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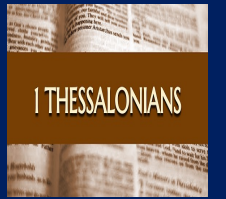
LIVING FOR CHRIST'S SOON RETURN



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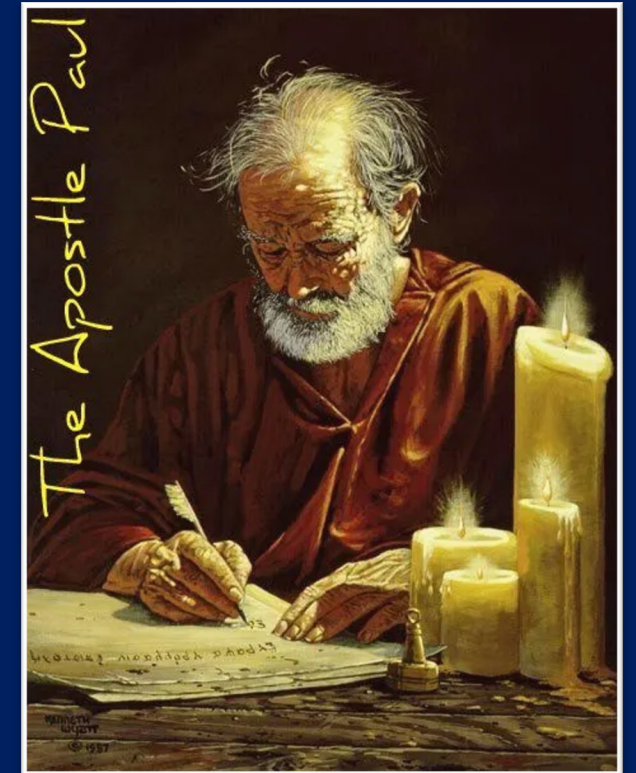


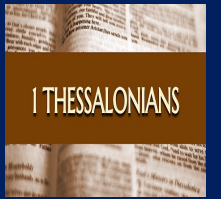
Introductory Matters

- Authorship
- Recipients
- Place of writing
- Date
- Audience
- Occasion
- Structure
- Unique characteristics
- Purpose
- Message

Structure

1 THESSALONIANS 1-3	1 THESSALONIANS 4-5
■ Personal Experience	■ Practical Exhortation
■ Looking Back	■ Looking Forward





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- ◆ Genuine conversion (1)
- ◆ Impure motives (2:1-16)
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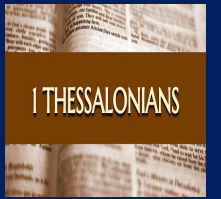
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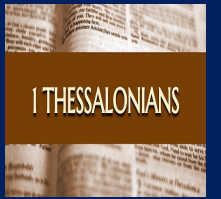
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Genuine Conversion? (1 Thess 1)

- Greeting (1:1)
- Faith, hope, and love in Christ (1:2-3)
- Response to the Gospel (1:4-5)
- Joy in the midst of tribulation (1:6)
- Example to those in Macedonia and Achaia (1:7)
- No formal missionary endeavor (1:8-9a)
- Turned from idols (1:9b)
- Eschatological hope (1:10)



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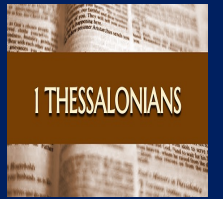
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Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



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1 Corinthians 4:2

“In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.”



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Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

E.R. Craven

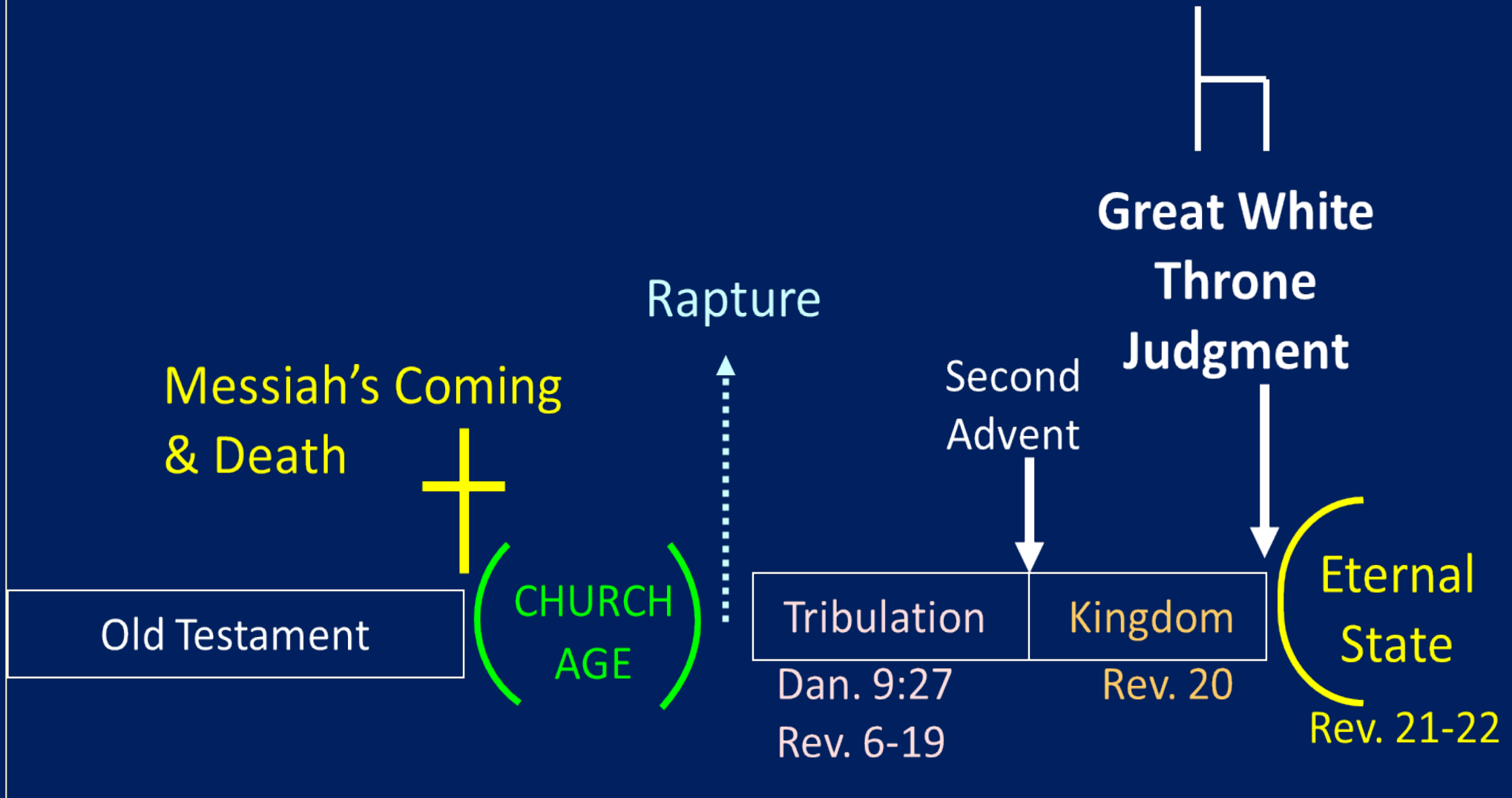
“*Excursus on the Basileia*,” in Revelation of John,
J. P. Lange (New York: Scribner, 1874), 97.



“The preposition in the Greek is εἰς. But since believers on earth are not yet in *glory*, the whole expression is manifestly *proleptical, and the E. V. gives the translation, *unto*.”

*proleptical – *the representation of something in the future as if it already existed or had occurred.*

Prophecy Panorama



2 Peter 3:10-11

“¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. ¹¹ Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness.”



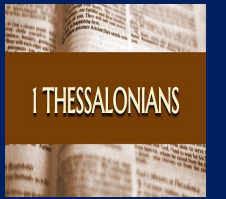


J. Dwight Pentecost

Prophecy For Today, Page 20

“A short time ago, I took occasion to go through the New Testament to mark each reference to the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and to observe the use made of that teaching about His coming. I was struck anew with the fact that almost without exception, when the coming of Christ is mentioned in the New Testament, it is followed by an exhortation to godliness and holy living.”

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