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Another Overview Chart - <u>2 Thessalonans - Charles Swindoll</u>

There is considerable variation of opinion as to how the prophetic portion of this epistle (specifically 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12) should be interpreted. Therefore it is strongly advised that you perform your own **Inductive Bible Study** of Paul's short letter before you go to your favorite commentary or sermon. The venerable Bible expositor **Dr Warren Wiersbe** adds that "The purpose of Bible prophecy is not for us to make a **calendar**, but to build **character**. Paul emphasized this fact in both of his Thessalonian letters, and our Lord warned us not to set dates for His coming (Mt 24:36, 42). Date-setters are usually upsetters, and that is exactly what happened in the Thessalonican assembly."

And as brothers and sisters in Christ we must always seek to be agreeable in our disagreements, for as our Lord declared "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEWS:

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John MacArthur - Background and Setting - For the history of Thessalonica, see Introduction to 1 Thessalonians: Background and Setting. Some have suggested that Paul penned this letter from Ephesus (Acts 18:18–21), but his 18 month stay in Corinth provided ample time both for the Thessalonian epistles to be authored (Acts 18:11). Apparently, Paul had stayed appraised of the happenings in Thessalonica through correspondence and/or couriers. Perhaps the bearer of the first letter brought Paul back an update on the condition of the church, which had matured and expanded (1 Th 1:3); but pressure and persecution had also increased. The seeds of false doctrine concerning the Lord had been sown, and the people were behaving disorderly. So Paul wrote

to his beloved flock who were: (1) discouraged by persecution and needed incentive to persevere; (2) deceived by false teachers who confused them about the Lord's return; and (3) disobedient to divine commands, particularly by refusing to work. Paul wrote to address those 3 issues by offering: (1) comfort for the persecuted believers (2 Th 1:3–12); (2) correction for the falsely taught and frightened believers (2 Th 2:1–15); and 3) confrontation for the disobedient and undisciplined believers (2 Th 3:6–15). (Introduction)

J. Hampton Keathley III Theme and Purpose

Second Thessalonians was evidently prompted by three main developments in the report Paul received from an unknown source. He wrote: (1) to encourage them in view of the report of the increasing persecution which they were facing (2 Th 1:4-5); (2) to deal with the reports of a pseudo-Pauline letter and other misrepresentations of his teaching regarding the day of the Lord and the rapture of the church (2 Th 2:1f); and (3) to deal with the way some were responding to belief in the imminent return of the Lord. This belief was still being used as a basis for shirking their vocational responsibilities. So the apostle wrote to deal with the condition of idleness or disorderliness which had increased (2 Th 3:5-15).

To meet the needs that occasioned this epistle, the apostle wrote to comfort and correct. In doing so he pursued three broad purposes. He wrote: (1) to give an incentive for the Thessalonians to persevere by describing the reward and retribution that will occur in the future judgment of God (2 Th 1:3-10); (2) to clarify the prominent events belonging to the day of the Lord in order to prove the falsity of the claims that the day had already arrived (2 Th 2:1-2); and (3) to give detailed instructions covering the disciplinary steps the church should take to correct those who refused to work (2 Th 3:6-15).

Swindoll:

"Woven by the careful hands of a tentmaker, 2 Thessalonians adorns the New Testament like a literary tapestry. Looked at from the earthward side, we find the believers suffering in chapter 1, shaken from their composure in chapter 2, and slackening in their responsibilities in chapter 3. The underside of the tapestry seems to be a hodgepodge of dark, tangled, and loose threads. But Paul displays the heavenward side of the tapestry in 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12. As we look at it from that vantage point, we gain not only perspective but encouragement to persevere—to walk through the furnace of persecution, over the seas of prophetic error, and around the pitfalls in practical living. Paul's letter helps us make sense of our suffering, gain stability in doctrinal uncertainty, and become steadfast in principles of responsible living... Apparently, either through a revelation someone claimed to have had or a sermon preached or by a forged document that was reputedly Paul's, word had begun to spread in this church that the 'day of the Lord' had already come. This false message produced two extreme results. Some were 'shaken' and 'disturbed' (2:2); others began to shirk their responsibilities, waiting in their porch swings for the Lord's return as they whittled away their time (2 Th 3:10-12) ...

Chapter 1: Affirmation: persevering through affliction develops maturity

Chapter 2: Explanation: trusting amidst confusion produces stability

Chapter 3: Exhortation: waiting with discipline cultivates responsibility."

Hiebert:

"It is asserted that Paul could not have written 2 Thessalonians since its eschatology is contradictory to that in 1 Thessalonians; in 1 Thessalonians the second coming is thought of as being imminent and occurring suddenly while in 2 Thessalonians it is preceded by definite signs. It is generally admitted today that this objection has no real weight. It is common in apocalyptic literature to find the elements of suddenness and signs occurring side by side. Wikenhauser points out that 'even in the eschatological discourse of Jesus we find harbingers of the parousia mentioned (Mk 13, 6 sq.), alongside the warning to be vigilant because the day is uncertain (Mk 13, 33 sq.).' ... The epistle reflects favorable as well as unfavorable features of the report from Thessalonica. Paul took the occasion to commend his converts for their remarkable growth in faith and love (2 Th 1:3) and to encourage them to steadfastness under persecution with the assurance that their afflictions would be justly recompensed when the Lord returned in judgment (2 Th 1:5-12). But the real purpose in writing was to deal with the doctrinal error concerning the day of the Lord and to rebuke the disorderly conduct of certain members."

Baxter:

"In chapter i. the great hope of the Lord's second coming is set before the Thessalonians as their great

consolation amid the tribulations which they were having to endure for Christ's sake. Next, in chapter ii. The apostle furnishes them with authoritative correction concerning the time and the way of Christ's return. Finally, in chapter iii. There is the apostle's counteraction of practical error concerning present duty in the waiting-time till Christ returns."

Stedman:

"There are three chapters in this little letter, and each one is a correction of a very common attitude that many people still have about disturbing times. The first chapter is devoted to a correction of the attitude of discouragement in the face of difficulty. These Christians were undergoing 'persecutions' and 'afflictions' and although they were bearing up with good grace, nevertheless, many of them were getting discouraged. 'Why try any more?' they were saying; 'There's no justice. Everything is always against us.'

And to counteract that attitude, the apostle reminds them that the day when God would repay them for the difficulties they were going through was coming. ...

In chapter 2 you have another reaction to disturbing times -- fear. We read in these opening words (verses 1-2):

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to meet him, we beg you, brethren, not to be quickly shaken in mind or excited, [really the word is troubled] either by spirit or by word, or by letter purporting to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. {2 Th 2:1-2 RSV}

These people had evidently received a letter from somebody signing Paul's name, telling them that in this terrible time of trouble all they had to look forward to was worse times. But Paul says, 'don't be shaken in your mind.' Literally, don't be shaken out of your wits by what's happening. I think many of our young people today are fearful, and striking out against society, because they don't know that God is in control of events. ...

Chapter 3 deals, finally, with the conduct of these believers in the face of difficulty and pressure. Paul was correcting here a third very widespread attitude that many have in times of difficulty -- what we might call 'fanaticism.' There were certain people in Thessalonica who were saying, Why not just wait until he comes? Why should we concern ourselves about making a living? Let's just live and enjoy ourselves, and wait for his coming."

Wil Pounds - 2 Thessalonians the Day of the Lord has not yet Come.

Thessalonica, the capital of Macedonia, occupied a strategic location in the first-century missiology and world evangelism. There was an ancient saying that "So long as nature does not change, Thessalonica will remain wealthy and prosperous."

She was a wealthy city with fertile soil, forest and mineral deposits in the area. Thessalonica was located on the Thermaic Gulf and was Macedonia's chief outlet to the sea. Her seaport was situated at the junction of the northern trade route to the Danube and the Egnatian Way running across the Balkans and linking the East to the Adriatic Sea and Rome.

During Paul's day, Thessalonica was a free city. The proconsul of Macedonia had official residence there, however he did not interfere with the local government unless some Roman law was violated. Rome respected the rights of these free cities, so long as no disorder and rebellion erupted. Self-government, within limits, was allowed through a city council and board of magistrates.

Paul seized the unique opportunity to reach this mobile, cosmopolitan population on his second missionary journey.

AUTHOR: Paul the apostle is the stated author (1:1; 3:17). The vocabulary, style and doctrinal content supports this claim. The external evidence for the second letter is even stronger than the first one.

DATE: Paul writes his second letter a few months after sending the first letter to the Thessalonians in A. D. 50-51 from Corinth. These two letters are among the earliest of Paul's writings and the New Testament books.

PURPOSE: Paul's first letter to the church at Thessalonica did not settle all the differences in the church there. This second letter is written to correct misunderstandings regarding the Second Coming of Christ which were not corrected with the first letter. The "day of the Lord" had not already come, and it will not come until after "the man of lawlessness" has appeared (2:9-10). With some of the members it had precisely the opposite result. There was some opposition to Paul's authority and even defiance toward him. Therefore, Paul repeats his "command" for discipline (II Thess. 3:6, 10, 14). There were deceivers who falsified letters in Paul's name to carry their point in the church (2:1f). A. T. Robertson strongly asserts,

Paul's keen resentment against the practice should make us slow to accept the pseudepigraphic theory about other Pauline Epistles. He calls attention to his own signature at the close of each genuine letter. As a rule he dictated the epistle, but signed it with his own hand (3:17)."

Paul's central concern is to correct their mistaken view regarding the day of the Lord and to rebuke their idleness.

STYLE: The second letter is sharper in tone than the first. It is also briefer, almost like a quick memo shot off from the pen of a busy pastor, or mission executive. It may be with some annoyance because of their meddlesome idleness.

THEME: The day of the Lord will not arrive until after the man of sin has appeared. Second Thessalonians is the theological sequel to the first letter. It is a letter of encouragement, explanation and exhortation to a persecuted church.

Dr. Merrill C. Tenney points out that every major doctrine of the Christian faith is touched upon in these two letters of Paul.

Paul and those who received his epistles believed in one living God (1 Th 1:9), the Father (2 Th 1:2), who has loved men and has chosen them to enjoy his salvation (2 Th 2:16;1 Th 1:4). He has sent deliverance form wrath through Jesus Christ, his Son (1 Th 1:10), and has revealed this deliverance through the message of the gospel (1 Th 1:5; 2:9; 2 Th 2:14). This message has been confirmed and has been made real by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Th 1:5; 4:8). The gospel concerns the Lord Jesus Christ, who was killed by the Jews (1 Th 2:15). He rose from the dead (1 Th 1:10; 4:14; 5:10). He is now in heaven (1 Th 1:10), but he will come again (1 Th 2:19; 4:15; 5:23; 2 Th 2:1). To him is ascribed deity, for he is called Lord (1 Th 1:6), God's Son (1 Th 1:10), and the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Th 1:1, 3; 5:28; 2 Th 1:1). Believers receiving the word of God (1 Th 1:6), turn from idols, serve God and wait for the return of Christ (1 Th 1:9, 10). Their normal growth is sanctification (1 Th 4:3, 7; 2 Th 2:13). In personal life they are to be clean (1 Th 4:4-6), industrious (1 Th 4:11, 12), prayerful (1 Th 5:17), cheerful (1 Th 5:16). Theoretically and practically the Thessalonian letters embody all the essentials of Christian truth."

The major emphasis of Second Thessalonians is eschatological. There will be a future time of judgment coming when God will settle His accounts (1:5-10). Paul corrects their misunderstanding about the Day of the Lord (2:1). Some in the church had fallen into the error of thinking that the day had already arrived, however Paul instructs them that certain things must occur first. Before the day commences there will be an all-out rebellion against God (2:3). Many will revolt on a world—wide scale against their Creator. There will be the revealing of the man of lawlessness (2:3b). As Christ shall be revealed in His "time" even so shall the antichrist. He is a mystery to be unfolded and make manifest. The terrible judgment which is to come upon him and all those who follow him is sharply contrasted by the glory of Christ in which all the elect shall share. Introduction to 2 Thessalonians

From Paul Apple's Commentary - Theme: "He has not come yet" / 3 Main Divisions

Chapter 1. Persecution

- "we give thanks"
- "don't be disturbed"
- Tone: Commendation
- Manifestation of the Lord in Glory a comfort to the persecuted / a terror to the unconverted

Chapter 2. Prophecy

- "we beseech" ...
- "we give thanks"
- "Stand firm"
- Tone: Correction Revelation of the Man of Sin a revelation and consummation of the lawless one

Chapter 3. Practice

- "we command"
- "pray ... keep aloof ... work"
- Tone: Exhortation
- Action of the Word of the Lord demands a severance of fellowship with evil and idle men

- I. Salutation (2 Thessalonians 1:1-2)
- II. Comfort in Affliction (2 Thessalonians 1:3-12)
 - A. Perseverance in the Midst of Persecutions (2 Thessalonians 1:3-10)
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 - B. Preparation of the Saints for the Kingdom (2 Thessalonians 1:11-12)
- III. Correction Concerning the Day of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:1-12)
 - A. Summary: Doctrinal Correction (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)
 - B. Day of the Lord Yet Future (2 Thessalonians 2:3-5)
 - C. The Unveiling of the Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:6-12)
- IV. Reminder Concerning their Destiny (2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)
 - A. Standing Firm in Light of this Destiny (2 Thessalonians 2:13-15)
 - B. Benediction: Encouraged Hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)
- V. Exhortations Concerning Practical Matters (2 Thessalonians 3:1-15)
 - A. Request for Prayer (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5)
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PAUL APPLE 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

72 page modern commentary. Conservative. Evangelical. Literal Interpretation of 2 Th 2:1-12. Each section includes numerous quotes (including "Quotes for Reflection"), devotional thoughts and questions.

2 Thessalonians — Devotional Commentary

Below is an excerpt of Apple's notes related to 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2 to give you a sense the type of material available in this resource:

DEVOTIONAL QUESTIONS:

- 1) How is this greeting alike / different from the greeting in 1 Thessalonians?
- 2) Why does Paul bother even to mention Silvanus and Timothy?
- 3) Do we find our lives to be content with the sufficiency of the divine resources of grace and peace?
- 4) Why such an emphasis on the Fatherhood of God in this opening?

QUOTES FOR REFLECTION:

Neil: "These opening words remind us, as we need constantly to be reminded, that Thessalonians is, like the other Pauline epistles, neither a theological treatise nor a sermon, but a real letter, written at a specific time to meet a specific situation. For this is precisely the way in which any private letter of the times would begin, with the name of the writer, followed by the name of the addressee, and a polite greeting... So he greets them, not just with good wishes, but with a prayer that grace may be granted them – that unmerited gift of God's love to men through Christ, forgiving, strengthening, uplifting them; making them at one with Him, and thereby giving them the peace that passes all understanding, the inward tranquility, health, and soundness of life in harmony with God."

Hiebert: "In our materialistic age, believers need to be reminded again that all our blessings have their origin in God the Father whom we have come to know through the Lord Jesus Christ."

Ryrie: "The position of these believers, while locally in Thessalonica and circumstantially in persecution, was spiritually in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The oneness of the Father and the Son as well as the oneness of believers with the Godhead is affirmed."

Piper: "He wants the Christians to read the truths of this letter as shared truths, and he wants them to hear the concerns of the letter not merely as his own but also as the concerns and burdens of Silvanus (another spelling for Silas) and Timothy -- the men who were with Paul when the church in Thessalonica was started (Acts 17). Since God had used all three of them to start the church, it's fitting that God's ongoing ministry come to them in the name of these three men.... In other words, Paul greets the church in such a way as to remind them that they are a family (in the care of a Father) and that they are servants (in the charge of a Lord). These two descriptions of God as Father and Lord, and thus of the church as family and servants, corresponds to two of our deepest needs. Paul is not just throwing words away here. He is already encouraging and strengthening us as Christians if we will slow down and listen.

The two needs that everyone of us has are the need for rescue and help and the need for purpose and meaning. We need a

heavenly Father to pity us and rescue us from sin and misery. We need his help at every step of the way because we are so weak and vulnerable. But we also need a heavenly Lord to guide us in life and tell us what is wise and give us a great and meaningful charge to fulfill. We don't just want to be safe in the care of a Father. We want a glorious cause to live for. We want a merciful Father to be our Protector; and we want an omnipotent Lord to be our Champion and our Commander and our Leader."

Ritchie: "What a team--Paul, Silas and Timothy! Paul, the converted Jew, called by God on the Damascus road some twenty years earlier to become, as our Lord said, 'A chosen instrument of mine, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel, for I will show him how much he must suffer for my name s sake' (Acts 9:15- 16). Then there was Silas, a Hellenistic Jew, a prominent member of the Council of Jerusalem. Silas had the gilt of prophecy, and was asked by the Council to accompany Paul and Barnabas to Antioch in order to encourage the growing church there. After Paul and Barnabas had a falling-out over Mark, Barnabas 'nephew, Paul asked Silas to accompany him on his second missionary journey. Then there was Timothy, whom Paul would later call his 'beloved son' His father was a Greek, and his mother and grandmother were God-fearing Jews. They, together with Timothy, may have become Christians during Paul's first visit to Lystra (Acts 14:6, II Timothy 1:2, 5). Spiritually blessed with the gifts of encouragement and teaching, Timothy was asked by the apostle to join the teams for the upcoming missionary journey."

Hocking:

- (1) He refers to their relationship to God as a church
- (2) He refers to their resources from God

BRIAN BELL 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

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James Rosscup: This is a lucid and well-organized exposition of the epistles with many helpful lists on different facets of truth John can have in mind at different points as on "light" and "darkness" in <u>I John 1:5</u>. There is stimulating background material and warm application. (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An annotated bibliography of selected works).

D Edmond Hiebert - Prints the author's own translation. A series of popular studies whose strong point is word study. Contains good illustrative material. Part of the author's interpretation follows a liberal position. Barclay holds that Christ's descent into Hades gave those who there heard Him a second chance.

Comment: I appreciate Barclay's unique insights on Greek words, but clearly his teaching about a "second chance" is NOT sound doctrine! Be an <u>Acts 17:11</u> Berean with Barclay. <u>See discussion of his orthodoxy</u> especially the article "<u>The Enigmatic William Barclay</u>".

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ALBERT BARNES 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

James Rosscup writes that Barnes "includes 16 volumes on the Old Testament, 11 on the New Testament. The New Testament part of this old work was first published in 1832–1851. Various authors contributed. It is evangelical and amillennial...Often the explanations of verses are very worthwhile." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Works)

C H Spurgeon "Albert Barnes is a learned and able divine, but his productions are unequal in value, the gospels are of comparatively little worth, but his other comments are extremely useful for Sunday-school teachers and persons with a narrow range of reading, endowed with enough good sense to discriminate between good and evil....Placed by the side of the great masters, Barnes is a lesser light, but taking his work for what it is and professes to be, no minister can afford to be without it, and this is no small praise for works which were only intended for Sunday-school teachers." (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

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JOHANN (JOHN) BENGEL 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY The Critical English Testament

Represents Combination of Bengel's Gnomon and Comments by more modern expositors (in brackets) (1877). Not Futuristic on Mt 24

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James Rosscup writes "This work (Gnomon), originally issued in 1742, has considerable comment on the Greek, flavoring the effort with judicious details about the spiritual life. It has much that helps, but has been surpassed by many other commentaries since its day." (Commentaries for Biblical Expositors: An Annotated Bibliography of Selected Worksor Logos)

Charles Haddon Spurgeon -- "'A Critical New Testament, so compiled as to enable a reader, unacquainted with Greek, to ascertain the exact English force and meaning of the language of the New Testament, and to appreciate the latest results of modern criticism.' Such is the professed aim of this commentary, and the compilers have very fairly carried out their intentions. The whole of Bengel's Gnomon is bodily transferred into the work, and as one hundred and twenty years have elapsed since the first issue of that book, it may be supposed that much has since been added to the wealth of Scripture exposition; the substance of this has been incorporated in brackets, so as to bring it down to the present advanced state of knowledge. We strongly advise the purchase of this book, as it is multum in parvo, and will well repay an attentive perusal. Tischendorf and Alford have contributed largely, with other German and English critics, to make this one of the most lucid and concise commentaries on the text and teachings of the New Testament" (Spurgeon, C. H. Lectures to my Students, Vol. 4: Commenting and Commentaries; Lectures Addressed to the students of the Pastors' College, Metropolitan Tabernacle)

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2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

Spurgeon - Adopted by the Wesleyan Conference as a standard work, and characterized by that body as marked by "solid learning, soundness of theological opinion, and an edifying attention to experimental and practical religion. Necessary to Methodist Students.

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WILLIAM BURKITT 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

Spurgeon - We liked Burkitt better when we were younger. He is, however, a homely and spiritual writer, and his work is good reading for the many. Burkitt is somewhat pithy, and for a modern rather rich and racy, but he is far from deep, and is frequently common-place. I liked him well enough till I had read abler works and grown older. Some books grow upon us as we read and reread them, but Burkitt does not. Yet so far from depreciating the good man, I should be sorry to have missed his acquaintance, and would be speak for him your attentive perusal.

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James Rosscup - Calvin was not only a great theologian but also a great expositor, and his insight into Scripture contributed to his grasp of doctrinal truth. His commentaries are deep in spiritual understanding, usually helpful on problem passages, and refreshing in a devotional sense to the really interested reader. He usually offers good help on a passage. The present work skips Judges, Ruth, Samuel, Kings, Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, II and III John and Revelation. Calvin is amillennial on long-range prophecy, but in other respects usually has very contributive perception on passages and doctrinal values edifying to the believer. He also can be very wordy, but the serious and patient glean much.

Cyril Barber - he messages were taken down in shorthand and were later translated by a person who signed himself "L.T" Spurgeon highly esteemed these messages, and they are now available again in the same format as that which graced the homes of Puritan laypeople three hundred years ago. Their richness and relevance will amply repay the time spent mastering their contents. This is a worthy reprint, beautifully bound, and printed on fine paper. Recommended

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THOMAS CONSTABLE 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY

James Rosscup - A diligently prepared brief work by an evangelical, who explains profitably verse by verse and comments well on many of the difficult passages. He deals with passages about the rapture and "Day of the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4–5; II Thessalonians 2) in a premillennial, dispensational way. A similar but more detailed effort of this nature is in the commentary by Robert L. Thomas. Constable is quite helpful in giving views, for example in regard to problems in II Thessalonians 2:1–12. He takes the restrainer to be the Holy Spirit.

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Best Commentaries

■ <u>Hiebert, D. Edmond. The Thessalonian Epistles. Chicago: Moody, 1971</u>.- This is one of the best available in my opinion and sadly not even mentioned by Challies or Ligonier (below). My guess is Hiebert is not listed because of his literalist approach to the text. Make no mistake about it, when you check "best commentaries" lists you are very likely going to see books that fit the lister's systematic theological framework. The result is that you will not even be made aware of many superb commentaries. \

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■ The evil restraint in 2 Thess 2:6 Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society 33.4 (Dec. 1990): 445-449.

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DANIEL WALLACE

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"In conclusion, we are on much surer ground if we see the literal temple referenced in 2 Thess 2:4. If so, then it seems that such may well be rebuilt. Thus, when the antichrist sits on the mercy seat, claiming to be God, he will have culminated a long line of multiple and partial fulfillments of Daniel's prophecy, beginning with Antiochus Epiphanes. Let the reader beware."

BRUCE WINTER

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ANDY WOODS

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A C GAEBELEIN

James Rosscup - This dispensationally oriented work is not verse-by-verse, but deals with the exposition on a broader scale, treating blocks of thought within the chapters. Cf. also Arno C. Gaebelein, Gaebelein's Concise Commentary on the Whole Bible (I Volume, Neptune, NJ: Loizeaux, 1985), the Annotated Bible revised. The author was a popular evangelical Bible teacher of the first part of the century, much like H. A. Ironside in his diligent but broad, practical expositions of Bible books. Gaebelein was premillennial and dispensational, and editor for many years of Our Hope Magazine.

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JOHN GILL

James Rosscup - Gill (1697–1771), a pastor of England, wrote these which are two-column pages, ca. 900–1,000 pages per volume, Originally they were 9 volumes, folio. He also wrote Body of Divinity, 3 volumes, and several other volumes. His commentary is evangelical, wrestles with texts, is often wordy and not to the point but with worthy things for the patient who follow the ponderous detail and fish out slowly what his interpretation of a text is. He feels the thousand years in Revelation 20 cannot begin until after the conversion of the Jews and the bringing in of the fullness of the Gentiles and destruction of all antiChristian powers (volume 6, p. 1063) but in an amillennial sense of new heavens and new earth coming right after Christ's second advent (1064–65), and the literal thousand years of binding at the same time. He feels the group that gathers against the holy city at the end of the thousand years is the resurrected wicked dead from the four quarters of the earth (i.e. from all the earth, etc. (1067).

Spurgeon - Beyond all controversy, Gill was one of the most able Hebraists of his day, and in other matters no mean proficient...His <u>ultraism</u> is discarded, but his learning is respected: the world and the church take leave to question his dogmatism, but they both bow before his erudition. Probably no man since Gill's days has at all equalled him in the matter of Rabbinical learning.

He preached in the same church as C. H. Spurgeon over one hundred years earlier. Yet most people today have never heard of John Gill. This is unfortunate, since his works contain priceless gems of information that are found nowhere except in the ancient writings of the Jews.

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

L M GRANT

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

JAMES GRAY

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

FBHOLE

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

HOMILETICS

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

GRACE NOTES

2 Thessalonians Commentary Notes

MATTHEW HENRY

Spurgeon - A Christian man wishing for the cream of expository writers could not make a better purchase. Ministers, as a rule, should not buy condensations, but get the works themselves.

James Rosscup - This evangelical work, devotional in character, has been in constant demand for about 280 years. Its insight into human problems is great, but it often does not deal adequately with problems in the text. The one-volume form eliminates the Biblical text and is thus less bulky. It has sold very well. The late Wilbur M. Smith, internationally noted Bible teacher, seminary professor and lover of books, tabbed this "The greatest devotional commentary ever written". Henry was born in a Welch farmhouse, studied law, and became a Presbyterian minister near London. He wrote this commentary in the last 13 years before he died at 52 in 1714. The first of six volumes was published in 1708. He completed through Acts, and the rest of the New Testament was done by 14 clergymen. (Ed: Thus James are not the comments of Matthew Henry).

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

HAIRONSIDE

John Cereghin - . Popular expositions. He urges the joy of soulwinning (14); stressses the enabling power of God (34); teaches unlimited redemption in Christ (55); emphasizes that only God can qualify men for the ministry (73); attacks Theosophy, Seventh Day Adventism, Christian Science (103); warns against the "social gospel" (111): holds that the Sermon on the Mount is for all believers (139); warns against evolution (155).

James Rosscup - He is staunchly evangelical, showing good broad surveys based on diligent study, practical turns, even choice illustrations. In prophecy he is premillennial dispensational....Many preachers have found that Ironside works, read along with heavier books on details of exegesis, help them see the sweep of the message and prime their spirits for practical relevance.

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN

Rosscup - This is a helpful old set of 1863 for laypeople and pastors to have because it usually comments at least to some degree on problems. Though terse, it provides something good on almost any passage, phrase by phrase and is to some degree critical in nature. It is evangelical. There is also a 1-volume edition, briefer at some points (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1961). Especially in its multi-volume form this is one of the old evangelical works that offers fairly solid though brief help on many verses. Spurgeon said, "It contains so great a variety of information that if a man had no other exposition he would find himself at no great loss if he possessed this and used it diligently" (Commenting and Commentaries, p. 3). Things have changed greatly since this assessment! It is primarily of help to pastors and lay people looking for quick, though usually somewhat knowledgeable treatments on verses.

Spurgeon - A really standard work. We consult it continually, and with growing interest. Mr. Fausset's portion strikes us as being of the highest order.

My Comment - This is one of the best older (Pre-1800) works on interpretation of prophecy as it tends to interpret the text literally and not allegorically.

- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

JAMIESON, FAUSSET, BROWN Unabridged Version

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

WILLIAM KELLY

D Edmond Hiebert - A full, vigorous interpretation with a clear Plymouth Brethren emphasis.

John Cereghin - A careful exposition by a voluminous Plymouth Brethren scholar of the 19th century.

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

LANGE COMMENTARIES

- 2 Thessalonians Commentary 1900
- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

HAW MEYER

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

GEORGE MILLIGAN

Rosscup - Some regarded this in its day as the best work on the Greek text. However, it is old, and the works by Best, Bruce, Hendriksen, Hiebert, Hogg and Vine, Marshall, Morris, Thomas and Wanamaker have been more helpful to some.

- 2 Thessalonians Commentary 1908
- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

MATTHEW POOLE

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

PREACHER'S HOMILETICAL COMMENTARY

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

PULPIT COMMENTARY

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary

- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary
- Homiletics 1
- Homiletics 2
- Homiletics 3

JOHN SCHULTZ - 18 page commentary by former missionary to Irian Jaya, Indonesia

2 Thessalonians

SERMONS BY VERSE - at bottom of page, older messages

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Sermons
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Sermons
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Sermons

SERMON BIBLE

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

SPEAKER'S COMMENTARY

- 2 Thessalonians Commentary 1881
- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

BOB UTLEY - Note - He is Amillennial

- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

2 THESSALONIANS 1

JOHN WALVOORD

• 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Glorifying God in Tribulation

RAY STEDMAN

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12: The Fire Next Time

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5 A Church to Be Proud Of
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 The Vengeance of the Lord Jesus 1
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 The Vengeance of the Lord Jesus 2

PASTOR LIFE

2 Thessalonians 1:3 Flourishing Faith

JAMES ROSSCUP

• Paul's Concept of Eternal Punishment

DANNY HALL

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 What's All The Fuss About?

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

2 Thessalonians 1:10 Devotional

DON ROBINSON

• 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Encouragement

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

• 2 Thessalonians 1:10 Christ Glorified in Glorified Men

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11: Praying for the Right Things-Pt 1
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12: Praying for the Right Things Pt 2

A B SIMPSON

• 2 Thessalonians 1:11 God's Best (from Christ in the Bible)

FBMEYER

• 2 Thessalonians 1:12 Our Daily Homily

RICH CATHERS

- 2 Thessalonians 1-3
- 2 Thessalonians 1

2 THESSALONIANS 2

JOHN WALVOORD

• 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Revelation of the Man of Sin

ANDREW BONAR

- 2 Thessalonians 2 Development of Antichrist The Time of His Appearing
- Development of Antichrist Chapter 4. His Destruction and Its Consequences
- Development of Antichrist Chapter 1. The Personality of ...

THOUGHTS ON ESCHATOLOGY

Thoughts on Eschatology- II Thessalonians 2

DONALD CANTRELL

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3 Left Behind

DAVID DEAN

Does 2 Thessalonians 2-1-3 Exclude The Pretribulational Rapture

BOB FROMM

2 Thessalonians 2: The Day of the Lord

CISCOFIELD

• 2 Thessalonians 2: Comments

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 1
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 2

RAY PRITCHARD

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-11 Hanging Tough for Jesus
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Strength for the Journey

RICH CATHERS

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-17

RAY STEDMAN

- 2 Thessalonians: Restrainers Of Lawlessness
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12: The Man who Claims to be God

THOMAS MANTON

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1,2
- 2 Thessalonians 2:2
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- 2 Thessalonians 2:4
- 2 Thessalonians 2:5-7
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10
- 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16
- 2 Thessalonians 2:17
- 2 Thessalonians 2:17

DON ROBINSON

• 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17 The Day of the Lord

2 Thessalonians 2:15 What Makes Baptists Different

WILLIAM W COMBS

Is Apostasia in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 A Reference to the Rapture?

H WAYNE HOUSE

• 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Is The Rapture found in 2 Thessalonians 2:3?

THOMAS ICE

- A Brief History of the Rapture
- Myths of the Origin of the Rapture
- Imminence and the Rapture
- The Rapture in History and Prophecy
- The Rapture in 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- Imminency and the Any-Moment Rapture
- A Little Used Rapture Passage

DAVID REAGAN

2 Thessalonians 2:3 - Can the Rapture be found in this passage?

ROBERT THOMAS

Imminence in the NT, Especially Paul's Thessalonian Epistles

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-5 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 3
- 2 Thessalonians 2:4-5 Mt 24:15 The Abomination of Desolation
- Is Christ's Return Imminent?

A W PINK

- 2 Thessalonians 2:4 The Antichrist in the Gospels and Epistles
- The Antichrist Main Index (But be a Berean see critique)

DANIEL WALLACE

• 2 Thessalonians 2:4: Temple of God: Literal or Metaphorical?

MIKE STALLARD

 The Temple in the Olivet Discourse and Other New Testament Texts: A Brief Evaluation of Nondispensational Understandings of the NT Temple Imagery

TONY GARLAND

• 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 Who is the Restrainer Commentary

JOHN MACARTHUR

2 Thessalonians 2:6-10 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 4

CHARLES POWELL

• 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 The Identity of the Restrainer.

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

2 Thessalonians 2:7 Devotional

JOHN MACARTHUR

• 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 5

J C PHILPOT

• 2 Thessalonians 2:10 Love of the Truth or For the Truth

A W PINK

2 Thessalonians 2:10 Love of the Truth or For the Truth

GREGORY HARRIS

■ Does God Deceive? The "Deluding Influence" of Second Thessalonians 2:11

ANDREW MURRAY

• 2 Thessalonians 2:12 Holy in Christ - Holiness and Truth

A W PINK

2 Thessalonians 2:13 Chosen to Salvation

FBMEYER

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Our Daily Homily

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Sanctification and the Spirit - Recommended

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

2 Thessalonians 2:13 Devotional

J C PHILPOT

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14 Devotional

JOHN WALVOORD

• 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Chosen to Salvation

JOHN MACARTHUR

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 The Coming Man of Sin, Part 6

RAY STEDMAN

2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5: Stand Firm

CH SPURGEON

• 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Devotional

JOHN ANGELL JAMES

2 Thessalonians 2:16 Good Hope Through Grace

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Everlasting Consolation and Good Hope

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Devotional

J C PHILPOT

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Devotional

2 THESSALONIANS 3

JOHN WALVOORD

• 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 Serving and Waiting

JAMES HASTINGS

• 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Prayer and Progress

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 A Church to Be Commended
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 The Marks of a Faithful Congregation

RAY PRITCHARD

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 When in Trouble, Pray!

RICH CATHERS

2 Thessalonians 3

DAVID E OWEN

• 2 Thessalonians 3:1-4 Last Things first - Part 5

DON ROBINSON

- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 Sharing the Truth of God's Word
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-16 Until He Comes
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-18 Advice and Exhortation

C H SPURGEON

2 Thessalonians 3:3 Devotional

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

• 2 Thessalonians 3:5 The Heart's Home and Guide

FRANKLIN L KIRKSEY

• 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 Busy Bodies or busybodies?

RAY STEDMAN

- 2 Thessalonians 3:5: Stand Firm
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18: Is Work a Curse?

G CAMPBELL MORGAN

2 Thessalonians 3:5 Devotional

OCTAVIUS WINSLOW

2 Thessalonians 3:5 - Devotional

BRUCE WINTER

• 2 Thessalonians 3:6-16 If a Man Does Not Wish to Work...

FBMEYER

- 2 Thessalonians 3:5 Our Daily Homily
- 2 Thessalonians 3:5 Our Daily Walk Stepping Heavenward

RAY STEDMAN

2 Thessalonians 3:6-18: Is Work a Curse?

ALEXANDER MACLAREN

• 2 Thessalonians 3:16 The Lord of Peace and the Peace of the Lord

JOHN MACARTHUR

- 2 Thessalonians 3:6: Work: A Noble Christian Duty-Pt 1
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-9: Work: A Noble Christian Duty-Pt 2
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10-15: Work: A Noble Christian Duty-Pt 3
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18 Peace in Every Circumstance

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- 2 Thessalonians 1 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 2 Commentary
- 2 Thessalonians 3 Commentary

OUR DAILY BREAD Devotional Illustrations

Radio Bible Class. Updated 2023

- 2 Thessalonians 1:11 Keeping Track Of Prayers
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11 The Belayers
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12 Relief For The Troubled
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 The Belayers
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 His Choice
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Rosebud Potential
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16 Encouraged in God
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Dirty Laundry
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Not Again!
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5 Go! Go!
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 A Plea For Prayer
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 Work And Hope
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 Cuckoo Behavior
- 2 Thessalonians 3:7-13 Hard Labor
- 2 Thessalonians 3:11 Drones
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Shirkers Or Workers?
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Time Off
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16–18 The Secret of Peace
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16 Quaking Aspens

JOHN PIPER 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

Note: Please be aware that Dr Piper favors a Post-Tribulation rapture (read his article... <u>Definitions & Observations Concerning the 2nd Coming of Christ</u>). Be a Berean!

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-10: Suffering and the Second Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10: The Savior's Supper & the Second Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12: God Glorified in Good Resolves
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12: Questions on the Second Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12: On Sharing Your Own Soul
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12: What Must Happen Before the Day of the Lord?
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17: God Has Given Us Good Hope through Grace
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17: God Has Given Us Good Hope thru Grace 2
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5: Hold Fast to the Truth and Pray for Us
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17: Why Hope?: Grace!

PRECEPT LECTURES 2 THESSALONIANS Kay Arthur (KA) Wayne Barber (WB)

- What Kind of Legacy will I Leave? (KA)
- The Characteristics of a Legitimate Christian (WB)
- In the Midst of Persecution, Remember.. (KA)
- Where Will You Go when You Die? (KA)
- Accountable for Our Deeds (KA)
- Day of the LORD is Coming! (KA)
- Are You a Model for the World? (KA)

RAY PRITCHARD 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

Excellent Exposition

- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-11 Hanging Tough for Jesus
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Strength for the Journey
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 When in Trouble, Pray!
- Related Sermons
- Seven Signs Of The Second Coming
- Daniel 9:24-27 A Peek into God's Calendar
- Matthew 24:15-28 Showdown in Jerusalem- The Rise & Fall of the Antichrist

REFORMATION STUDY BIBLE NOTES ON 2 THESSALONIANS

Amillennial

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1
- 2 Thessalonians 1:4
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5
- 2 Thessalonians 1:6
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- 2 Thessalonians 1:10
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- 2 Thessalonians 1:12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1
- 2 Thessalonians 2:2
- 2 Thessalonians 2:3
- 2 Thessalonians 2:4
- 2 Thessalonians 2:6
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13
- 2 Thessalonians 2:14
- 2 Thessalonians 2:15
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2
- 2 Thessalonians 3:3
- 2 Thessalonians 3:5
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- 2 Thessalonians 3:9
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10
- 2 Thessalonians 3:11
- 2 Thessalonians 3:14
- 2 Thessalonians 3:17

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-14: Living In Light of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12: Suffering In Light of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians. 2:13-18: Resting In Light of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians. 2:1-5: Waiting In Light of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-12: Remembering In Light Of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17: Hoping In Light Of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5: Praying In Light Of His Coming
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18: Working In Light Of His Coming

A. T. ROBERTSON 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY SERMONS

Word Pictures on 2 Thessalonians Greek Word Studies

- 2 Thessalonians 1
- 2 Thessalonians 2
- 2 Thessalonians 3

ADRIAN ROGERS SERMONS ON 1 THESSALONIANS

<u>Click here to access the 9 titles listed below</u> - the Pdf has 112 pages of sermons. Rogers is conservative, pithy and practical! He is one of the stellar expositors of the twentieth century. Highly recommended to aid your sermon and teaching preparation. Average 8-10 pages. Illustrations are in green font.

- 1. Could This Be the Year?—2 Thessalonians 1:4-12
- 2. Our Coming King-2 Thessalonians 1:7-10
- 3. How to Have a Steadfast Hope in a Shaky World—2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:1
- 4. The Beginning of the End—2 Thessalonians 1:7–10; 2:1–12
- 5. The Beginning of the End—2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 2:1-10
- 6. The Unfinished Story of Christmas—2 Thessalonians 1:7-11; 2:1-14
- 7. The Coming Man of Sin—2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 8. Satan's Superman—2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 9. The Man of Sin-2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

ROB SALVATO 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

Calvary Chapel Vista

- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 Three marks of a Vital Church
- 2 Thessalonians 1:10-12 Christ Glorified in Us
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Coming of That Day
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 Stand Fast
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5 Giving the Truth a Free Run
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 The Problem with Idleness

CHARLES SIMEON

2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

NOTE: If you are not familiar with the great saint **Charles Simeon** see Dr John Piper's discussion of Simeon's life - you will want to read Simeon's sermons after meeting him! - click <u>Brothers We Must Not Mind a Little Suffering (Mp3 even better)</u>

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-7 The State of the Thessalonian Church
- 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10 Christ's Coming to Judge the World
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11,12 Meetness For Heaven Desired
- 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12 Progress of Unbelief
- 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12 The Duty of Those Who are Called
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 A Due Reception of the Gospel
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13, 14 The Salvation of Men Traced to its Proper Source
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17 God Our Benefactor
- 2 Thessalonians 3:1 The Spread of the Gospel
- 2 Thessalonians 3:2 All Men Have Not Faith
- 2 Thessalonians 3:5 St Paul's Benevolence
- 2 Thessalonians 3:16 The Desirableness of Peace

CHUCK SMITH 2 THESSALONIANS COMMENTARY & SERMONS

Calvary Chapel

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 Growing Faith -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 1:3
- 2 Thessalonians 1:10 The Lord is Coming -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 1:10
- 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12 Our Destiny -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Anti-Christ -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:7 The Mystery of Iniquity -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 2:7
- 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12 The Love of the Truth -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12
- 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 Brain Washed -- Sermon Notes for 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12
- 2 Thessalonians 1
- 2 Thessalonians 2
- 2 Thessalonians 3
- 2 Thessalonians Through the Bible Series
- 2 Thessalonians Study Guide

RAY STEDMAN 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

- 2 Thessalonians: Restrainers Of Lawlessness Overview of the Letter
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12: The Fire Next Time
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12: The Man who Claims to be God
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-3:5: Stand Firm
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-18: Is Work a Curse?

C H SPURGEON 2 THESSALONIANS EXPOSITION

- 2 Thessalonians 2
- 2 Thessalonians 3

C. H. SPURGEON 2 THESSALONIANS SERMONS

- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 A Lecture for Little Faith
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 The Growth of Faith
- 2 Thessalonians 1:3 The Necessity of Growing Faith
- 2 Thessalonians 1:10 Jesus Admired in them that Believe
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 Titles of Honor
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14: Election
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Comfort and Constancy
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 What We Have and Are to Have
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 A Comprehensive Benediction
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Divine Love and Its Gifts
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 Free Grace a Motive for Free Giving
- 2 Thessalonians 3:5 The Love of God and the Patience of Christ
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Facing the Wind
- 2 Thessalonians 3:13 Weariness in Well-Doing Study Notes
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