

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 3:16-18



“FINISHING STRONG IN THE LORD”

2 Thessalonians 3:16–18 (NKJV)

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- 1- Surveying 2 Thessalonians**
- 2- The Apostle's Blessing**
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Surveying 1 Thessalonians:

1- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2:

- “Living in the last days”

2- 2 Thessalonians 1:2-5:

- “A church worthy of thanksgiving”

3- 2 Thessalonians 1:4-12:

- “When Christ returns there will be rest or retribution”

4- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2:

- “A hope to be thankful for”

Surveying 1 Thessalonians:

5- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12:

- “Paul’s review of Eschatology”

The Sequence:

- 1. Departure comes first**
- 2. Man of sin is revealed**
- 3. Man of sin exalts himself as God**
- 4. Man of sin displays power**
- 5. Unbelievers receive “great delusion”**
- 6. Man of sin is destroyed**
- 7. Unbelievers are destroyed**



Surveying 1 Thessalonians:

5- 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12:

- “Paul’s review of Eschatology”

6- 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

- “Eternal hope for the momentarily afflicted”

7- 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

- “How Christians survive hard times”

8- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15

- “Addressing behavioral error due to doctrinal error”

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The Apostle's Blessing:

Observations:

- **“Now may the Lord”**
- **“the Lord of peace”**
- **“may the Lord ... Himself”**
- **“give you peace always in every way”**

Some Closing Observations:

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- “The salutation of Paul with my own hand”
- “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen”

Application:



- Do you live like Christ is going to return today?
- Is your life conducted in the flesh or the Spirit?
- Are you sharing the hope you have with those you love?
- What needs to change after studying 2 Thessalonians?

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