

2 THESSALONIANS

Working and Waiting for the Return of Christ

▶ “Work”

CHAPTER 1

- ▶ On That Day God will make all things right by judging them that persecute you. Our current suffering will be a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God.

CHAPTER 1





▶ Outline:

- ▶ Salutation: Grace and Peace v. 1-3
- ▶ Persecution is for the glory of God.
Good job enduring it. 4-5
- ▶ On that day: Judgment is coming on persecutors. But rest for the believers.
6-10.

CHAPTER 1

▶ John 14 and Ancient Jewish Wedding Ritual

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ANCIENT JEWISH WEDDING RITES

1. Ketubah: Covenant/Betrothal

1. Man asks for wife, pays \$ (Moher)
2. They are contractually set apart

2. Bridegroom goes back to his father's house to build a space for them.

1. His return for his bride is deliberately indeterminate.
2. Surprise party is typical on the day he returns.

3. Ceremony and Consummation

1. Wedding Feast: Typically 7 days.



ANCIENT JEWISH WEDDING RITES

Joh 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it* were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also.

Jewish Feast

- ▶ Passover
- ▶ Unleavened Bread
- ▶ First Fruits
- ▶ Pentecost
- ▶ Feast of Trumpets
- ▶ Day of Atonement
- ▶ Feast of Booths

Christ and Church

- ▶ Crucifixion
- ▶ Christ in grave, “Sinless sacrifice”
- ▶ Christ’s Resurrection
- ▶ H.S. came—beg. of church age.
- ▶ Rapture
- ▶ Tribulation
- ▶ Millenium

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- ▶ Rapture: If you believe in the resurrection, you must also believe in the rapture.
 - ▶ 1 Cor 15:51-52
 - ▶ 1 Thess 4:13-17
 - ▶ 2 Thess 2

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- ▶ Rapture: The rapture marks a change in dispensations.
 - ▶ Church is taken out, so church age is over and tribulation ensues.
 - ▶ The seventieth week of Dan. 9 begins

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- ▶ Joh_3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.
- ▶ Rom_1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;
- ▶ Eph_5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

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- ▶ Col_3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
- ▶ Rev_14:10 The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- ▶ Rev_14:19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.

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- ▶ Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.
- ▶ Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever.
- ▶ Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

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- ▶ 1Th 1:10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.
- ▶ 1Th 2:16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.
- ▶ 1Th 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

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▶ “Wait”

CHAPTER 3

- ▶ Prayer Request, Summation, Command to establish principle of “don’t work, don’t eat” in church.

CHAPTER 3

- ▶ Outline:
 - ▶ Prayer Req. V.1-2
 - ▶ Summation: God is faithful, he will stablsh and keep you from evil. We have confidence in your obedience to his commandments (coming), and the Lord direct their hearts into the love of God and patient waiting for Christ. V. 3-5
 - ▶ Command to establish principle of “do not work, do not eat”. Paul modeled this for them so that they would see how to follow it. 6-15.
 - ▶ Salutation: Grace and Peace.

CHAPTER 3

▶ Outline:

- ▶ Command to establish principle of “do not work, do not eat”. Paul modeled this for them so that they would see how to follow it. 6-15.
- ▶ Take note that for the church there is a marriage feast coming! The admonition to work so you can eat within the context of his return is worth heeding!

▶ “Watch”

CHAPTER 2

- ▶ Two Events V.1
- ▶ Two Symptoms of incorrect doctrine. 2
- ▶ Two prerequisites for second coming. 3
 - ▶ Revealing of the son of Perdition: 4-10
 - ▶ Two characteristics of son of perdition (and his motivation for them). 4
 - ▶ They had this truth but did not know it! 5
 - ▶ SOP not revealed until restrainer removed. 6-8
- ▶ Two Destinies: Saved (glory) vs lost (damnation). 11-14
- ▶ Two Practical application for us. 15-17

CHAPTER 2