

Rapture Revelation

Session 12: Dissecting Paul's Second Letter to Thessalonica

- Review of 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4 NKJV

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,

Paul gives thanks for them that through the persecutions and tribulations they were experiencing they were persevering. They may not have felt like they were enduring...but they were.

In verse 5 Paul says to them that because they are continuing in the faith, they are counted worthy of the kingdom of God. As we endure and even suffer for Jesus, the kingdom of God is our reward. And the kingdom being manifested in us makes all the war worth it!

2 Thessalonians 1:5-6 NKJV

which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer; 6 since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you,

From here, Paul begins expounds into some general statements about the _____ of God.

He states a broad statement that it is a _____ act when _____

_____ with tribulation those who have persecuted the church. It is a principle of the fact that whatever a man sows, he reaps. (Gal. 6:7)

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 NKJV

and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Troubled – G2346 *thlibo* – to press, press hard upon; narrow, contracted; metaphorically to trouble, afflict, distress.

Rest – G425 *anesis* – loosening, relaxing, _____ from _____;
_____ of _____

Flaming Fire – G53956 *phlox* – All references in Revelation regarding Jesus' eyes of fire are the same word.

Taking – G1325 *didomi* - to give out; _____.

Jesus isn't taking vengeance; He is causing the harvest of righteous to be poured out.

Vengeance – G1557 – *ekdikisis* – revenging, punishment, _____, retribution. Root word means to avenge.

On Who?

“Those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the Gospel.”

Know – G1492 *eido* – to see, perceive with the _____; perceive with the _____; to get knowledge of

Obey – G5219 *hypakino* – to listen or hearken; of one who on the knock at a door comes to listen who it is.

2 Thessalonians 1:9-10 NKJV

9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, 10 when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Punished – G1349 *dike* – right, just; a judicial hearing & decision; _____ of a _____ . Root word means to show or expose to the eyes as to give _____ or _____ of a thing.

It is accompanied with the Greek verb ***tino*** which means to pay or to recompense; to _____ a price as a _____. This is used in an alternate tense for the purpose of strengthening a primary verb.

Everlasting – G166 *aionios* – without beginning and end; never to cease; _____.

Destruction – G3639 *olethros* – ruin, destroy, death; said of the external ills and troubles by which the lusts of the flesh are subdued and destroyed.

From – G575 *apo* – of _____; any kind of separation of one thing from another by which the _____ or _____ of the _____ is _____.

Presence – G4383 *prosopon* – _____, countenance; by implication the person.
Root Word Etymology:

Pros G4314 – to the advantage of; at, near, by

Optanomai G3700 – to look at, _____, to allow oneself to be seen, to gaze with wide-opened eyes.

Glory – G1394 *doxa* – glory as _____

Majesty – as belonging to _____, of the absolute perfection of the deity

Majesty – as belonging to _____, the absolute perfect inward and personal excellency of Christ.

“When He comes, in that Day.”

What day? The day He returns to the earth to make war against Satan and begin the millennial reign.

Although the Second Coming of Jesus will bring with it retribution, vengeance, and the execution of righteous sentence on the enemy, it will also bring with it a glorious manifestation of Jesus and His Perfection. Paul is making an astounding claim here. He says the glory of the Lord will be fixed upon, and IN, the saints. We will completely mirror the glory of Jesus.

- **Review of 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2**

2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you 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.

What is the Subject Paul is Teaching About?

1. _____

2. _____

Coming – G3952 *parousia* – _____; the coming, arrival, advent

Paul used this same word in the following scriptures:

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what is our or happiness or our victor’s wreath of exultant triumph when we stand in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming? Is it not you?

1 Thessalonians 4:15

For this we declare to you by the Lord’s own word, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall in no way precede or have any advantage at all over those who have previously fallen asleep in death.

It is also used in other scriptures referring to the return of Christ after the tribulation as in:

Matthew 24:3

While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, “tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?”

Since the word is used in both applications, it could indicate that the Rapture and the Second Coming are a single event, (Post-tribulationism), or it could equally well indicate that His presence will be seen at the Rapture and also later at the Second Coming (Pre-tribulationism).

Gathering – G1997 *episynagoge* – gathering together in one place; a complete collection

It is also used in:

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking or neglecting to assemble together...

In this passage it refers to the great gathering of the living and dead believers in the air to meet the Lord and be with Him forever. The subject of the passage is clearly stated; it concerns the coming of Christ and in particular that aspect of it that involves our gathering together to meet Him.

The Purpose of Paul's Teaching

"Word had circulated through the Church that the Day of the Lord had already begun, which meant that the judgments of the beginning of that Day were already being experienced by the Thessalonians in the persecutions they were then enduring.

These false reports had shaken some—the meaning of the word "shake" pictures a restless tossing as a ship, the verb tense indicates a kind of sudden shock—and they had created continual disturbance. The verb tense shows a continuing state of agitation resulting from that shock.

The rumors that caused this disturbance had come in three ways. Some were saying that Paul had had a supernatural revelation that the Day of the Lord had already begun. This is the meaning of "by a spirit." The phrase refers to an alleged prophetic utterance some had pawned off on the congregation.

Others misrepresented or invented a message or report that Paul was teaching them that the Day of the Lord was already present. Still others evidently forged a letter as coming from Paul, in which it was declared that the Day of the Lord was present." - Charles Ryrie 1 & 2 Thessalonians Commentary

Two Events and Two Signs

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Shaken – G4531 *saleuo* – a motion produced by winds, storms, waves, etc. To _____ or shake; to cause to totter; to shake thoroughly; to shake down or overthrow; to _____

from one's (_____) _____; to move, agitate the mind; to disturb one. To waver, rock, topple or destroy; figuratively to disturb, incite, stir up.

Mind – G3563 *nous* – the mind, comprising alike the faculties of perceiving and understanding and those of feeling, judging, determining; Reason in the narrower sense, as the _____ for _____, the higher powers of the soul, the faculty of _____, of recognizing goodness and of hating evil.

Troubled – G2360 *throeo* – to cry aloud, make a noise by outcry; to trouble or _____; to be troubled in the mind, to be frightened and alarmed. To _____ and to clamor.

Paul reminds them of two world-shaking events that have to happen before the Day of the Lord can begin. He selects two events that are going to be so large that they cannot go unnoticed.

1. _____

– G646 *apostasia* – a falling away, defection, _____.

Strong's defines this word as "a _____."

The definite article stands before the word "apostasy"; therefore, Paul is not talking about just any departure from the faith but about a special, particular, and widespread one. It is **THE apostasy** that will come before the Day of the Lord.

2. _____

– “the son who brings destruction.”

He is designated two ways as the “*man of sin/man of lawlessness*,” which reveals his essential

_____ as _____ and

_____ to _____ and His law. And the “*son of perdition/son of destruction*” which assures his doom to

_____.

It is not his existence that is significant; it is his being _____ for what he is, the Lawless One, which is the signal for the commencement of the events of that Day.

Elsewhere in the Bible the antichrist is revealed as:

• _____ -

Daniel 7:8 I was considering •the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them...

• _____ -

Daniel 9:26 And the people of the prince who is to come...

• _____ -

Daniel 11:36 Then the king shall do according to his own will:

• _____ -

1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour...

2 Thessalonians 2:4 NKJV

...who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The enemy will _____ above every god, and our God. He wants to take first place over Yahweh and anything else that man would worship. He wants all the worship for himself.

He is going to enact a _____ that will worship him, and

he will use the _____ in _____ to

_____ it. This is what then sets up the abomination of desolation that happens at the 3 and half year mark of Daniel’s prophecy.