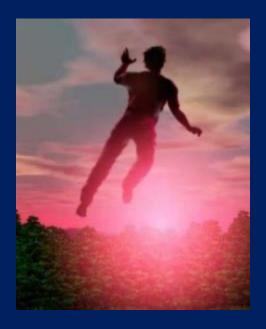
Apostasy or Rapture? (2 Thessalonians 2:3A)





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2 Thessalonians 2:3

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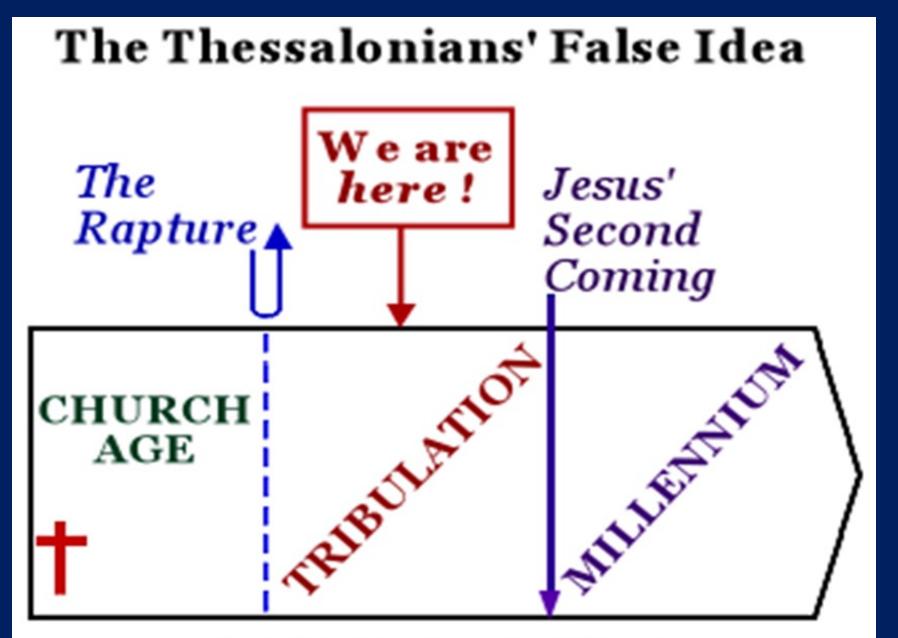


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"that you not be quickly **shaken** from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or **a letter as if from us**, to the effect that **the day of the Lord has come**."



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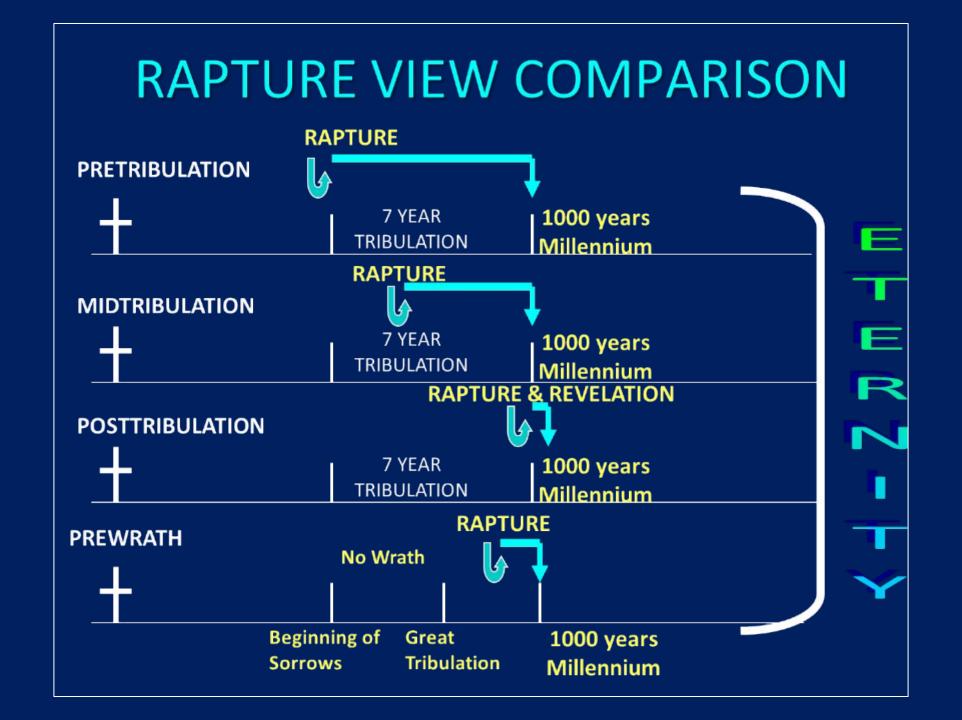
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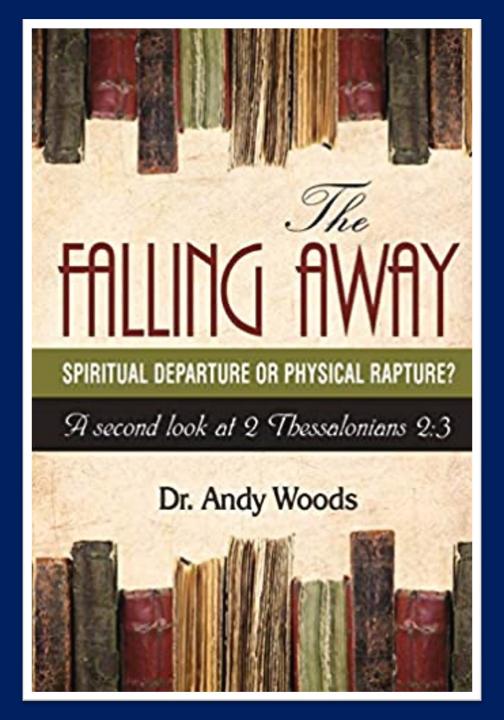


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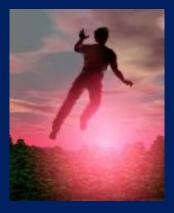






10 Reasons Favoring Physical Departure

- 1. There have always been doctrinal departures
- 2. 2 Thess. was an early letter
- 3. The definite article before apostasia
- 4. Noun apostasia can refer to physical departure
- 5. Verb *aphistēmi* can refer to physical departure



10 Reasons Favoring Physical Departure

- 6. Extended context favors physical departure
- 7. Immediate context favors physical departure
- 8. 2 Thess. 2:2 is a review course
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- 10. Physical departure is held by credible scholars



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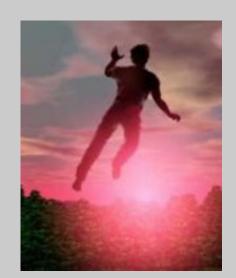
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Myron Houghton, *The Rapture in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10*, Faith Pulpit, Faith Baptist Theological Seminary, Ankeny, Iowa, April 2002.

"Reason # 1: The word which is translated 'falling away' can refer to a physical departure. Note that this argument does not say that the word always or even normally has this meaning. 'Departure, disappearance' is the second meaning given for this Greek word in A Greek-English Lexicon, by Liddell & Scott, I, 218. Part of the problem here is that this word is used only twice in the New Testament—here and also in Acts 21:21, where Paul is told that some accuse him of teaching a departure from Moses. In this latter passage, this word is used in the sense of a religious apostasy. In the LXX (the Greek translation of the Old Testament), this word or an older form is found in Joshua 22:22, 1 Kings 21:13, 2 Chronicles 29:19, 33:19, Isaiah 30:1, and Jeremiah 2:19. In these cases, the word also has the idea of religious departure. However, either the context or a descriptive phrase is used to . . .



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...indicate that a religious apostasy is meant. Therefore, it might be argued that the word itself was more general." "In the New Testament, the verb form of this word is used fifteen times (Luke 2:27, 4:13, 8:13, 22:29; Acts 5:37,38, 12:10, 15:38, 19:9, 22:29; 2 Corinthians 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:1, 6:5; 2 Timothy 2:19; and Hebrews 3:12). Of the fifteen references, only three have reference to a religious departure, and these three are qualified by context (Luke 8:13) or by a descriptive phrase (1 Timothy 4:1—'from the faith' and Hebrews 3:12—'from the living God'). It is clear from some of the remaining references that a physical departure is meant (the angel who delivered Peter from prison departed from him—Acts 12:10, and Paul prayed that a thorn in the flesh might depart from him—2 Corinthians 12:8.) This word is translated departynge by William Tyndale (c. 1526), by Cranmer (1539), . . .

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...and by the Geneva Bible (1557). Beza (1565) translated it departing." "Reason # 2: The use of the definite article ('the') lends support to the view that the falling away is the rapture. The basic function of the article 'is to point out an object or to draw attention to it. Its use with a word makes the word stand out distinctly,' (Dana and Mantey, A Manual Grammar of the Greek New Testament, 137). Paul is not speaking of A falling away but THE falling away. In all probability, Paul is referring to some subject he has previously discussed with the Thessalonians. Robertson agrees with this use of the article in this verse. He states: 'And the use of the definite article (the) seems to mean that Paul had spoken to the Thessalonians about it.' (Word Pictures in the New Testament, IV, 49) Now, if this is the use of the article in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, one would expect to find a place, either in . . .



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... 1 or 2 Thessalonians, where Paul previously referred to a departure from the faith. This writer knows of no such reference. However, there is previous reference to the rapture of the church in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–17 and 2 Thessalonians 2:1." "Reason # 3: Paul's style of writing in this chapter also lends support to the idea that the 'falling away' is the rapture. In verse 3, Paul states that two events must occur before the day of the Lord can come, namely (1) the 'falling away,' and (2) the revealing of the man of sin. Paul's reference to this second event seems to be more fully described in verses 8–9. If, indeed, this is Paul's style, then verses 6 and 7, which describe the removal of the Holy Spirit and the church, would be a more detailed explanation of the first event in verse 3 (the 'falling away'). Reason # 4: Paul's purpose in writing lends support to the view that the 'falling away'...

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. . . is the rapture. Remember the setting. The Thessalonian believers were being persecuted for their faith, and they thought they were in the Tribulation. Paul writes to tell them that they can't possibly be in the Tribulation because two things have to occur before the Tribulation can begin: the 'falling away' and the revelation of the man of sin. If religious apostasy is a means by which Paul expects the Thessalonians to know whether or not they are in the Tribulation, then he has failed to prove his point because there has always been religious apostasy, even in the time of the apostle Paul, and the Thessalonians were not in a position to distinguish any present apostasy from 'THE apostasy.' However, if Paul was referring to the rapture of the church, then the Thessalonians could know with certainty that they could not yet be in the Tribulation."

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J. Vernon McGee

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"Paul says that before the Day of the Lord begins there must first come a removing. There are two kinds of removing that are going to take place. First, the organized church will depart from the faith-that is what we call apostasy. But there will be total apostasy when the Lord comes, and that cannot take place until the true church is removed. The Lord asked... 'when the Son of man cometh [to the earth], shall He find faith...?' (Luke 18:8). When He says, 'the faith,' He means that body of truth which He left here. The answer to His question is no, He will not find faith here when He returns."

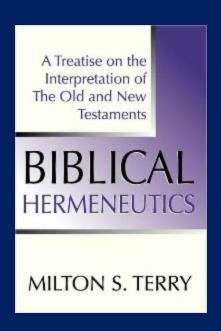
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Milton Terry

Biblical Hermeneutics: A Treatise on the Interpretation of the Old and New Testaments (1885; reprint, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1947), 205.



Milton Terry explains: "A fundamental principle in grammatico-historical exposition is that the words and sentences can have but one significance in one and the same connection. The moment we neglect this principle we drift upon a sea of uncertainty and conjecture."

David Olander

David Olander, *The Greatness of the Rapture* (Fort Worth, TX: Tyndale Seminary Press, 2015). 100-101.

"Apostasy has a basic root meaning of departure, departure from, or standing apart from. The question in Second Thessalonians is a departure from what? Context is the key for understanding many words in the text. Scripture uses the term apostasy in several ways...Paul had written to the Thessalonians about another departure of the church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) and her gathering together unto Him (2 Thessalonians 2:1). This is the rapture and a legitimate use of the word departure, stand apart, or apostasy. Historically the word can easily mean this. Once the church has departed. (been raptured) there is not one believer left on the planet. This would be a total complete apostasy in several ways. In essence, one departure, or an apostasy causes the other and Paul could have easily used the word he did, referring to the secondary part (those left behind on the planet) in total."



Jimmy De Young

Prophetic Prospective – Daily Devotional

"Our key verse for this devotional, verse 3, has become somewhat controversial. There are those that believe that the Antichrist will come when the 'falling away' of the church, apostasy in the Church, has happened. This then seems to be saying that the church will be here when the Antichrist appears. This belief comes from a wrong understanding of the Greek word used in the passage and translated, 'a falling away'...A close and careful word study of the Greek word apostasia will conclude that the true meaning of the word is found in the phrase, 'departing from one place and going to another', not a falling away from the doctrines of the church."



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"If the word 'apostasia' was communicating that 'apostasy' was what it was talking about then the Rapture and the coming of the Antichrist would have happened during the writing of II Thessalonians. Apostasy had infiltrated the early church by the time Paul wrote this passage. What Paul is saying here is that the Antichrist, the 'Son of Perdition', would not come until the Church departs from one place and goes to another. That is what happens at the Rapture. The scenario for the future according to all prophetic passages is that the Rapture takes all Christians into Heaven and then the Antichrist appears on earth...Let me remind you that all preparations have been made for the temple to be built in . . .



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. . . Jerusalem. False teachers and deception presently are a part of our society today, which indicates that Antichrist is nearing his appearance on earth. Remember, before the appearance of Antichrist and the temple is built, the Rapture happens. Actually the Rapture could happen at any moment. Be ready!"

Commentaries — Chuck Smith

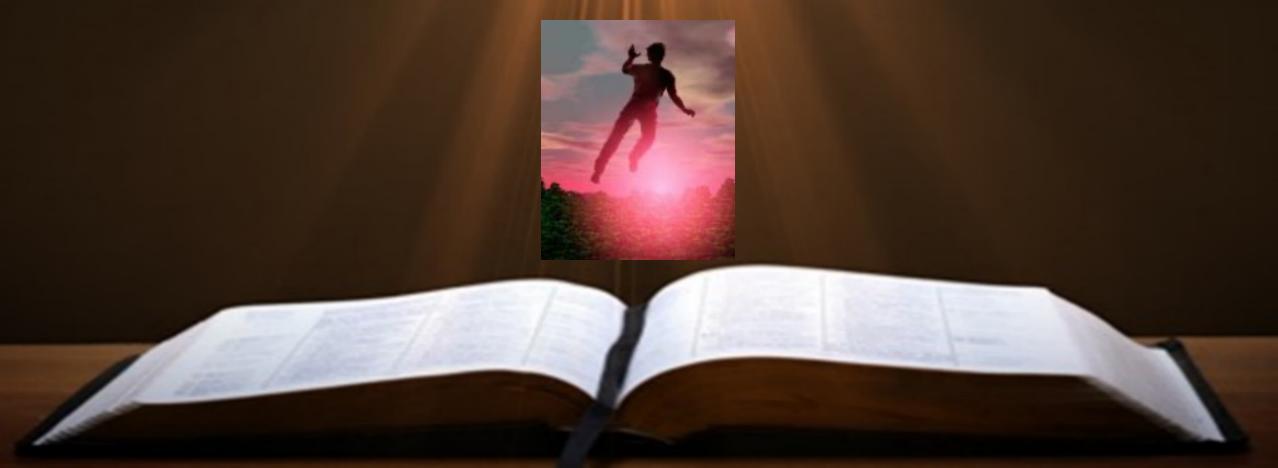
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the Lord had come. The Christians were being taught that the day of God's wrath was upon them, and that they were in the Tribulation period.

v.3 The "day" referred to here is the Day of Judgment. "Falling away" comes from the Greek word for "depart." This may refer to the Rapture of the Church, for the Day of Judgment will come after the Rapture. It may be a reference to people departing from the faith, for Paul spoke of another departure (1 Timothy 4:1) and used the same Greek word. However, in 1 Timothy Paul added the words "depart from the faith" instead of "depart" alone.

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Paul Lee Tan, *The Interpretation of Prophecy* (Dallas, TX: Paul Lee Tan Prophetic Ministries, 2015; reprint, Dallas, TX: Paul Lee Tan Prophetic Ministries, 2015). 341.

"What precisely does Paul mean when he says that 'the falling away' (2:3) must come before the tribulation? The definite article 'the' denotes that this will be a definitive event, an event distinct from the appearance of the Man of Sin. The Greek word for 'falling away', taken by itself, does not mean religious apostasy or defection. Neither does the word mean 'to fall,' as the Greeks have another word for that. The best translation of the word is 'to depart.' The apostle Paul refers here to a definitive event, which he calls 'the departure,' and which will occur just before the start of the tribulation. This is the rapture of the church."

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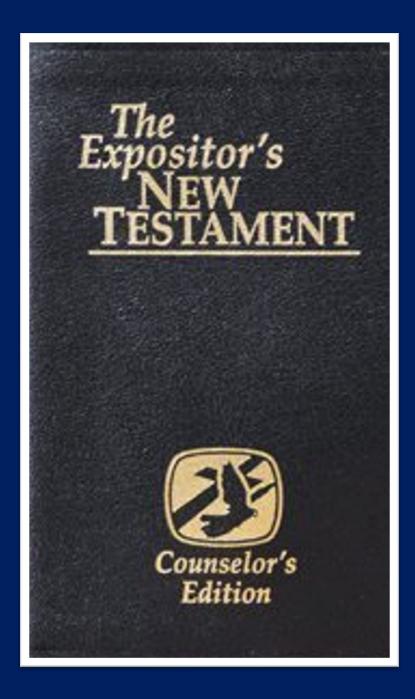
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"Apostasia in 2 Thessalonians 2:3: Apostasy of Rapture?," in When the Trumpet Sounds: Today's Foremost Authorities Speak out on End-Time Controversies, ed. Thomas Ice and Timothy Demy (Eugene, OR: Harvest House, 1995), 273.

"The noun form allows for apostasia as a simple departure in the classical period, proved by examples from Liddell and Scott... If one says that this is not important because the meaning is only classical or ancient and thus lost its meaning by the time of the New Testament, then I may turn to the same root meaning of apostasia in the patristic era immediately following the New Testament period, as indicated in the definitions for the noun form in Lampe's Patristic Greek Lexicon. Although the noun used in the sense of spatial departure is not the normal meaning...during New Testament times, the word is found with this meaning in time periods before and after the New Testament era, and it is likely to have been understood this way at least sometimes."

Entries for *Apostasia* in Liddell & Scott

- Rebellion against God
- Apostasy
- Departure
- Disappearance
- Distance



Entries for Apostasia in Lampe's A Patristic Greek Lexicon

- Revolt
- Defection
- Apostasy from paganism, Judaism, Christianity, orthodoxy
- Divorce
- Departure
- Standing aloof



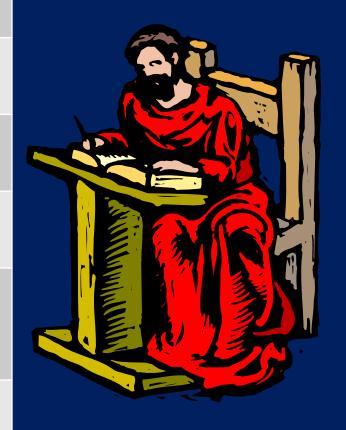
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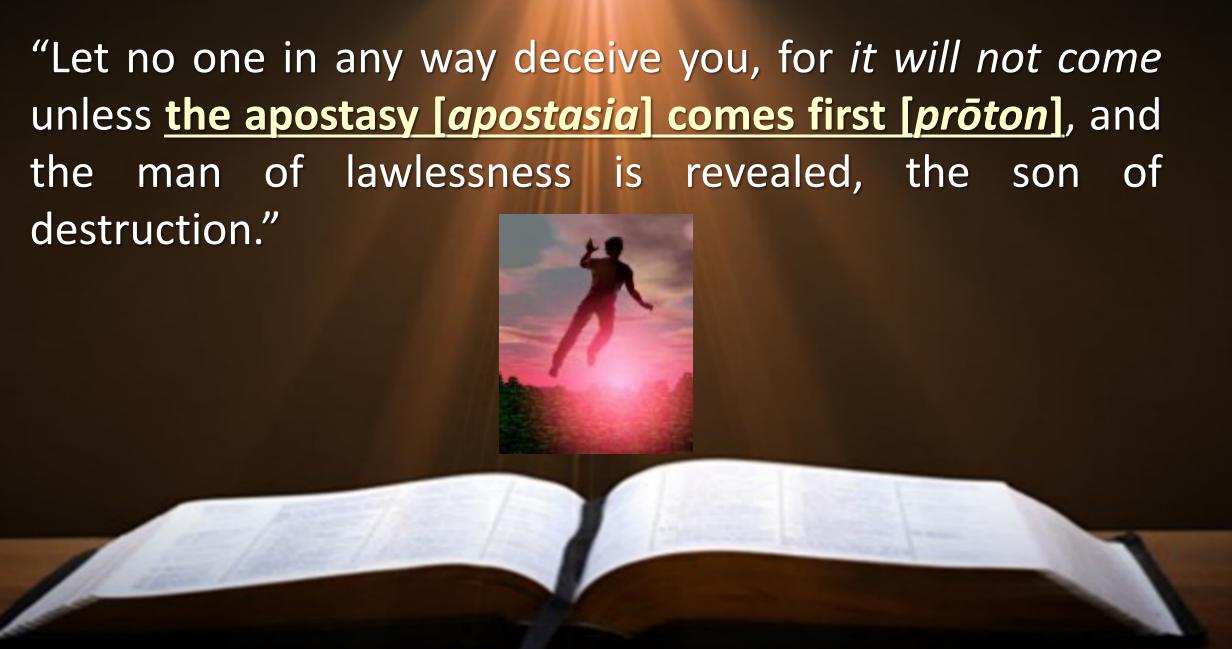


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"Since the word apostasia means 'departure,' some have understood the term 'the apostasy' to be the physical departure of the church itself—that is, the Rapture, since the Rapture will be a physical departure of believers from the earth. If this view were correct, it would definitely place the Rapture before the Tribulation, which would be a slam dunk for the pre-Tribulation Rapture position. While this is attractive to pretribulationalists, there are six main reasons to reject a physical departure as the meaning of *apostasia* in this context:"



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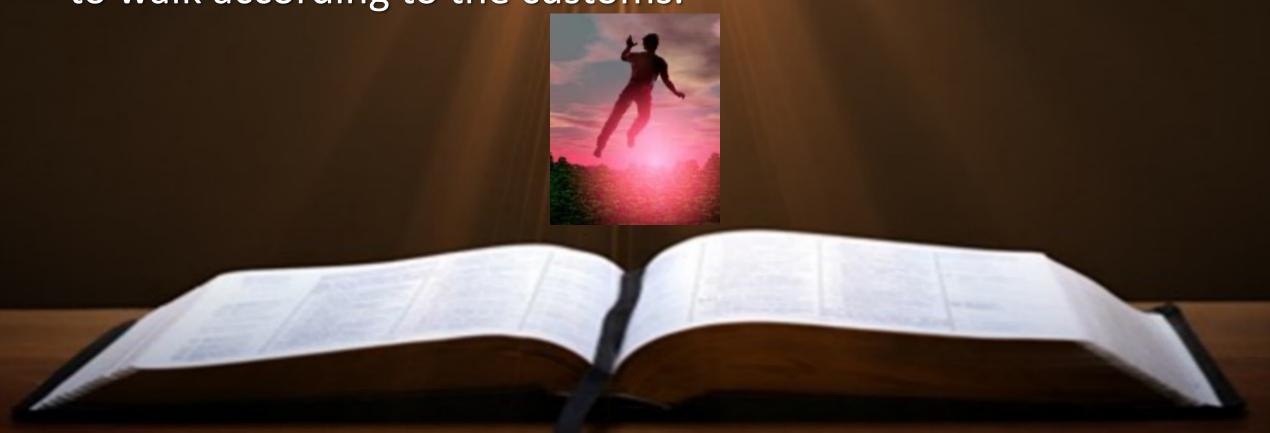


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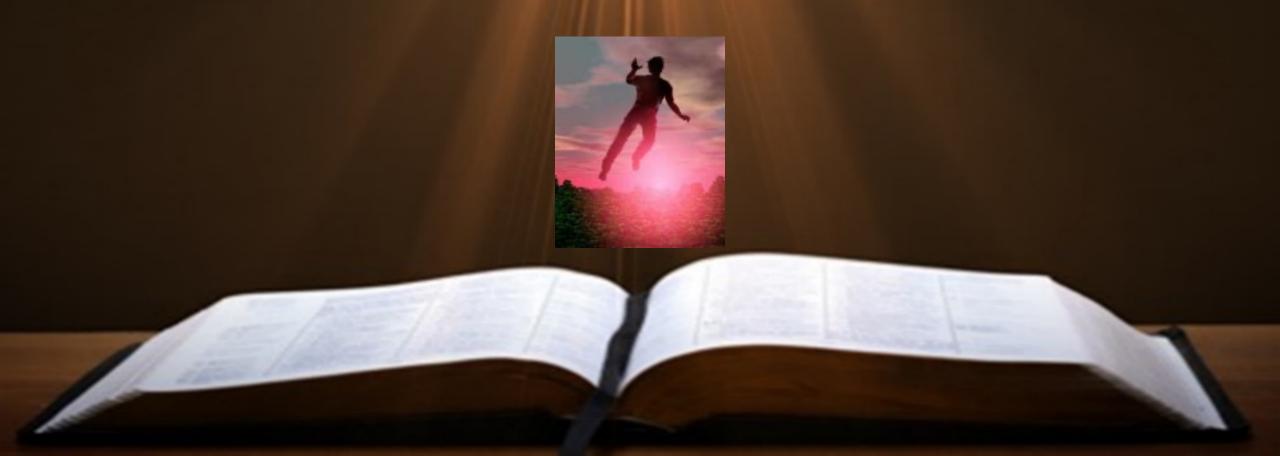
Acts 21:21

"and they have been told about you, that you are teaching all the Jews who are among the Gentiles to **forsake** [apostasia] Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children nor to walk according to the customs."



2 Thessalonians 2:3

"Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy [apostasia] comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction."



The best way to interpret a word in the Bible is to find where else it appears in the Bible. The word ἀποστασία appears only twice in the New Testament: Acts 21:21 and 2 Thessalonians 2:3. In both places it's falling away or departing from the right way and not to be taken away!

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THE APOSTASIA

2 Thessalonians 2:3a	Acts 21:21
Pauline authorship	Lukan authorship
Paul speaking	Paul not speaking (v. 20)
Mosaic Law not mentioned	Departure from the Mosaic Law
Epistolary genre	Narrative genre
Definite article	No definite article



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"(5) The Rapture is not an act of departure by the saints; the saints are passive not active participants. (6) In 2 Thessalonians 2:1, Paul refers to the Rapture as 'our gathering together to Him.' It seems strange to use this unlikely term ('the apostasy') for the same thing in the immediate context. (These six points are from D. Edmond Hiebert, 1 & 2 Thessalonians [Chicago: Moody Press, 1971], 331.) For these reasons, most expositors have understood 'the rebellion' (apostasy) not as the physical departure of the church at the Rapture but rather as doctrinal, theological, and moral departure from the truth."

D. Edmond Hiebert

The Thessalonian Epistles. Chicago: Moody Press, 1971. Page 306

"Nowhere else does the Scripture speak of the rapture as 'the departure.' A departure denotes an act on the part of the individual or company departing. But the rapture is not an act of departure on the part of the saints. In the rapture the church is passive, not active. At the rapture, the church is 'caught up' or 'snatched away,' an event wherein the Lord acts to transport believers from earth into His presence (1 Thess. 4:16-17). Everything that takes place with the believers at the rapture is initiated by the Lord and done by Him."

Matthew 4:4

"But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON <u>EVERY WORD</u> THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.'"



Matthew 5:18

"For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not <u>the smallest letter or stroke</u> shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished."



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"Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming [parousia] of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering [episynagōgē] together to Him."



2 Thessalonians 2:3

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"Paul has just referred to the rapture as 'our gathering together unto him' (v. 1); why then should he now use this unlikely term to mean the same thing?"





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"(5) The Rapture is not an act of departure by the saints; the saints are passive not active participants. (6) In 2 Thessalonians 2:1, Paul refers to the Rapture as 'our gathering together to Him.' It seems strange to use this unlikely term ('the apostasy') for the same thing in the immediate context. (These six points are from D. Edmond Hiebert, 1 & 2 Thessalonians [Chicago: Moody Press, 1971], 331.) For these reasons, most expositors have understood 'the rebellion' (apostasy) not as the physical departure of the church at the Rapture but rather as doctrinal, theological, and moral departure from the truth."

Paul's Various Rapture Terms

parousia

2 Thess. 2:1

episynagōgē

2 Thess. 2:1

apokalypsis

1 Cor. 1:7

epiphaneia

Titus 2:13

rhyomai

1 Thess. 1:10

harpazō

1 Thess. 4:17

apostasia

2 Thess. 2:3a

Answering Objections to the Physical Departure View



- 1. Greek from the *Koine* period?
- 2. Subtraction from the Last Days will be characterized by continual apostasy?
- 3. Rapture is passive and apostasy is active?
- 4. Incongruence with verse 1?
- 5. Paul is re-assuring the Thessalonians that they had not already missed the rapture; therefore, it would be incomprehensible to read, "the rapture cannot have happened unless the rapture happens first"

2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 (NKJV)

"2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition"



2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB)

"2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy [apostasia] comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction."



2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

- Problem (2:1-2)
- Prerequisites for the Day of the Lord (2:3-12)
 - The apostasy (2:3a)
 - Advent of the lawless one (2:3b-4)
 - Removal of the restrainer (2:5-7)
 - Destruction of the lawless one (2:8-9)
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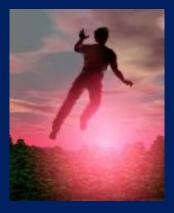
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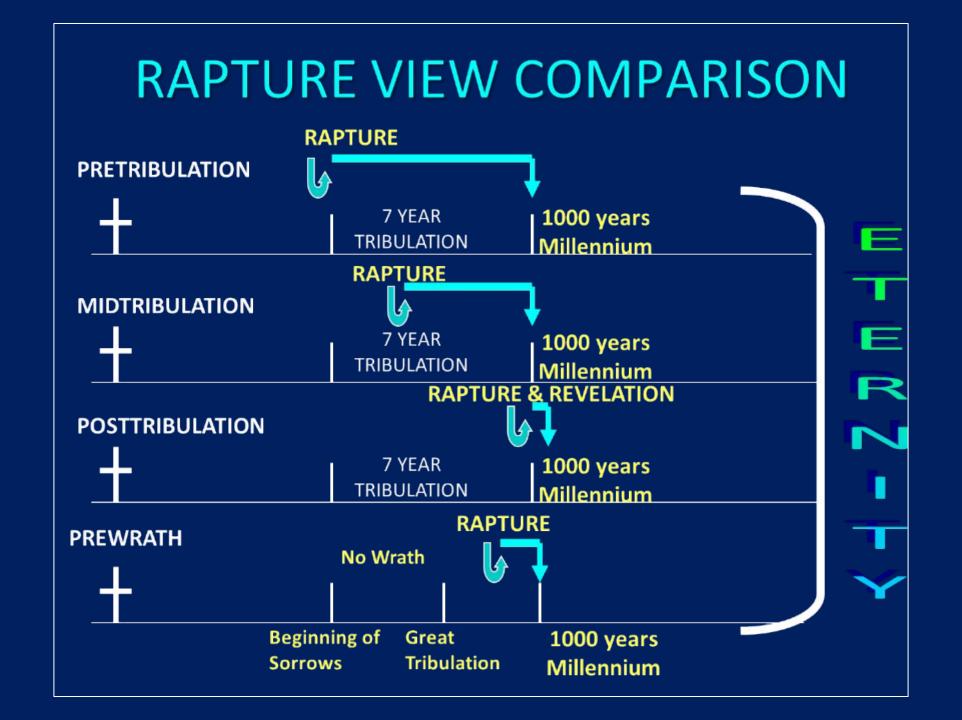
- 1. There have always been doctrinal departures
- 2. 2 Thess. was an early letter
- 3. The definite article before apostasia
- 4. Noun apostasia can refer to physical departure
- 5. Verb *aphistēmi* can refer to physical departure



10 Reasons Favoring Physical Departure

- 6. Extended context favors physical departure
- 7. Immediate context favors physical departure
- 8. 2 Thess. 2:2 is a review course
- 9. Early Bible translations favor physical departure
- 10. Physical departure is held by credible scholars





Titus 2:13

"Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus."



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