

INTRODUCTION

- * Continuation from last weeks message ... finishing our "Introduction to Prophecy" interlude between chapters 3 and 4 of Revelation
- * We have considered an overview of the Nature of Prophecy and then the Conveyance of Prophecy via: The Feasts and Covenants, The Prophet Daniel, The Other Prophets – including Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea and Zechariah, and, last week, Jesus.
- * Last week we began looking at Paul's prophetic teaching ... today we continue on

INSTRUCTION – *Let's look at Paul's prophetic teaching in his second epistle to the Thessalonians*

I. THE SIGNS OF THE LAST DAYS (cf. II Timothy 3: 1-5, 13-17)

- A. **Attributes of the People** - *they will be self-focused*
- B. **Attitudes of the Believers** - *turn away from impostors; continue in the truth*

II. THE REVELATION OF THE MYSTERY

A. The Foundation of the Church (cf. Romans 11: 25-36)

1. THE SETTING ASIDE OF ISRAEL (cf. Ephesians 3: 1-10) ... the mystery – the generation of the Gentiles; joint-heirs
2. THE SALVATION OF ISRAEL (cf. Luke 21: 24) ... after the fulness of the Gentiles has come in

B. The Resurrection of the Church

1. I CORINTHIANS 15: 50-52
 - a. The Trumpet
 - b. The Transformation
2. I THESSALONIANS 4: 13 – 5: 11
 - a. The Order of the "Rapture" ... The Dead, then we who are alive
 - b. The Nature of the "Rapture" ... harpazo – to seize or pluck
 - c. The Timing of the "Rapture" ... after "peace"; before "wrath"

3. II THESSALONIANS 1:3 - 2:1-12

a. The Punishment Of The Unbelievers

1) **THE R_____ FOR THE PUNISHMENT** (1: 8)

a) **They Do Not _____** (cf. John 17: 3)

b) **They Do Not _____** (cf. John 6: 28-29)

2) **THE E_____ OF THE PUNISHMENT** (1: 9)

a) **They Will Suffer Everlasting Separation From the P_____ of the Lord** (cf. II Cor 5: 8)

b) **They Will Suffer Everlasting Separation From the S_____ of the Lord** (cf. Ephesians 6: 10; I Peter 4:11)

b. The Precursors Of "The Gathering"

1) **IT WILL COME AFTER A PERIOD OF APOSTASY** (2: 3; cf. Matthew 5: 31; 19:7; Mark 10:4; Acts 21: 21)

2) **IT WILL COME AFTER THE MAN OF SIN IS REVEALED** (2: 3-4, 8)

a) **His Description** (2: 3-4)

b) **His Destruction** (2: 8)

3) **IT WILL COME AFTER HE WHO NOW RESTRAINS IS REMOVED** (2: 5-7; cf. John 16:7-11; Rom 1:18-26)

INTROSPECTION

- ☞ Are you real? Is your faith true? Will you be found genuine in the end?
- ☞ What impact does it make in your life to think of those who may suffer eternal condemnation?
- ☞ Are you ready to meet the Lord? What if He came today?