

A Survey of the New Testament

Lesson 10: 2 Thessalonians

“Recognizing the Day of the Lord”

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Summary: Paul wrote to correct the Thessalonians’ mistaken belief that the Day of the Lord had come and they were about to experience God’s wrath.

Author: _____

- He identifies himself as the author.
- Early church fathers agreed.

Two Main Purposes:

- Primarily to expound on the _____ teachings he sent them in 1 Thessalonians.
- Also to exhort them about keeping purity in the church.

Date: Shortly after _____

- He mentions Silas and Timothy as his co-laborers in the introduction.
- This epistle is a continuation of the topics in 1 Thessalonians.
- He probably wrote it from _____.
- Probably written around AD 51-52.

Important People:

- Paul: the author
- _____: Paul’s missionary companion
- Timothy: Another missionary companion

Book Content Overview:

- Introduction (1:1-2)
- The Thessalonian’s _____ (1:3-12)
 - The Thessalonians demonstrated they were worthy of _____ by suffering (1:3-5).
 - The Thessalonians’ persecutors will be judged (1:6-10).
 - Paul prays that God will fill the Thessalonians with His goodness so they continue to glorify Him (1:11-12).

Key Theme 1: Thessalonian Suffering

- The Thessalonian persecution was begun by unbelieving _____ (Acts 17:5-8).
- Their hatred for Paul’s work led them to follow him to Berea (Acts 17:13).

- Most likely, the _____ were the primary cause of the Thessalonians' suffering.

Book Content Overview (cont.)

- The Thessalonians' _____ (2:1-17)
 - The Day of the Lord has not come (2:1-3).
 - The _____ has not been revealed (2:4-12).
 - Paul gives thanks that the Thessalonians will obtain God's glory (2:13-15).
 - God will comfort and establish them (2:16-17).

Key Theme 2: _____

- Paul continues his discussion of the Day of the Lord from his first letter to the Thessalonians (1 Thess. 4:16-17; 5:9-10).
- Someone tried to teach them that the Day of the Lord had come using _____ authority (2:2-3a).
- Paul's criteria for knowing the Day of the Lord is at hand
 - A great apostasy (2:3b; Luke 18:7-8)
 - The Antichrist will be revealed (2:3b-4, 8-9; Rev. 13:3-9).
 - The _____ will be taken out of the way (2:7).
- The Day of the Lord still _____ come.

Book Content Overview (cont.)

- The Thessalonians' obedience (3:1-15)
 - Paul requests _____ for his ministry (3:1-2).
 - Paul instructs the Thessalonians about how they can keep their church _____ (3:3-15).
 - Withdraw from unrepentant brothers (v. 6).
 - Work hard and be orderly (vv. 7-12).
 - Admonish brothers that disobey or disagree with the epistle (vv. 13-14).
- Conclusion (3:16-18)

Application: "You cannot serve two masters."