

# NEW TESTAMENT BIBLICAL LITERACY

## 2 THESSALONIANS

### Lesson 37

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# What's the Difference?

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# Theological Term Du Jour

“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*” (παρουσία)

“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!