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*Consequences of
the Righteous
Judgment of God*

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- The thrust of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians was to assure them that their 'sleeping' loved ones and fellow believers would not miss out on the Coming of Christ in His glory
- He gives them hope and confidence that their sleeping brothers will precede them slightly in a resurrection of their bodies and a 'catching up' together with the living to meet the Lord in the air (I Thes 4:17) This was new information for them, and a new revelation by the Lord through Paul
- A short time passes, and there are again unsettled minds in Thessalonica: the fact of real persecution was catching them flat-footed; the persecution may have been very severe or increasing; causing them to believe (by false teaching) that they were in the Day of the Lord
- Paul; in this 2nd Letter needs to assure them that being in the Day of the Lord's Judgment program is an impossibility for them, and they needed to go back to their focus on the blessed hope of the Rapture.



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- Vs. 9: Who are the ‘These’?: goes back to last week’s Vs. 8 . . .
- Those who: (a) Do Not know God, (b) do not obey the gospel of the Lord Jesus
- Some commentators define (a) as Gentiles, and (b) as Jews
- Why is this delineation a good one? Romans 3:1-2’s:
- **‘WHAT ADVANTAGE THEN HATH THE JEW? OR WHAT PROFIT *IS THERE* OF CIRCUMCISION? MUCH EVERY WAY: CHIEFLY, BECAUSE THAT UNTO THEM WERE COMMITTED THE ORACLES OF GOD.’**
- The Jews had God’s promises and provisions from the beginning, and were promised a Messiah, they should have easily seen that Jesus Christ and His gospel was from the God of Israel in fulfillment of all prophecy



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- Eternal Destruction: destruction is *olethros*; not annihilation but ruin or death, e.g. I Cor. 5:15's: 'to deliver unto Satan such an one for the destruction of (his) flesh..'
- When will 'Christ drive them away from His presence and from the glory of his power'?
- This is part of the program of Judgment referenced in Mat. 24 and 25:

MAT 24:45-51: "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? 46 Blessed *is* that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods. But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and begins to beat *his* fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for *him* and at an hour that he is not aware of, and will cut him in two and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.



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- In Mat. 25's parable of the ten talents- the end of the parable has: *'And (the master) cast out the worthless slave into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'*
- Or Mat. 25's parable of the ten virgins- the end of the parable has: *'And later the other (unwise) virgins also came, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open up for us' but the reply came: 'Truly I say to you, I do not know you'*
- The Day of the Lord's Judgments have **2 defendants**: Israel and Gentiles: (a) **for Israel**, they are brought out from the Gentiles, just like in the days of Moses pleading with God in the wilderness, and Israel will be pleaded with face to face, passed under the rod, and the rebels will purged out [Eze 20:35-38]
- **For the Gentiles**, (b) they are separated, sheep from goats. The Gentile goats' final destination: *'Depart from me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels.'*
- Conclusion so far: the righteous judgment of God, also covered in depth by Bob in Verses 6-8 last week is a PRE-PLANNED, PRE-DETERMINED, PROGRAMMATIC judgment package



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- When do these judgments occur?
- At the close of the Tribulation; after the Second Coming of Christ (with His saints); but just prior to the inauguration of the Millennial Kingdom
- Result: the unrighteous, those without the knowledge of God and those disobedient to the Gospel of Christ from Vs. 8 (last week) will be cast into Eternal separation and darkness (eternal death) and not be admitted into the Earthly, glorious kingdom
- E.J. Bicknell: 'Heaven is primarily the presence of God. Hell is the loss of that presence'.



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- Paul is moving along the Prophetic Program in the Thessalonians' understanding from: the *Rapture's coming of Christ in the air* to: the *2nd Coming of Christ: 'revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire'* (Vs. 7)
- NOTE: the Rapture is *invisible* to the world; whereas the Second Coming is *public*, 'every eye will see Him' [Rev. 1:7]
- The Rapture is Christ coming for us personally Himself- the Bridegroom for His bride- He does not send angels down to get us and escort us up to Him. He comes to get us Himself in person. Only the redeemed ear will hear His voice and the trumpet call



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- II Thes. 1:7-10's subject is the 2nd Coming:

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him *was* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes *were* like a flame of fire (see II Thes. 1:7), and on His head *were* many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He *was* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: [Rev. 19:11-16]

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Verse 10: The glorification of Christ on that Day:

- I Jn 3:2 the Church is glorified: *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*
- And the Church, His Body, glorifies Him together with the Twenty-four elders around the Throne [Rev. 4:11]: *“Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your Will, they existed, and were created.”*
- On that Day: we are fully glorified in Him because He has given us His glory, and are in glorified, transfigured bodies, united with Him for all eternity [Jn 17:22; 17:10]: *“And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one- And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.”*



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More Thoughts on 9 and 10:

- On that Day, the 2nd Coming: **we are at rest** (1:7) already!
- Man's Day = The Church is in tribulation (small 't') [C.H. MACKINTOSH]
- The Lord's Day = Man is in Tribulation (the Great one) [MACKINTOSH]
- When the Day of the Lord arrives: it is not to trouble His people, but on the contrary, to trouble their persecutors [MACKINTOSH]
- If Christians were in the Great Tribulation, it is morally impossible that the Day of the Lord could have set in. When the Day comes it will be rest for believers. Moreover, it would impugn the Righteousness of God because **we are one with Him** [MACKINTOSH]
- With all this evidence Paul gives in I & II Thess: it is folly, impossible to justify a post-tribulation Rapture, and even a Mid-Tribulation rapture.