

II Thess. 1

SUBJECT: An Introduction to
the Second Thessalonian Letter

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First letter for comfort.
Second letter for correction.

Second letter (from Corinth) followed the first within
a few months (just a year).

The news brought to Paul: all kinds of radical
views, deeply disturbing to the church, about the day of
the Lord, the coming of Christ. They in deep trouble,
persecution, so easily followed the false apostles, teachers.
There had now been circulated a spurious letter
from Paul [II Thess. 2:2; 3:17] suggesting the
idea that they were already in the day of Christ
'ΕΒΕΣΤΗΚΕΝ' is present?
of the news article of Sept 23, 1865

All this in contradiction of Paul's teaching
in I Thess. 4 that the church to be translated
first (those asleep in the Lord raised). Then
the letter to remind them II Thess. 2:5 of
these other things to come first. These
present troubles, persecutions, the normal
experiences to be expected of true Christians throughout
the church age.

II Thessalonians

Chapter I.

1:7-10 The other side of the advent.

The first side of comfort, glory: I Thess 4:13-18

1:7-10 describes the latter phase of his coming, when he shall be revealed openly; manifested to all the world. The first coming, for his saints, this second phase, with his saints.

Here the judgment of vs 25

Here the establishment of his kingdom in earth.

Chapter II.

2:1-12 The development of the apostasy as the revelation of the man of sin (anti-Christ)

Some things precede the open appearing of the Lord:

1. A movement of evil Paul calls the ἀποστασία. Notice it is an "apostasy," not a political combination of ungodly heathen men. Not an organized form of some latter day evil in nihilism, materialism, anarchy. It is something that was originally & is and has been persecuted.

2. It is still professedly a religious movement
for \square Thes. 2:4 "be as God... that he is God."

It is one great, world powerful religious
system. These denominations are going to get
together - Roman, Eastern Catholics included - the false
prophecy of the Revelation.

It is anti-Christ not in the sense of being
opposed to Christ but rather being a substitute
for Christ, a usurper of his throne.

\square Thes. 2:9 "misrepresents power, signs, lying wonders."

3. This apocalyptic, movement, development of evil,
was already working in the days of Paul.
 \square Thes. 2:7. Needed only the removal of

KΑΤΕΧΩ [the church, the Holy Spirit] to work
out its full development of evil.

Even before death of Paul and John, the spirit
of evil, ecclesiastical ambition, worldly policy,
manifest. Some rebukes of the Lord in letters to
several churches of Asia.

4. Behind all its religious claims (\square Thes 2:4)
is the very negation of integrity itself. It
denounces, decries, possesses all the authority of the word
of God, but it is the power of evil.

5. There remaineth but one more development: It finally breaks up in a "man of sin" a "son of perdition." Organized into the last great enemy of God - Rev. 2:3, 4 & 8. Then 2:8 will it receive its death blow. "The epiphany of his passion." It will go on after the translation of the church - it is destroyed at the very coming of the Lord.

Chapter III.

3: 5, 10, 11-13. The practical preparation for the Lord's coming: not neglect of duties, but a faithful attitude of fidelity to my trust, faith.

Some there, gave up working to wait. All are other people's charges, were "busy bodies." The best preparation: to be faithful in your calling. Of the class of people the Lord singles out for translation are all engaged in ordinary things: (1) ploughing the soil (2) ploughing in the field. Ready - not necessarily to go to the hour. (3) Night - in bed (1/2 the work).

Idea seems to be - X expects us to be always ready. Things of life work equally sacred, hallowed.

(5) History: Massachusetts demands: an angel darkness. Part of day of judgment. Refused to vote to adjourn the legislature. "It is not day of judgment, there is no need; if it is, then I for an would prefer to judge to find me at my post."

(6) Forum: "What do I find more in five minutes? Finish ploughing this furrow to the end"

(7) Boon: "And will kneel every night when he comes?"

Strong letters

Thoreau's

Thoreau - was on spring then. records, Thoreau's, also only do that, with 315 DC.
Died in via Ignatia, Roman military road from East to West. D. 1841 and in 1842
Capital of Macedonia. In 1841. figures but had my paper covered at about Macedonia
Jordan's balance - 20,000

← [of B.A. Smith sent all this] One of our most friends in Berlin today is wearing just a hat - Paul would do with one hand.

During short stay there, Thoreau received contributions from Philadelphia students.
for staying in a little house, Paul's hat. That very night the 2 left.

The present - that fails to have the quality which upon the death of the man x is at
times. One of the reasons why I have written. To see if I proposed to visit them but "later
in time" - at least with time for them. To see if I could send a successful
report, this is important, - with 7 prescriptions. - but don't say please. and so the letter.
But some things need - about the second copy of it. They were led to check the
for copy in this life time. What about this beloved dead? They obtained from the
language through. I know, "then who they"

Interpretation of about 6 months, to writing, of them. People with accustomed to think very
deeply can take any sort of a document and in any month a single hypothesis and
suggests the meaning, while at the same time of night judging and so
I know. misinterpreted. Inference drawn that it's coming in need of picture - as
means they would not be made for living, the fact, they little attention to
reading temporal affairs. If they write this.

Notice: Paul does not have one of any place to look at while that he will come to
be in this system. Might have legal thought summed - but could not look it, did
not know. Besides to have some of the facts of the money, but not the things in the
reason. If there is spirit to do, is analyzed. So if they share they then
must be put into writing, write them to get every habit of mind done,
respect of names, give us books to make mention of right in the place that too long as
we need to work.

By our faithfulness, just, 100 labor and evidence, making way for the 2nd, were
the same and to complete his work with the world.

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Geographical position of Thera is very of considerable importance here, it being the
crossroad between the high north, and the great south.

Thera - like the island, is a volcanic

18 - Roman ruins - Capital of Macedonia

42 - Battle of Philippi - first in

24 - 1870, first geological visit Thera made popular
it is the island.

5th century B.C. 100 - 200,000
was about 100,000.

Favorite stopping place of Caesar. Some of his
most famous letters were written from Thera. He
was there with Pompey, many great before that
war was fought at the battle of Philippi.

Theracolon - a visit of ancient Thera, because
of the Pompey, etc. etc. in the Thera, etc. etc. in
Theracolon - because.

Chief reason in sailing out of Thera, was
- sailing a straight line, Thera, and Thera, was
the country.

It may be ignorant about lower history of the island, and the common folk of the island, but
it is a great pleasure to be ignorant concerning the state of the island. The island is a great pleasure to
be ignorant about.

They thought - to do with a same was a calamity. Across with a calamity
invented concerning state of the island, etc. etc. - and was his - great from the past. (I don't think I did)

when you come to will bring these spirits of the sea who look on land of the earth, and they
are of them. The body sleep.

of you, follow the land
"pray the land"
"It was not of you"

"shakes from your mind" = "shakes out 7 your work" - reduced number consumers
seen in 3:11 - hey bodies. A great many abandoned that toil, found up with
in order to wait, yet they had to wait, impatiently they were waiting at the
possible change, so became hey bodies. They work work here: 'long about my day'
wait your own business.

"the day 7 the land" food first used the time. Thoughts get in the prophets.

→ thing in 2:11 - hey bodies. "impurity 7 lawlessness which already exist" = better, sufficient, the thing
1. Present faith. 2. on that relationship = the church is ruled by me, ruled by the Holy Spirit
so "faith" is left
if church takes away, a bit result?

2. a coming crisis. when the spirit is with someone when the church 7 the world become
church will be with someone at "one gathering up to here?"

3. Although day 7 the land. All will proceed in a person and manifest.
An "ignoring 7 the presence 7 the law" = it manifestly shows.

Accordingly agreed: - every, except
- call to incident wait and work.

I, II Thessalonians

Thessalonians Misunderstand the Second Coming

1. The history of the city, church.

2. The writing of the epistles.

Persecution breaks over their heads.

- Paul first turns to it
- surely, finally going outposts.
- at least, a worded report, writes I Thes. about comfort and joy.

II Thes., 3 months later, to correct misunderstanding about coming, as they thought it to be now.

3. The Lord's coming

- coming with signs and wonders.

I Thes.

To be present of our departed dead where the spirits go. This place at the coming.

(a) Woman in Detroit: young husband died, she & two children, "what of the departed dead?"

of the order

II Thes.

II Thes. 3:10-11 quit to wait.

2: 2-3a. Some sleep to peace. So the passing is a thing

1. Great faith @ spirit of languages both already with 2: 2-3a. Spirit ready in their people

2. Coming crisis - when spirit with us

3. Ultimate day of the Lord. all evil focused in a person and manifested.

- "destroy with the eye, day of the presence."

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