

# THESSALONIAN “COMING” CONTEXT

- 1Th.1:10** We wait for Jesus who will deliver us from the wrath to come at the rapture.
- 1Th.2:19** This “coming” (*parousia*) is the rapture when we are present with Christ.
- 1Th.3:13** Paul prays that they are holy at the coming (*parousia*) of our Lord with all His saints. This is referring to the rapture of the church.
- 1Th.4:15** Those who have already died at Christ’s coming (*parousia*) will be resurrected first, then those alive will be resurrected.
- 2Th.1:6-7** The Thessalonians endured much tribulation. The promise is that at the rapture, when Jesus is revealed (*apokalupsis*, see 2Th.2:6,8) from heaven, believers will get their “rest”.
- 2Th.2:1** Paul refers to the coming (*parousia*) of our Lord and our gathering to Him. These are two aspects of a single event as they are governed by a single Greek article.
- 2Th.2:4** The antichrist will reveal himself when he sits in the Temple of God saying he is God. This occurs at the mid point of Daniel's 70th Week. Paul is saying this is something believers will see occur before Christ’s returns.
- 2Th.2:8** The antichrist will be destroyed when Jesus comes (*parousia*). It will be at the brightness of his coming.

# THESSALONIAN 'DAY OF THE LORD' CONTEXT

**1Th.5:2-3** The Day of the Lord is associated with destruction. Unbelievers will say peace and safety, but will be caught when the DOTL arrives.

**1Th.5:8-10** The wrath is associated with the DOTL. We have not been appointed to the DOTL wrath.

**1Th.5:23** Paul prays that they will be blameless at the coming (parousia) of Christ

**2Th.1:10** When Jesus comes it is associated with "that day" in context known as the DOTL.

**2Th.2:2** Because of the persecution they endured some thought they were in the Day of Christ which they knew was associated with tribulation.

**2Th.2:3** Paul assures them the DOTL will not occur unless the falling away and the revealing of the man of sin happens.

# THESSALONIAN 'TRIBULATION' CONTEXT

**1Th.1:6-7** The Thessalonians received much affliction (thlipsis) becoming a good example to other believers in the region.

**1Th.2:14** As the believers in Judea were persecuted, so also were the Thessalonians.

**1Th.3:3-5** Believers have been appointed to "afflictions" (thlipsis), and will suffer "tribulation", and may be "tempted" if our faith wavers.

**2Th.1:5-7** God counted the Thessalonians worthy to suffer, but God will repay "tribulation" (thlipsis) to those who persecute them, and give us "rest" at the rapture.

**2Th.2:2-3** Many were troubled believing the Day of the Lord had come. Paul tells them to not be deceived. Then Paul tells them of two prerequisites that must occur first.