

# 2 THESSALONIANS

THINGS IN THESSALONICA HAVE GOTTEN WORSE

PERSECUTION

CONFESSION ABOUT JESUS RETURN

BELIEF IN JESUS' RETURN & HOPE FOR FINAL JUSTICE

INSPIRED HOPE & PATIENCE FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

NOT SPECULATION ABOUT TIMELINES

WHAT YOU HOPE FOR SHAPES WHAT YOU LIVE FOR.

## 1 HOPE DESPITE PERSECUTION (1-12)

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I THANK GOD FOR YOUR FAITH, LOVE, AND ENDURANCE.

PERSECUTION HAS INTERFERED

JESUS FOLLOWERS SHOW THEIR VICTORY THROUGH NON-VIOLENCE & ENDURANCE

SUFFERING - PARTICIPATION IN GOD'S KINGDOM

THE ULTIMATE TRAGEDY

THEY WILL BE BANISHED AWAY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD & FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER (2)

JESUS RETURN = FINAL JUSTICE

(11-12) MAY THE LORD JESUS BE HONORED THROUGH YOU.

## 2 THE DAY OF THE LORD (13-17)

PAUL SAYS THE DAY OF THE LORD ALREADY UPON US!!

GOD'S FINAL JUSTICE ON EVIL

DID JESUS COME LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT? (SEE THESSALONIANS 5:2)

I NEVER SAID THAT!

JESUS HAS ABANDONED US!!!!

REMEMBER WHAT I TAUGHT YOU...

THE WORLD WILL KEEP PRODUCING RULERS WHO REBEL & ENRAGE THEMSELVES AGAINST GOD.

THE REBEL

WILL BREAK VIOLENCE & HAVE ON GOD'S WORLD...

DID NOT FOREVER...

JESUS WILL CONFRONT THE REBEL...

... & DELIVER HIS PEOPLE.

THE POINT: IS NOT TO FUEL APOCALYPTIC SPECULATION - IS TO COMFORT THE THESSALONIANS & RECALL JESUS' TEACHINGS (SEE THOMAS 13)

THE EVENTS LEADING TO JESUS' RETURN WILL BE OBVIOUS - YOU DON'T NEED TO BE SCARED.

PRELUDE!

(24-27) MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU COMFORT & STRENGTH

## 3 CHALLENGE TO THE 'IDLE' (18-21)

NOT LAZY, BUT IRRESPONSIBLE & REFUSING TO WORK (SEE 1 THESSALONIANS 4:11-12, 5:14)

MORE LIKELY: ROMAN PATRONAGE

CLIENTS (CLEANSERS, ASSISTANTS) GETTING SHIT EGGS

FETCH ME SH PROSTITUTES.

"SOME OF YOU ARE LEADING A DISORDERED LIFE, NOT WORKING, BUT MEDDLING IN THE BUSINESS OF OTHERS."

POSSIBLE: JESUS GOING TO RE-ARRANGE THE PLANET!

WHY WORK? GO TO!

PAUL'S EXAMPLE

IMITATING JESUS' SELF-GIVING LOVE

PROVIDING FOR WIVES TO SERVE OTHERS FREE OF CHARGE

THE IDEAL: WORKING HARD SO THEIR LIVES CAN BENEFIT OTHERS

(3:10-16) MAY THE LORD GRANT YOU PEACE

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