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**A Journey Through the
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4 Jesus answered, "See to it that no one deceives you.

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9 Then they will deliver you over to be persecuted and killed, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

10 At that time many will fall away and will betray and hate one another, 11 and many false prophets will arise and mislead many.

12 Because of the multiplication of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.

13 But the one who perseveres to the end will be saved.

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21 For at that time there will be great tribulation, unmatched from the beginning of the world until now, and never to be seen again.

22 If those days had not been cut short, nobody would be saved.

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3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness—the son of destruction—is revealed.

4 He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship.

So he will seat himself in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

5 Do you not remember that I told you these things while I was still with you?

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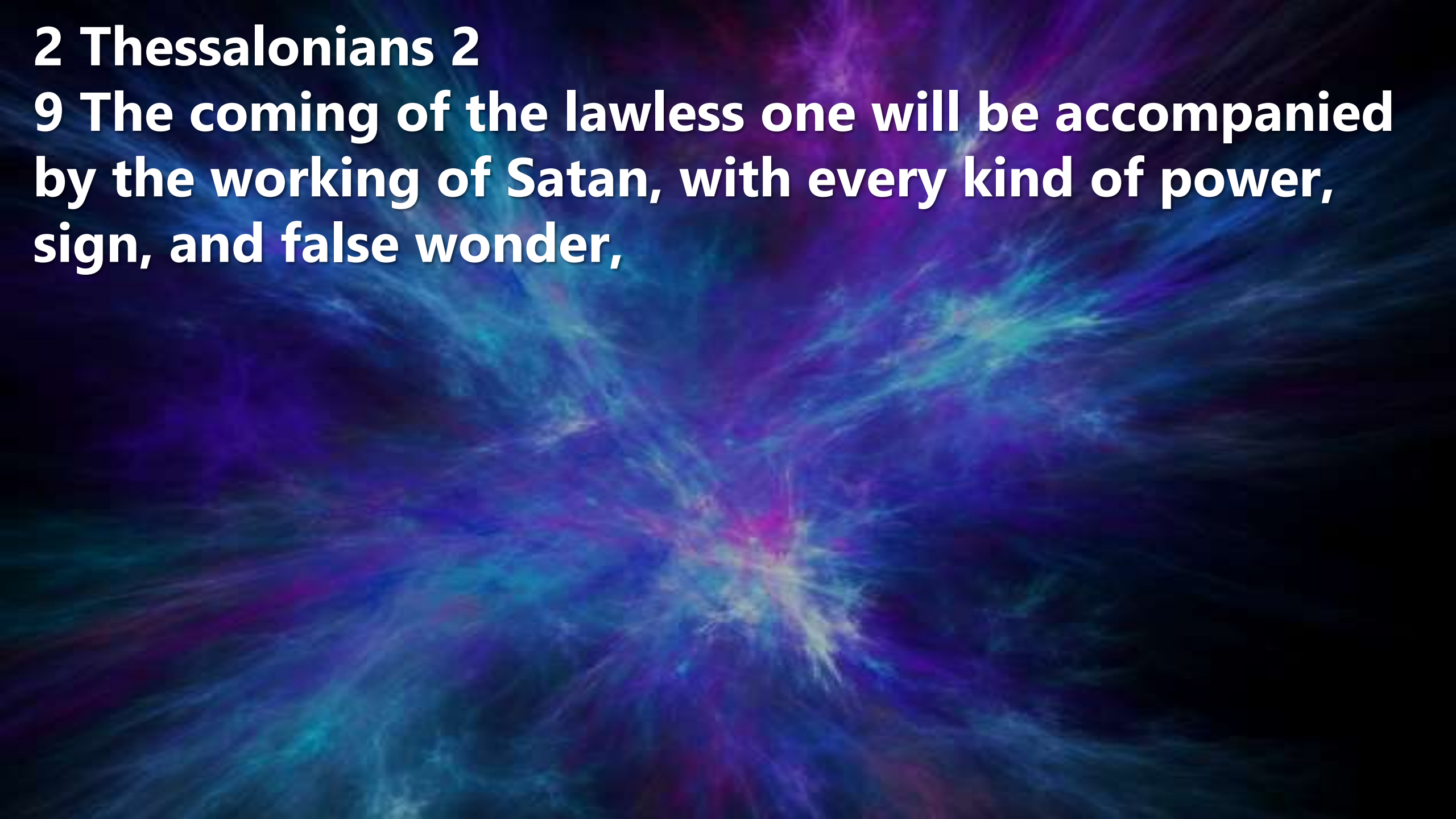
6 And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed at the proper time.

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one who now restrains it will continue until he is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay with the breath of His mouth and annihilate by the majesty of His arrival.

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1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to **those who are perishing**, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

2 Corinthians 2: 15 For we are to God the sweet aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and **those who are perishing**.

16 To the one, we are an odor of death and demise; to the other, a fragrance that brings life.

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12 in order that judgment may come upon all who have disbelieved the truth and delighted in wickedness.

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13 But we should always thank God for **you**,
brothers **who are loved by the Lord**,
because God has chosen you from the
beginning to be saved by the sanctification
of the Spirit and by faith in the truth.

14 To this He called you through our gospel,
so that you may share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.

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1 If a prophet or dreamer of dreams arises among you and proclaims a sign or wonder to you,

2 and if the sign or wonder he has spoken to you comes about,

but he says, "Let us follow other gods (which you have not known) and let us worship them,"

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6 They are the kind who worm their way into households and captivate vulnerable women who are weighed down with sins and led astray by various passions,

7 who are always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth.

8 Just as **Jannes** and **Jambres** opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth.

They are depraved in mind and disqualified from the faith.

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20 Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of His miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.

21 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

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23 And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to heaven?

No, you will be brought down to Hades!

For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.

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Luke 16

27 'Then I beg you, father,' he said, 'send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers.

Let him warn them, so that they will not also end up in this place of torment.'

29 But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let your brothers listen to them.'

30 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone is sent to them from the dead, they will repent.'

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