

2 Thes. 1:1 – 2:12

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1:6-7

“⁶ Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to *recompense*...”

(to give back in return)

“⁶ ...tribulation to them that trouble you”

“Recompense”



“⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us...”

2:1

The Rapture

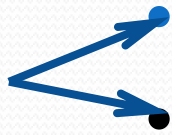
*“¹...our gathering together
unto him,”*

2:3-8

³”...that day shall not come, except...”

- ³ a falling away first
- ³ that man of sin be revealed
 - Antichrist
- ⁶ what (neuter) withholdeth
 - the Church
- ⁷ he who now letteth (hindereth)
- ⁷ until he be taken out of the way.

Holy
Spirit



2:3

“³... a falling away first...”

The [definite article] departure first

“Here the article points out a particular departure, either defined in the context or by some pervious reference to the same thing, or as a departure known both to the reader and the writer of this letter.” (Wuest)

Two Interpretations:

- The departure of the church (Rapture)
 - ...*gathering together unto him...* 2 Thes. 2:1
 - ...*caught up together...* 1 Thes. 4:17
- The departure from the truth
 - The Apostle taught “*that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith...*”
1Tim 4:1

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