## NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

#### 2 THESSALONIANS

Lesson 37

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#### What's the Difference?

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- Written During Second Missionary Trip
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#### Theological Term Du Jour

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"Eschatology"
εσχατος ("eschatos") = Last
"-ology" = Study of
Eschatology = Study of End Times
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  - 38% (18 of 47 Verses)

# Greeting and Prayer (Chapter One)

### Thanks: Growing Faith and Love

- Thanks to God
- Compare to No Growth
- Compare to Pride over Growth

### Commended Faith in Suffering

- Perseverance Evidences God at Work
- Part of a Fallen World
- It Will Not Always Be So
  - There is a day coming "when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels." (1:8)
- So, May God Fulfill Every Good Purpose and Act From Faith to the Glory of Jesus' Name

## Plug Into Chapter One

- Seek Growth in Faith and Love
- Glorify God for Growth
- We Live in a Fallen World
- We Won't Always
- Faith in Hard Times is Perseverance
- God Brings Good to Glory of Jesus

## Teaching the *Parousia* 2:1-12

#### 2d Theological Term Du Jour

Parousia

From Greek "Parousia" (παρουσια)

"Coming" or "Arrival"

In Theology -- A Reference to the Second Coming Of Jesus

### The Parousia ("Second Coming")

- The "Day of the Lord" Had Not Yet Come
- First "Rebellion" and the "Man of Lawlessness"
  - Set Up As God But Opposes Godliness
  - Fakery & False Miracles
  - Lawlessness Already at Work
- Confident Lord Jesus Will Overthrow
  - By Breath and Splendor of Coming

## So Be Encouraged!

- Don't Understand Intricacies
  - Evil
  - When
- We Know God Controls and Christ Returns
- Be Sanctified By the Spirit

### Plug Into Chapter Two

- Jesus Will Return Victorious
- We Won't Miss It!
- Live Holy In Anticipation

#### James Watt

• Secretary of Interior Mission: "To Protect ... our Nation's Natural Heritage"

"God gave us these things to use. After the last tree is felled, Christ will come back."

NO! Live HOLY in Anticipation

## Paul Asks For Prayer (3:1-5)

#### Paul Wants Prayer

- Word of God Spread Rapidly
- Paul, Silas, Timothy Delivered From Evil

## Instructions on Living and Conclusion (3:16-18)

#### Idle?

"Idle Hands are the Devil's Workshop"

- Parousia Doesn't Justify
- "If a man will not work, he shall not eat" and the Puritan Work Ethic
- Busy or a Busybody?

### Plug Into Chapter Three

- Ask For Prayer Before its an Emergency
- Stay Busy
- Work is Healthy!