

**INTRODUCTION:**

- 1) TODAY WE WILL BE LOOKING AT 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS, LETTERS ABOUT THE FUTURE

**THINGS WE WILL LOOK AT IN THIS LESSON:**

- 1) 1 THESSALONIANS
- 2) 2 THESSALONIANS

**PART 1 – 1 THESSALONIANS:**

**Q 1) WHAT WAS THESSALONICA THE CAPITAL PROVINCE OF?**

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**Q 2) WHO ACCOMPANIED PAUL ON HIS SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY?**

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**FIGURE 1)**



**Q 3) WHAT ARE THE EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIANS KNOWN FOR?**

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**Q 4) WHAT IS THE THEME OF 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS?**

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**OUTLINE OF 1 THESSALONIANS...**

- I. Paul Gives Thanks to Encourage the Thessalonians, 1
- II. Paul Defends His Actions and Absence, 2–3
  - A. Defense of Paul's actions (2:1–16)
  - B. Defense of Paul's absence (2:17–3:10)
  - C. Paul's prayer (3:11–13)
- III. Paul Instructs Believers, 4–5
  - A. About sexual purity (4:1–8)
  - B. About brotherly love (4:9–10)
  - C. About honest work (4:11–12)
  - D. About the coming of Christ (4:13–5:11)
  - E. About respect for spiritual leaders (5:12–13)
  - F. About Christian living (5:14–18)
  - G. About spiritual discernment (5:19–22)
- IV. Conclusion, 5:23–28

**PART 2 – 2 THESSALONIANS:**

**Q 5) WHERE WAS PAUL WHEN HE WROTE 2 THESSALONIANS?**

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**Q 6) WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS FOCUSING TOO MUCH ON THE RETURN OF CHRIST?**

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**Q 7) WHY DID PAUL WRITE 2 THESSALONIANS?**

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**OUTLINE OF 2 THESSALONIANS...**

- I. Paul Encourages Believers during Persecution, 1
  - A. Greeting (1:1–2)
  - B. Thanks for their progress during persecution (1:3–4)
  - C. Assurance of final rewards and judgment (1:5–10)
  - D. Prayer for believers (1:11–12)
- II. Paul Teaches Believers about the End-time, 2
  - A. The Day of the Lord yet to come (2:1–2)
  - B. The man of lawlessness to first be revealed (2:3–12)
  - C. Believers encouraged to stand firm in the truth (2:13–15)
  - D. Paul's prayer for believers (2:16–17)
- III. Paul Exhorts Believers about Daily Living, 3
  - A. Urging them to pray for him and stand firm (3:1–5)
  - B. Urging each one to work hard (3:6–13)
  - C. Urging them to discipline the disobedient (3:14–15)
  - D. Praying for them and saying farewell (3:16–18)

**HOMEWORK FOR THE WEEK:**

Study the chart, look up the Scripture references for each of the ten differences...

<b>Ten differences in verses on the two phases of the Second Coming</b>		
	<b>Phase I (The Private Rapture)</b>	<b>Phase II (The Public Revelation)</b>
1.	Jesus comes for His saints (1 Thess. 4:16–17).	Jesus comes with His saints (Rev. 19:8, 14; Zech. 14:1–5).
2.	“Two people will be in one bed; one will be taken and the other left” (Luke 17:34).	“Every eye will see him” (Rev. 1:7).
3.	Jesus promised to deliver the church at Philadelphia from the hour of trial (Rev. 3:10).	Jesus resurrects those who died in the Tribulation (Rev. 13:15; 20:4).
4.	Believers are caught up to meet Jesus in the air before He comes to earth (1 Thess. 4:16–17).	Jesus returns to earth to rule (Rev. 19:1–21). Satan is thrown into the Abyss for 1,000 years (Rev. 20:1–3). Then those who died for Christ in the Tribulation are raised (Rev. 20:4).
5.	The Rapture is imminent. We are only told to watch for the Lord, not for a sign (John 14:1–4; 1 Cor. 15:51–58; 1 Thess. 4:13–18).	Many signs show His coming. “Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door” (Matt. 24:33).
6.	Trials are not mentioned in passages on the Rapture (John 14:1–4; 1 Cor. 15:51–58; 1 Thess. 4:13–18).	The Second Coming is in the midst of great tribulation (Zech. 14:1–2; Matt. 24:21; Rev. 6–18).
7.	Passages on the Rapture clearly teach that the saints will rise to meet Him (John 14:1–4; 1 Cor. 15:51–58; 1 Thess. 4:13–18).	Passages on the Second Coming do not refer to a Rapture, perhaps because it occurred years earlier (Zech. 14:1–5; Matt. 24:26–31; Rev. 19:11–21).
8.	At the Rapture, those still alive will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:17).	No passages on the Second Coming teach that living saints will be changed.
9.	Passages on the Rapture clearly show that the dead in Christ will be raised (1 Cor. 15:52; 1 Thess. 4:16).	Passages on the Second Coming do not clearly show the resurrection of the church (Dan. 12:1–2; Rev. 20:4).
10.	No changes on the earth can predict the Rapture; however, the removal of the Church will obviously become a change in the earth at the moment of the Rapture.	Passages on the Second Coming teach changes in the earth. The Mount of Olives will split (Zech. 14:4). Ezekiel 40–48 assumes some changes in earth. (See Rev. 6:12–14.)

