

LIVING IN THE LAST DAYS

A dramatic landscape with dark, stormy clouds and a field of bare, skeletal trees in the foreground. The scene is dark and moody, with a sense of impending doom or a desolate, post-apocalyptic world. The trees are mostly without leaves, and the ground is covered in a mix of green and brown vegetation. The sky is filled with heavy, grey clouds, with some light breaking through near the horizon.

2 Thessalonians

2 THESSALONIANS 1:1



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1. Historical Context:

- A. Author
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- C. Date of writing
- D. Historical Survey

2. The Argument and Purpose:

- A. Observations in 2 Thessalonians
- B. Summary of Argument



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The Abrahamic Covenant

Abrahamic
(Genesis 15)

Land

Seed

Blessing

Land Covenant

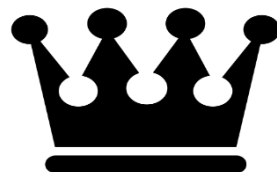
Deuteronomy 29-30

Davidic Covenant

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New Covenant

Jeremiah 31: 31-34



Five Degrees of Divine Discipline

Leviticus 26

1- DISTRESS 14-17

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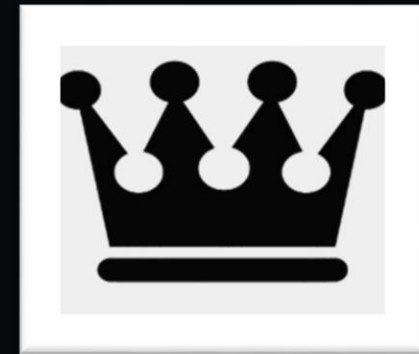
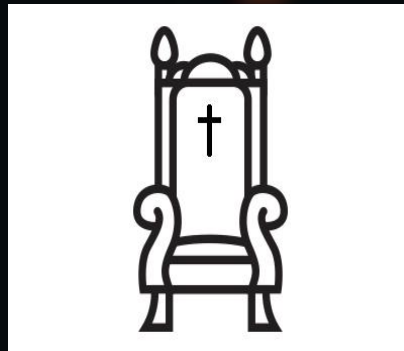
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The Davidic Covenant



2 Samuel 7:12–17 (NKJV)

12 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” ’ ’ 17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

What was the “GOOD NEWS”
that Jesus preached?

Matthew 3:1–2 (NKJV)

1 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”

Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)

17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Matthew 10:5–7 (NKJV)

5 These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

Matthew 12:22–24 (NKJV)

22 Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” 24 Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.”

31–32 (NKJV)

31 “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men. 32 Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

Matthew 23:37–39 (NKJV)

37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’ ”

The Mystery Church AGE

John Walvoord's 4 mystery concepts of the Church:

1- Mystery of one body

(Eph. 3: 3-6)

2- Mystery of Church indwelt by Christ

(Col. 1: 24-26)

3- Mystery of the rapture

(1 Cor. 15: 51-52)

4- Mystery of the Bride of Christ

(Eph. 5: 22-32)



Outline:

2. The book's purpose and argument:

Observations:

- 1: 3-4 commend the church
- 1: 5-12 encouragement for the church
- 2: 1-12 correcting error in the church
- 2: 13-15 reinforce truth to the church
- 3: 1-5 request prayer from the church
- 3: 6-15 instruct the church in proper living
- 3: 16-18 blessing and conclusion



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Summary:

- To address error concerning the return of Christ and to remind the Thessalonians in how they should live until His return.



2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NKJV)

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.



• Themes in 2 Thessalonians:

- “Day of Christ”
- Return of Christ
- Man of lawlessness
- Sanctification
- Salvation
- Addressing idleness
- Divine Judgment





Application:



- Are you “in God”?
- What do you KNOW of the return of Christ?
- How do you KNOW of the return of Christ?
- How are you living in these last days?



2 THESSALONIANS 2:15–17 (NKJV)

15 THEREFORE, BRETHREN, STAND FAST AND HOLD THE TRADITIONS WHICH YOU WERE TAUGHT, WHETHER BY WORD OR OUR EPISTLE. 16 NOW MAY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF, AND OUR GOD AND FATHER, WHO HAS LOVED US AND GIVEN US EVERLASTING CONSOLATION AND GOOD HOPE BY GRACE, 17 COMFORT YOUR HEARTS AND ESTABLISH YOU IN EVERY GOOD WORD AND WORK.