

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

### Analysis

**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**—then (after restraint removal) **that Wicked** (ho anomos, ὁ ἄνομος, 'the lawless one') is unveiled. But his reign is brief—the **Lord shall consume** (analōsei, ἀναλώσει, totally consume) him **with the spirit of his mouth** (pneumati tou stomatos autou, πνεύματι τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ).

This echoes Isaiah 11:4: Messiah slays the wicked with His breath. **Destroy with the brightness of his coming** (epiphaneia tēs parousias, ἐπιφανείᾳ τῆς παρουσίας, 'appearance of His arrival')—Christ's mere manifestation annihilates the Antichrist. No battle occurs; Jesus speaks and Satan's masterpiece collapses. The 'man of sin' meets the God-man and perishes instantly.

### Historical Context

Revelation 19:11-21 provides parallel imagery: Christ returns as conquering King, speaking the word that slays His enemies. The beast and false prophet are cast into the lake of fire. Ancient Jewish expectation held that Messiah would destroy evil supernaturally, not through conventional warfare.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's effortless destruction of Antichrist comfort believers facing evil's apparent triumph?
2. What does 'the spirit of his mouth' teach about the power of God's Word?
3. How should the certainty of Christ's visible, victorious return shape your current priorities?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ τότε ἀποκαλυφθήσεται ὁ ἄνομος ὅν ὁ κύριος

**And then be revealed that Wicked whom the Lord**

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ἀναλώσει τῷ πνεύματι τοῦ στόματος αὐτοῦ καὶ

**shall consume with the spirit mouth And**

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καταργήσει τῇ ἐπιφανείᾳ τῆς παρουσίας αὐτοῦ

**shall destroy with the brightness coming**

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## Additional Cross-References

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**2 Thessalonians 2:3** (Parallel theme): 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;

**Isaiah 11:4** (Evil): But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

**Revelation 20:10** (Evil): And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

**Revelation 19:15** (Parallel theme): And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

**Titus 2:13** (Parallel theme): Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**Revelation 2:16** (Parallel theme): Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

**1 John 5:18** (Evil): We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

**Hebrews 10:27** (Parallel theme): But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.

**2 Timothy 4:8** (References Lord): Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

**2 Timothy 1:10** (Parallel theme): But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: