

Monday - Session # 1



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Theme: The Day of Christ (Christ' coming for the Church)

Outline:

- 1:1-10 Salutation and Commendation of a Model Church
- 2:1-20 The Model Ministers and their Reward
- 3:1-13 Paul's rejoicing over Timothy's report
- 4:1-12 Exhortation to Holy Living
- 4:13-18 The Coming of Christ for the Church
- 5:1-11 The Day of the Lord
- 5:12-24 Instructions on Christian Living
- 5:25-28 Concluding Statements and Benediction



- (Acts 2) (1 Thess. 4:13-17) (1 Thess. 5:2)
- CHURCH AGE RAPTURE DAY OF THE LORD/WRATH

1 Thess. 1:4

Three things that must be kept in Biblical tension...

- 1. God has chosen some for salvation (cf, Eph. 1:4)
- 2. Whoever desires may come (cf. Rev. 21:17)
- 3. Everyone is responsible for what they do with Christ (cf. Jn. 3:18, 36)



1 Thess. 1:10

Three defining marks of true conversion.

- Turned to God from idols v. 9
- Turned to serve God as a slave v. 9
- Waiting for Jesus to come v. 10



1 Thess. 2:6

Eight Negatives

- v. 1 “our coming to you was not in vain.”
- v. 3 “our exhortation did not come from error”
- v. 3 “our exhortation did not come from...uncleanness”
- v. 3 “nor was it in deceit.”
- v. 4 “not as pleasing men”
- v. 5 “neither at any time did we use flattering words”
- v. 5 “nor a cloak for covetousness”
- v. 6 “Nor did we see glory from men”

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1 Thess. 2:11

Seven Positives

- v. 7 “we were gentle...as a nursing mother...”
- v. 8 “affectionately longing for you”
- v. 8 “we were pleased to impart to you... the gospel of God”
- v. 8 “we were pleased to impart to you... our own lives”
- v. 9 “laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden”
- v. 10 “devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved”
- v. 11 “exhorted, and comforted, and charged...as a father”



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1 Thess. 2:14...

- **Matthew 13:20-21 (NKJV)**

20 “But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy;

21 “yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while.

For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.



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1 Thess. 2:19

5 Crowns for Believers

1. An **imperishable crown** for living a disciplined life (1 Cor. 9:25).
2. A **crown of rejoicing** for being a soul winner (1 Thess. 2:19-20).
3. A **crown of life** for enduring temptation (James 1:12)
4. A **crown of righteousness** for those who love Christ's appearing (2 Tim. 4:8)
5. A **crown of glory** for faithful elders (1 Pet. 5:2-4).



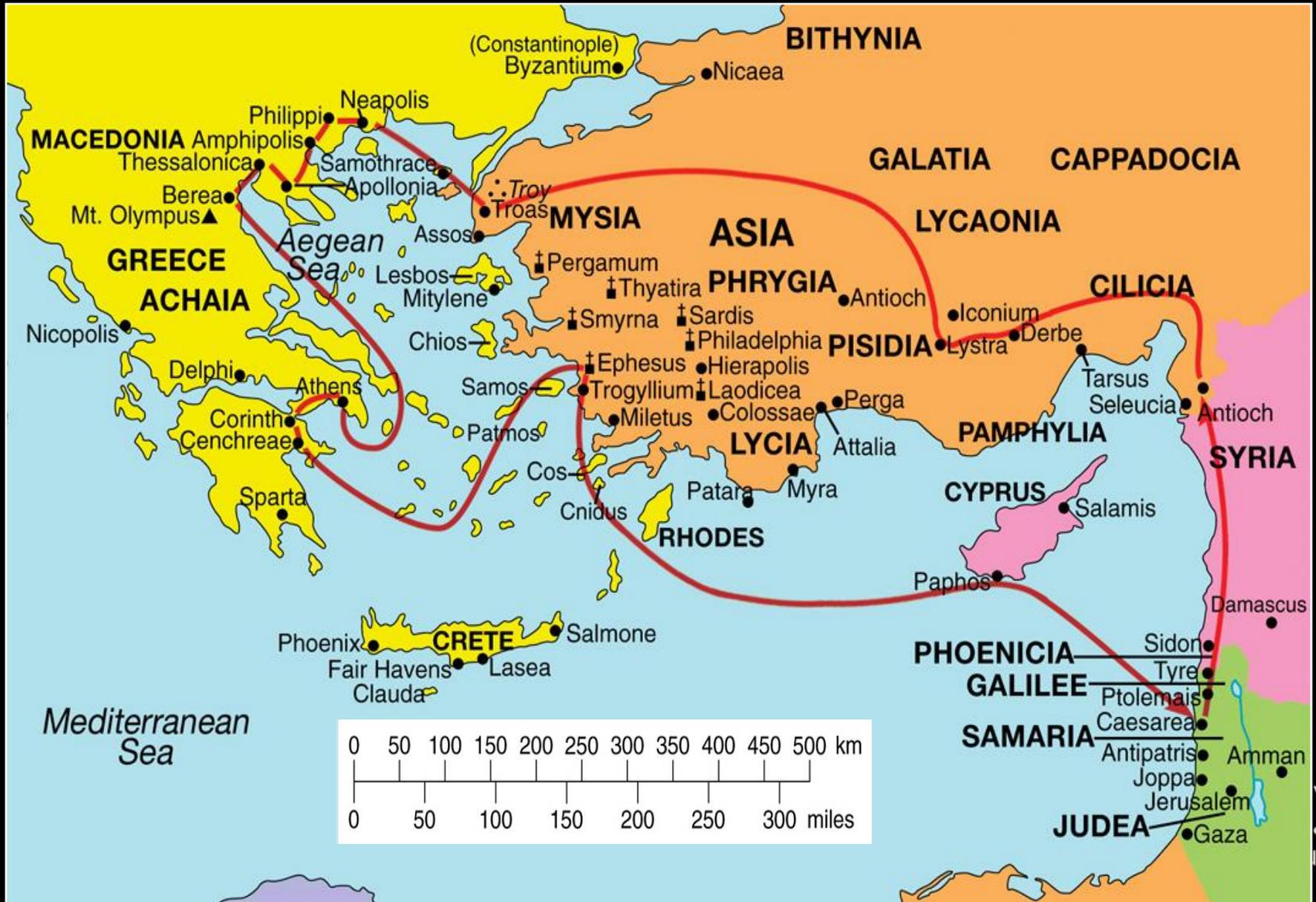
1 Thess. 2:19

Christ's Coming – 3 Principal Greek Words

- **Parousia** – arrival/presence (Be with His Royal Highness)
- **Apokalupsis** – unveiling (His power and glory disclosed)
- **Epiphaneia** – manifestation (Revealing of His Divine greatness)



- 1 Thess. 3:1



1 Thess. 3:4

Philippians 4:11-13 (NKJV)

11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be **content**:

12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

13 I can do all things through Christ who **strengthens** me.



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1 Thess. 3:7

The concern: The Thessalonians FAITH

- v. 2 “concerning your faith”
- v. 5 “to know your faith”
- v. 6 “good news of your faith”
- v. 7 “comforted concerning you by your faith.”



1 Thess. 3:8

- **Trials...**

1) Prove our faith (1 Pet. 1:7)

2) Enable us to minister to others (2 Cor. 1:4)

3) Mature us spiritually (Rom. 5:3, Ja. 1:2-4)



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1 Thess. 3:9

- **Romans 1:21 (NKJV)**

21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.



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1 Thess. 3:13

Paul's prayer for the Thessalonians...

1. Their faith – 3:10
2. Their love – 3:12
3. Their holiness – 3:13



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1 Thess. 4:3

- **A. Positional Sanctification** (Made perfect by the blood of Jesus)
- **B. Practical or Progressive Sanctification** (Growth in Christ-likeness)
- **C. Perfected Sanctification** (Glorification)



1 Thess. 4:9

- ***Phileo*** = affection/friendship
- ***Adelphos*** = brother

Philadelphia: = Brotherly Love



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1 Thess. 4:13

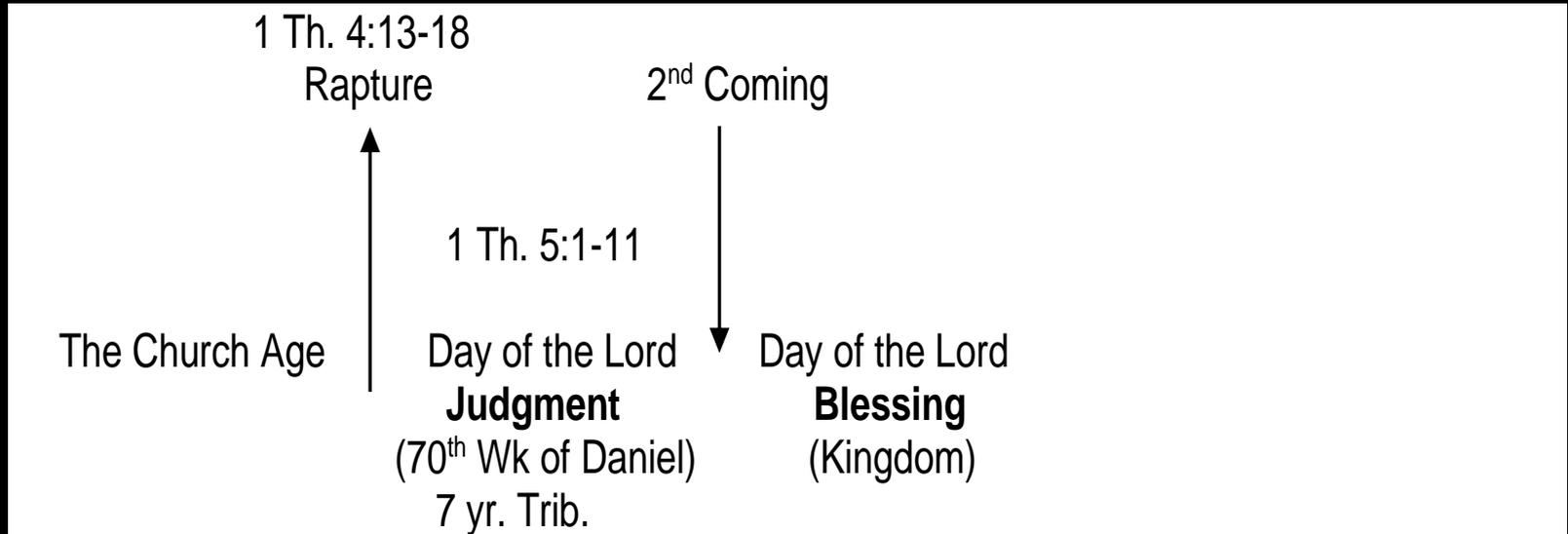
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1 Thess. 5:1



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1 Thess. 5:1

Historical Day of the Lord - Eschatological Day of the Lord

Isa. 13:6

Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11

Obad. 1-14

Zeph. 1:7-14

Isa. 13:9

Joel 3:1-14

Obad. 15-21

Zeph. 3:8-20



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1 Thess. 5:1

- ... the Day of the Lord in the future will be at least twofold in nature. Just as each day of creation and the Jewish day consisted of two phases – a time of darkness (“evening”) followed by a time of light (“day”) [Gen. 1:4-6] – so the future Day of the Lord will consist of two phases, a period of darkness (judgment) followed by a period of light (divine rule and blessing).

**--Renald Showers in his book
Maranatha: Our Lord Come! p. 33**



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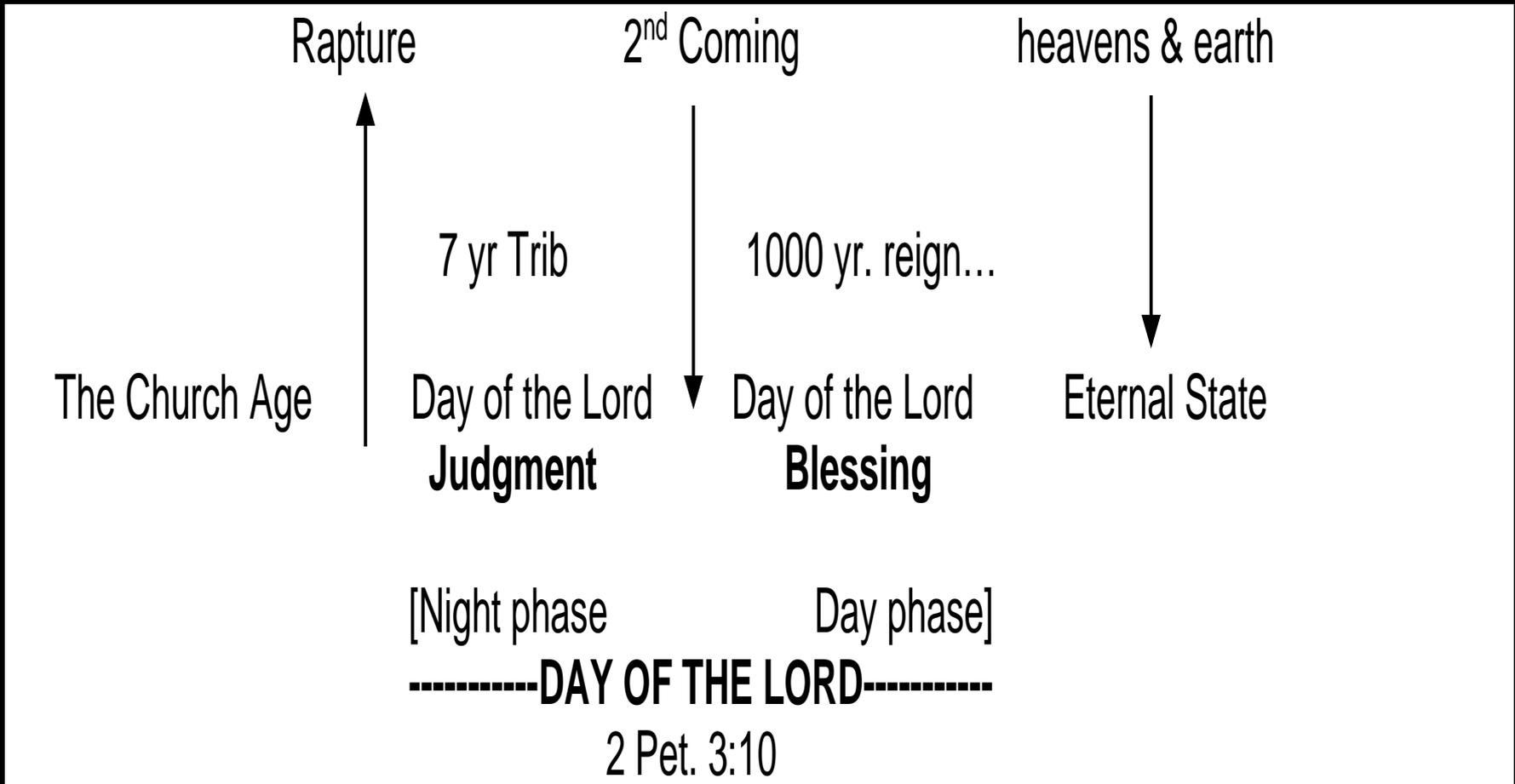
1 Thess. 5:1

- **2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV)**

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.



1 Thess. 5:1



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1 Thess. 5:3

What defines the GAP PERIOD...

- **Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)**
26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall
- destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

Literally till the end shall be war; desolations are determined. – C.I. Scofield



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1 Thess. 5:3

- **Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)**
27 Then he [antichrist] shall confirm a covenant with many [Jews] for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”



1 Thess. 5:3

- **Matthew 24:7-8 (NKJV)**

7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

8 “All these are the beginning of sorrows.



1 Thess. 5:5

• **Unbelievers**

- Day of the Lord comes upon them as a thief in the night
- They say “Peace and safety!”
- Sudden destruction comes upon them
- They shall not escape

Believers

- Know accurately about the Day of the Lord
- Not in Darkness
- Day of the Lord not overtake as a thief
- Sons of the light/day
Not of the night/darkness



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1 Thess. 5:7

Four contrasts – Two kinds of people

- Light – Darkness
 - Day – Night
- Awake – Asleep
- Sober - Drunk



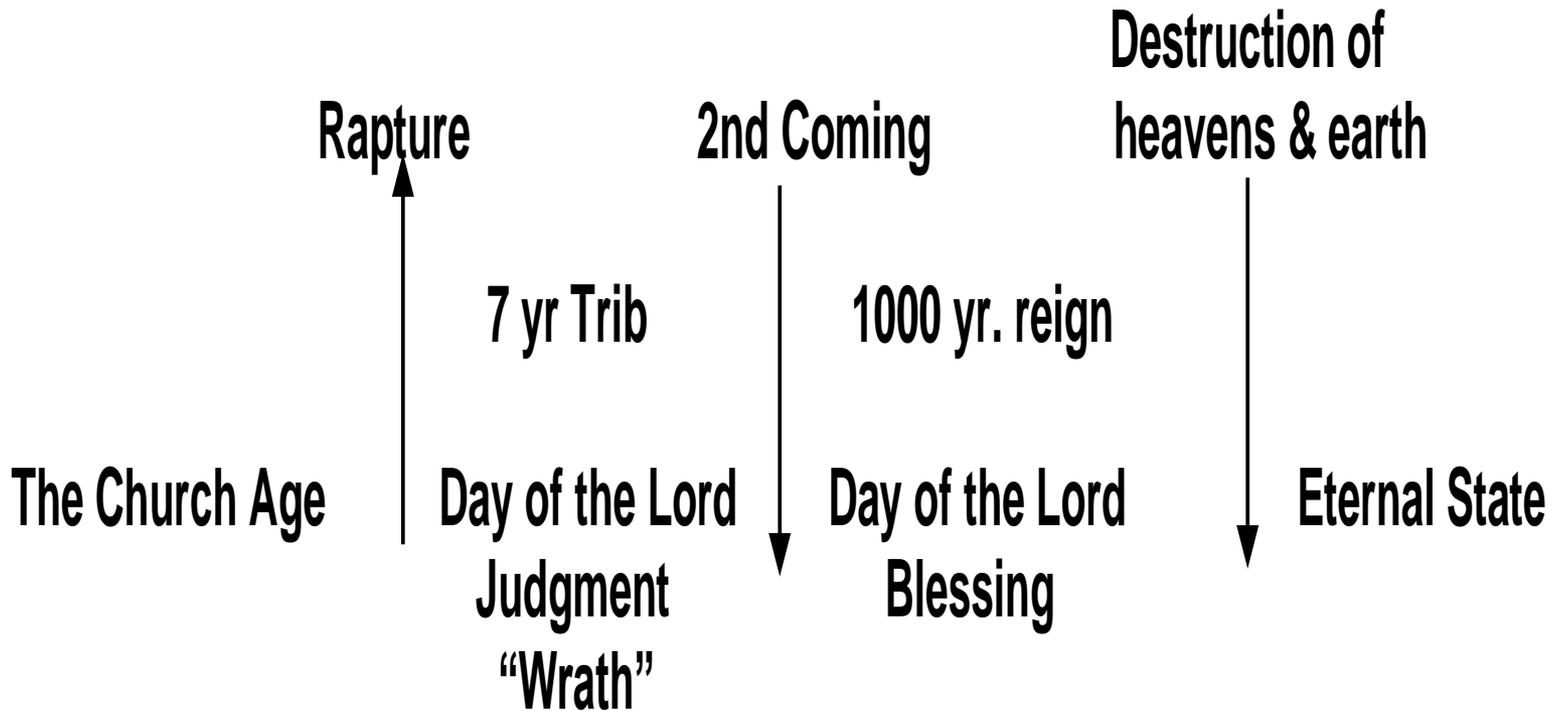
1 Thess. 5:9

Different Aspects of God's Wrath

- **Wrath revealed now**- Given over to a debased mind/vile passions (Rom 1:18, 24-28)
- **Tribulation judgment** – The great day of His wrath (Rev. 6:16-17)
- **Second Coming judgment** – The winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God (Rev. 19:15)
- **Eternal torment** – wrath of God poured out in full strength – tormented with fire and brimstone forever and ever (Rev. 14:10-11)



1 Thess. 5:9



1 Thess. 5:12

- **Elders** – those who are biblically wise and spiritually mature
- **Overseers** – those having God-ordained spiritual oversight and authority
- **Pastors** – meaning “shepherds”, feed, nurture, and protect the flock (cf. 1 Pet. 5:1-2)



1 Thess. 5:12

Acts 20:17 (NKJV)

- 17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

Acts 20:28 (NKJV)

- 28 “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.



1 Thess. 5:12

- What do spiritual leaders do?
 1. Labor among you
 2. Are over you in the Lord
 3. Admonish you



1 Thess. 5:13

- Biblical Followership properly responds to the spiritual leaders in his way.

1. Recognize (know – appreciate)
2. Esteem (highly regard, value)
3. Be at Peace among yourselves



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1 Thess. 5:15

- **Body Life Instructions...**

1. Warn the unruly
2. Comfort the fainthearted
3. Uphold the weak
4. Be patient with all
5. No rendering evil for evil
6. Pursue good for all



1 Thess. 5:18

- **God's will for you is to...**
 - 1) Abstain from sexual immorality.
 - 2) Rejoice always.
 - 3) Pray without ceasing.
 - 4) In everything give thanks.



1 Thess. 5:19

- **Ephesians 2:20 (NKJV)**

20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,

- **Ephesians 3:5 (NKJV)**

5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets:



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1 Thess. 5:22

Regarding the ministry of the Word...

- 1) Do not quench the Spirit
- 2) Do not despise God's revelation
- 3) Test all things
- 4) Hold fast what is good
- 5) Abstain from what is destructive



1 Thess. 5:23

3 Aspects of Sanctification

- Positional Sanctification (Heb. 10:10).
- Progressive Sanctification (2 Cor. 7:1).
- Perfected Sanctification (1 Jn. 3:2).



1 Thess. 5:23

- 1. **spirit** – relates to “God-consciousness”. It relates to worship and knowing God (cf. Jn. 4:24, Rom. 1:9, 1 Cor. 2:14-15).
- 2. **soul** – relates to “self-consciousness”. It relates to the self life including such things as the intellect, emotions, and will.
- 3. **body** – it is the physical vessel in which the spirit and soul live.

1 Thess. 5:28

Overview of 1st Thessalonians

Theme: The Day of Christ (Christ's Coming for the Church)

- **Chapter 1** The Thessalonians glorious conversion.
- **Chapter 2** Paul and his co-workers evangelistic ministry in Thessalonica.
- **Chapter 3** Timothy's follow up ministry report.
- **Chapter 4** Exhortation to holy living & instruction on the Rapture.
- **Chapter 5** How the Rapture relates to the Day of the Lord & and exhortations to holy living.



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2 Thess - Outline

- 1:1-2 Greeting
- 1:3-12 Encouragement in the context of Present Persecution
- 2:1-17 Clarifying issues surrounding the Day of the Lord Judgment.
- 3:1-15 Commandments regarding those who are disorderly and lazy.
- 3:16-18 Benediction



2 Thess. – Intro - Map



2 Thess. Intro

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first,

* [falling away is literally “departure”]

1. Rapture
2. Apostasy

and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,



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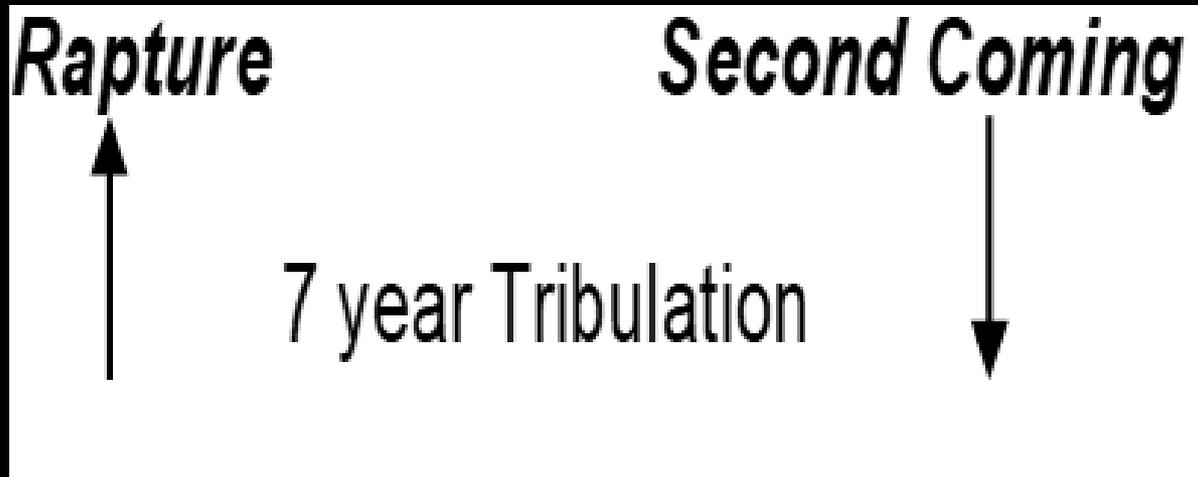
2 Thess. - Intro

1. Prophetic Time line:

Church age	1 Thess Rapture	2 Thess Day of the Lord (7 yr Tribulation)	2 nd coming	1000 yr reign	Eternal State
(Rev. 2-3)	1 Thess. 4	Dan. 9:24-27 1 Thess. 5 2 Thess. 2 Rev. 6-18	Rev. 19	Rev. 20	Rev. 21-22



2 Thess. 1:7



2 Thess. 1:7

- *Parousia vs. Apokalupsis*
- **Parousia** – arrival/presence (Be with His Royal Highness)
- **Apokalupsis** – unveiling (His power and glory disclosed)



2 Thess. 1:8

- **Romans 10:13 (NKJV)**
13 For “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
- **John 3:36 (NASB)**
36 “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
- **Hebrews 5:9 (NKJV)**
9 And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,



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2 Thess. 1:9

- **Matthew 25:46 (NASB)**
46 “And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”



2 Thess. 1:10

Persecutors

- v. 6 Repaid with tribulation
- v. 8 Fiery Vengeance
- v. 9 Everlasting Destruction

Believers

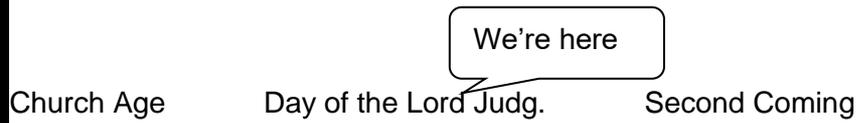
- v. 7 Rest (Vindication)
- v. 10 Christ Glorified in
- v. 10 Christ Admired in



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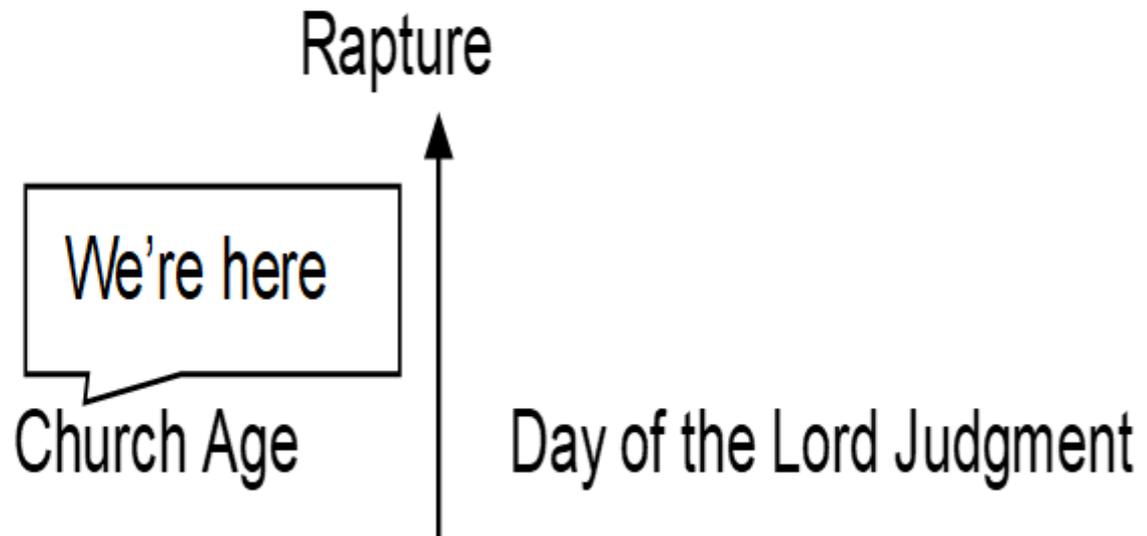
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2 Thess. 2:2

Paul's Correction



2 Thess. 2:3

- Two Things that precede the Day of the Lord Judgment...

1. The falling away.

2. The man of sin is revealed.



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2 Thess. 2:3

***Apostasia* as departure or departing**

- 1384 Wycliffe Bible = Departyng first
- 1526 Tyndale Bible = Departyng first
- 1535 Coverdale Bible = Departyng first
- 1539 Cranmer Bible = Departyng first
- 1576 Breeches Bible = Departing first
- 1583 Beza Bible = Departing first
- 1608 Geneva Bible = Departing first

- 1611 King James Bible = a falling away first

2 Thess. 2:3

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV) - the falling away [departure] comes first,
 - 2 Thessalonians 2:7 (NKJV) - He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.
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2 Thess. 2:3

Acts 2 – Pentecost

Spirit sent



Church Starts.....

1 Thess. 4

Spirit departs



Church Completed



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2 Thess. 2:3

One Event – Different Aspects

v. 1 “our gathering” – Removal of the Church

ONE EVENT

v. 3 “the departure” – Removal of the Spirit



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2 Thess. 2:3

Paul's flow of thought

v. 1 "our gathering" – Removal of the Church



v. 3 "the departure" – Removal of the Spirit



v. 3 Resulting manifestation of antichrist



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2 Thess. 2:3

FIRST



1. Departure of Spirit

2. Man of sin revealed

THEN



THE DAY OF THE LORD



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2 Thess 2:7

- Just as the Spirit came on Pentecost, so He will leave when Christ takes the church out of the world. The very removal of both the church and the Spirit from the world will release the world to sin as it never has before. – **John Walvoord**



2 Thess. 2:7

- As a member of the Godhead the Spirit is omnipresent, has always been in the world, and He certainly will continue to be present during the Great Tribulation. But at Pentecost He assumed a special relationship to the church as its Indweller (cf. Jn. 14:16-17). After the completion of His work in the church, He will resume the relation to mankind He had before Pentecost. – ***D. Edmond Hiebert.***



2 Thess. 2:8

Restraining and Revealing

- v. 3 (departure) first – “and the man of sin is revealed”
- v. 6 “is restraining, that he may be revealed in his time.”
- v. 7-8 restrainer removed – “then the lawless one will be revealed”



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2 Thess. 2:12

The issue: DECEPTION and TRUTH.

- v. 9 **lying** wonders
- v. 10 all unrighteous **deception**
- v. 11 strong **delusion**
- v. 11 **THE lie**

- v. 10 did not receive the love of **the truth**
- v. 12 did not believe **the truth**



2 Thess. 2:13

- **1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)**
9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation [*soteria*] through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- **2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)**
13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation [*soteria*] through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth,

2 Thess. 2:13

John 1:12-13 (NKJV)

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

- 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.



2 Thess. 2:14

God's Plan of Salvation

- Eternity Past – **Chosen** for salvation through...
- **Sanctification** of the Spirit
- **Belief** of the truth (Package)
- **Called** by the gospel
- For the obtaining of **glory** – Eternity Future



2 Thess. 3:1

Zechariah 5:10-11 (NKJV)

- 10 So I said to the angel who talked with me, “Where are they carrying the basket?”
- 11 And he said to me, “To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; [Babylon/Iraq] when it is ready, the basket will be set there on its base.”



2 Thess. 3:2

Paul's Prayer Requests...

- 1) That the word of the Lord may run swiftly.
- 2) That the word of the Lord may be glorified.
- 3) That we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men.



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2 Thess. 3:16

OUR POSITION IN CHRIST

- **Romans 5:1 (NKJV)**

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

OUR EXPERIENCE IN CHRIST

- **Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)**

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



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2 Thess. 3:16

A full-orbed view of God's Peace.

(The position of God's peace)

1. Rom. 5:1 – Peace with God (salvation)

(The experience of God's peace)

1. Phil. 4:6-7 – Peace in conjunction with prayer

2. Phil. 4:8 – Peace in conjunction with our
thought life

3. Phil. 4:9 – Peace in conjunction with a godly
walk



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