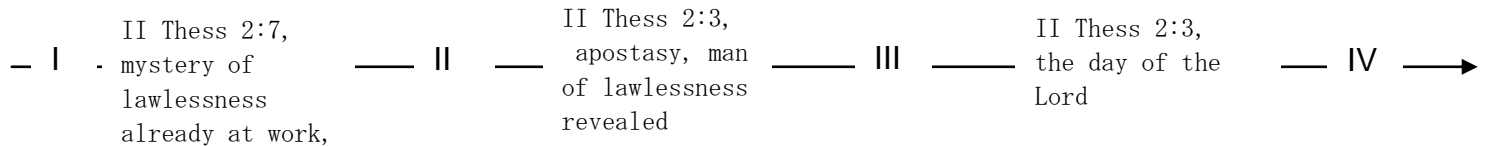


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#7, the day of the Lord, I Thess 5:1-11

As we have seen in the last lesson, the Christians at Thessalonica had questions about the second coming of Christ. In this lesson we will see that they also had questions about the day of the Lord. Timothy brought these concerns back to Paul and he addressed them in this letter.

To help us have a clearer understanding of what Paul wrote, we will include a time line with a few phrases from II Thess 2:1-15.



From the time line answer the following:

[1.] Circle the time/s I Thess was written. I II III IV

[2.] Circle the time/s when apostasy will be revealed. I II III IV

[3.] Circle the time/s in which you feel you live. I II III IV

1 Now as to the times ₁(space of time) and the epochs ₁(a fixed or special occasion), brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

[4.] v:1, times, epochs, In your own words, write down the difference between "times" and "epochs".

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4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;

5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

[5.] v:1-2, times, epochs, Human beings always want to know the minute, hour etc. Paul didn't say when the day of the Lord would happen but he told them what the instance would look like. What was it to be like?

[6.] v:3, Peace and safety! Lets be honest! Everyone wants to live safely and have peace. According to this verse, what's going to happen to those who can't see what's going on in the Spiritual realm?

[7.] v:4, not in darkness, In your opinion, why would the "in darkness" group also be the peace and safety group?

[8.] v:5, sons of light, sons of day, not of night nor of darkness, OK, we have another group! Study Jn 8:12. Why or why doesn't this group fit Christ's promise?

[9.] v:5 again, darkness, Consider Col 1:13. As true believers we have been transferred

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6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

[10.] v:5 again, Something to think about. We see from our last lesson question [18.] that this group (sons of light) will be removed. What will the human race be like when this happens?

[11.] v:6-7, let us not sleep, This is definitely a warning! Study the time line diagram in the heading. What should the believers at Thessalonica as well as all Christians be constantly “alert and sober” about?

[12.] question [11.] again, Regarding the time line, write down some examples of the “mystery of lawlessness” you have seen in your life time?

[13.] v:8, let us be sober, Paul reiterates this quality he mentioned in v:6. Give some personnel descriptions of being alert and sober.

[14.] v:8 again, breastplate, helmet, Though you might not use these terms for every day life, it was the Holy Spirit who directed Paul to write them. Why might the Holy Spirit want us to think in these terms?

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9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

[15.] v:9, not destined us for wrath, **How do you interpret this verse?**

[16.] v:10, whether we are awake or asleep, **What future event is this phrase describing?**

[17.] question [16.] Referring to your time line (pg#1) circle the time/s you think this event will happen and then write down your reasons for coming to that conclusion.

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[18.] v:11, encourage . . . build up, **There are different methods to accomplish this. List some of your favorite ways to obey this command.**

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