

**The Living Eschatology of the Early Church Letter to the Thessalonian believers was written about AD 50 by Paul; about 20 years from the death and resurrection of Christ**

**1 Thes: 1:10 wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.**

Eschatological terms Son from heaven, coming wrath

The Christian lifestyle in Thessalonica was not just they were saved, but they were awaiting God's Son from heaven, who would rescue them from the coming wrath they knew was coming. Their lives were oriented around that coming reality.

**1 Thess. 2:14-16**

Eschatological terms The wrath of God has come upon them at last ... **churches suffered from the Jews, 15 who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God ... their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.**

= God finally gave them over to the rejection of God which they, over and over again the chose and affirmed. See Romans 1:18ff The rejection begun at the turning aside from Christ and crucifying Him was now complete in the sense that the Gospel was now going to the Gentiles as a result of their being hardened and the flood gates of mercy were focused on the Gentiles.

**1 Thess. 2:18-20**

Eschatological terms -- hope, joy, crown, presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes

Paul's own focus was future, focused on the return and presence of the Lord Jesus when he comes. That was his orientation as he shared the Gospel and encouraged the believers.

**1Th. 4:13-18**

Eschatological terms hope, God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. ... we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord not to precede those who have already died, the Lord comes down from heaven, loud command, voice of archangel, trumpet call of God, dead in Christ rise first (not just all the dead!), caught up together (latin raptured) to meet the Lord in the air

Eschatology and those relatives, friends and neighbors in Christ who have died. The future hope for them in the returning presence of Jesus our Lord. His return will come down here from Heaven, with a loud command, a voice of an archangel will announce it, a trumpet call of God will sound and the dead in Christ will rise first. They will precede us. Then we who are alive on earth at that time will be raptured ... caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air! See Rev. 18-19

**1Th. 5:1-3** Eschatological terms-- times and dates, day of the Lord, thief in the night; sudden destruction, labor pains

The return of Christ will be the Day of the Lord will mean destruction for those who reject Christ. As in Revelation 19, He comes in judgment on the ungodly. They will not escape.

**1Th. 5:4-11** Eschatological terms

Thief, be alert and self controlled, church not appointed to suffer wrath, God's people are not appointed to suffer God's wrath.

**1Th. 5:23 11** Eschatological terms coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Being blameless at His coming, blameless in spirit, in soul, in body for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

## Second Letter

**2Th. 1:5 -10** Eschatological terms

judgment, kingdom of God for which the church is suffering, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. They will be punished with everlasting destruction, the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed.**

Worthy of the kingdom of God for which they were suffering. Was it the present kingdom as Christ rules from Heaven?, of was this the millennial kingdom to come? Or both? There is an emphasis on the future when the Lord Jesus is revealed (Revelation) from heaven in blazing fire with His powerful angels.

**2Th. 2:1-12** Eschatological terms

**the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, day of the Lord. until the rebellion occurs , man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. ... exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**

There were false predictions, given by deceivers in the first century, and it was unsettling and alarming some of the saints. Even forgeries. How could they know that the Day of the Lord had not yet come? Answer—the precursors had not yet come. The rebellion/apostasy had not yet occurred so the “man of lawlessness” had not been revealed. He would be doomed for destruction. He will exalt himself to the point of claiming to be God.

**2Th. 2:5-10** Eschatological terms what is holding him [man of lawlessness] back, [him] revealed , secret power of lawlessness, the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. the Lord Jesus will overthrow the lawless one with the breath of his mouth and destroy him by the splendor of his coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one ...in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, ... evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

For the “Man of lawlessness” to come what/who was holding him back would have to be taken out of the way. Though that lawless one would be revealed, with Satan empowered counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and deceiving evil, Jesus would overthrow with His coming ( ). Those who would perish as a result of the counterfeit miracles would perish because they refused to love the truth.

Day of the Lord

**Is. 13:6** Wail, for **the day of the LORD** is near; it will come like destruction from **the** Almighty.

**Is. 13:9** See, **the day of the LORD** is coming—a cruel **day**, with wrath and fierce anger—to make **the** land desolate and destroy **the** sinners within it.

**Is. 13:13** Therefore I will make **the** heavens tremble; and **the** earth will shake from its place at **the** wrath **of the LORD** Almighty, in **the day of** his burning anger.

**Is. 22:5** **The Lord, the LORD** Almighty, has a **day of** tumult and trampling and terror in **the** Valley **of** Vision, a **day of** battering down walls and **of** crying out to **the** mountains.

**Is. 34:8** For **the LORD** has a **day of** vengeance, a year **of** retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.

**Is. 61:2** to proclaim **the** year **of the LORD'S** favor and **the day of** vengeance **of** our God, to comfort all who mourn,

**Ezek. 13:5** You have not gone up to **the** breaks in **the** wall to repair it for **the** house **of** Israel so that it will stand firm in **the** battle on **the day of the LORD**.

**Ezek. 30:3** For **the day** is near, **the day of the LORD** is near—a **day of** clouds, a time **of** doom for **the** nations.

**Joel 1:15** Alas for that **day**! For **the day of the LORD** is near; it will come like destruction from **the** Almighty.

**Joel 2:1** Blow **the** trumpet in Zion; sound **the** alarm on my holy hill.

Let all who live in **the** land tremble, for **the day of the LORD** is coming.

**Joel 2:11** **The LORD** thunders at **the** head **of** his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty are those who obey his command.

**The day of the LORD** is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?

**Joel 2:31** **The** sun will be turned to darkness and **the** moon to blood before **the** coming **of the** great and dreadful **day of the LORD**.

**Joel 3:14** Multitudes, multitudes in **the** valley **of** decision! For **the day of the LORD** is near in **the** valley **of** decision.

**Amos 5:18** Woe to you who long for **the day of the LORD**! Why do you long for **the day of the LORD**? That **day** will be darkness, not light.

**Amos 5:20** Will not **the day of the LORD** be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray **of** brightness?

**Obad. 15** “**The day of the LORD** is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.

**Zeph. 1:7** Be silent before **the** Sovereign **LORD**, for **the day of the LORD** is near. **The LORD** has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.

**Zeph. 1:8** On **the day of the LORD'S** sacrifice I will punish **the** princes and **the** king's sons and all those clad in foreign clothes.

**Zeph. 1:14** “**The** great **day of the LORD** is near—near and coming quickly.

Listen! **The** cry on **the day of the LORD** will be bitter, **the** shouting **of the** warrior there.

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**Zeph. 1:18** Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on **the day of the LORD'S** wrath. In **the** fire **of** his jealousy **the** whole world will be consumed, for he will make a sudden end **of** all who live in **the** earth."

**Zeph. 2:2** before **the** appointed time arrives and that **day** sweeps on like chaff, before **the** fierce anger **of the LORD** comes upon you, before **the day of the LORD'S** wrath comes upon you.

**Zeph. 2:3** Seek **the LORD**, all you humble **of the** land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on **the day of the LORD'S** anger.

**Zeph. 3:8** Therefore wait for me," declares **the LORD**, "for **the day** I will stand up to testify. I have decided to assemble **the** nations, to gather **the** kingdoms and to pour out my wrath on them—all my fierce anger. **The** whole world will be consumed by **the** fire **of** my jealous anger.

**Zech. 14:1** A **day of the LORD** is coming when your plunder will be divided among you.

**Mal. 4:5** "See, I will send you **the** prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful **day of the LORD** comes.

#### Day of the Lord in the NT

**Acts 2:20** **The** sun will be turned to darkness and **the** moon to blood before **the** coming **of the** great and glorious **day of the Lord**.

**1Cor. 1:8** He will keep you strong to **the** end, so that you will be blameless on **the day of** our **Lord** Jesus Christ.

**1Cor. 5:5** hand this man over to Satan, so that **the** sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on **the day of the Lord**.

**2Cor. 1:14** as you have understood us in part, you will come to understand fully that you can boast **of** us just as we will boast **of** you in **the day of the Lord** Jesus.

**1Th. 5:2** for you know very well that **the day of the Lord** will come like a thief in **the** night.

**2Th. 2:2** not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that **the day of the Lord** has already come.

**2Tim. 4:8** Now there is in store for me **the** crown **of** righteousness, which **the Lord, the** righteous Judge, will award to me on that **day**—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

**2Pet. 2:9** if this is so, then **the Lord** knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold **the** unrighteous for **the day of** judgment, while continuing their punishment.

**2Pet. 3:10** But **the day of the Lord** will come like a thief. **The** heavens will disappear with a roar; **the** elements will be destroyed by fire, and **the** earth and everything in it will be laid bare.