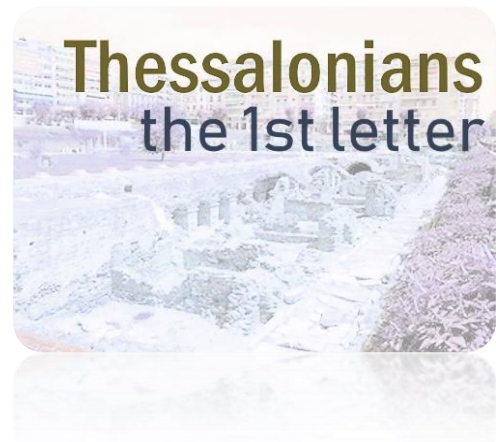


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This little letter to this Greek community, written around 50AD... is the first letter Paul wrote to the church Jesus said He was building. It ends



¹ **But of the times and the seasons** / unlike the church now days, they actually knew their Hebrew calendar, it wasn't like the Muslim calendar based solely on the moon; or like the Gregorian calendar based solely on the sun. Thessalonians worshiped on the sabbath -- Friday at sunset to Saturday at sunset. It was the strange church in Laodicea -- the congregation that made the Lord want to vomit, in 336AD, they changed the sacred day of rest instituted by the Creator himself, reassigning worship to the day of the Sun. Paul taught the Thessalonians well; they knew Jesus the Messiah fulfilled 4 of the 7 great Days of the Lord exactly on those specific days. [They knew 3 days were still on Messiah's calendar.](#)

brothers, you have no need that I write anything to you.

² **For you know full well that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night** / Paul taught them, they knew the day will come suddenly and unexpectedly.

³ **For when they say: Peace and safety** / when God's people hear the grinning, vapid-headed politicians and news readers say "things are going to get better" or everything is just wonderful; then know, the series of events leading to the close of the Gentile nations has begun with its cacophony of lies;

then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape / total ruin will come to those clueless, lovers of self; the destruction will be beyond painful, like no other time in history;

⁴ **However you, brothers, are not in darkness, that that day like a thief should overtake you** / Paul told them all they needed to know regarding the Lord's coming, so, they were not like those who say: I don't know; and no one knows. Those that Paul taught; he would not have them ignorant.

⁵ **You are all children of light, and children of the day: we are not of night, nor of darkness** / they were enlightened as to the signs of the end time; they would recognize it drawing near.

⁶ **So, let us not sleep, as do others, but let us watch and be sober** / Paul says, don't be snoozing in this critical period as things start heating up, when chariot wheels become unhinged: especially knowing that so many will be stumbling around; Paul says, be alert;

⁷ **For those who are sleeping, sleep at night;**

and those who are drinking, get drunk at night / and things don't change much.

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⁸ However, **we who belong to the day, let us be sober,**

put on a breastplate of faith and love; and as a helmet, **the hope of salvation** / Paul says, let us be clear thinking, with hearts of faith toward God and His plan; and love for one another; and our minds protected with our hope laid up for us in heaven.

⁹ **For God has not appointed us to wrath,**

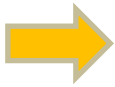
but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ / so of the 3 days that will be fulfilled, be clear thinking: **what are the last days?** The 3 Days of the Lord? Which day is the day of wrath? Well, see if you can figure it out:



The day of Trumpets -- when the summer planting, watering and growing is finished; and this joyous day celebrates the time to gather up the harvest; Paul just wrote, I would not have you ignorant, as the Lord steps from His heaven with a shout, like the sound of a trumpet, and the dead in Christ will rise first, then we who remain are grabbed up in a moment, to meet the Lord in the air, and thus be with Him forever; so obviously, that is not the day of wrath;



The day Afflicting of souls -- Paul spoke of a great falling away; including a departure from creation; Daniel says, many will be purified, whitened and brightened... which sounds like many are taken to the cleaners, that requires turning up the heat; will this include 5 churches of Revelation: Ephesus, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis and Laodicea who did not embrace the Lord needing a metanoia moment; for 3 ½ years?



The day of Tents, temporary shelters -- which according to Zechariah will be fulfilled when Messiah comes with a rod of iron to conclude the tribulation, and to rule... in the millennial kingdom,

For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁰ **Who died for us, that, whether we are awake or whether we sleep, we should live together with Him** / whether we are dead or alive when He comes, it matters not; **His voice can raise the dead.**

¹¹ **So strengthen one another, and build up one another, even as you are doing.**

¹² **And we ask you, brothers, to appreciate those laboring among you, who lead you in the Lord, and admonish you** / orderly leading by example;

¹³ **and to highly esteem them in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.**

¹⁴ **Now we urge you, brothers, warn the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, strengthen the weak, be patient toward all.**

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¹⁵ See that no one repays evil for evil to anyone; but always pursue what is good for one another, and for all.

¹⁶ **Always rejoice.**

¹⁷ **Pray** without ceasing.

¹⁸ **In everything give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you.

¹⁹ **The Spirit do not quench.**

²⁰ **Do not despise** prophesying.

²¹ Test all things; **hold on to what is good.**

²² From every appearance of evil abstain.

²³ **Now, may the God of peace sanctify you wholly;** may your spirit, soul and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ / when every knee will bow.

²⁴ **Faithful is He who calls you, and He will also do it.**

²⁵ **Brothers, pray also for us.**

²⁶ **Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss.** / Dr. Peter Williams says, it's how they changed the empire

²⁷ **I charge you by the Lord, to read this letter to all the brothers** / Paul did not want anybody ignorant of these things the Lord taught him.

²⁸ **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.**

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