

# 2 THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 1

## LESSON 4

### SEVEN PROPHECIES TO BE FULFILLED AT THE LORD'S RETURN

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The Christian is told not to hate or take vengeance upon our enemies (Romans 12:17-21, Matthew 5:43-48). We are to trust God to make things right. In 2 Thessalonians 1:6, we have God's promise to "**recompense tribulation to them that trouble you.**" There are 5 promises to the unbeliever in this passage.

We are also instructed to "**rest**" IN our troubles. We are not promised a way out of the troubles, but we are promise peace DURING the troubles as we lean on and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. There are 2 promises concerning the future of the believer in this passage.

#### FIVE PROMISES TO THE UNBELIEVER

1. **The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven** (verse 7).

- a. All atheists, agnostics, and religious people will KNOW that they have rejected Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). They will know that He is Almighty God, the Creator, and the Savior, which they have denied.
  - b. This revelation will not give them an opportunity for salvation. It will only prove to them that they were wrong.
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2. **The Lord Jesus will be escorted by His mighty angels** (verse 7).

- a. The angels will not fight for Jesus. Jesus doesn't need any help.
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3. **The Lord Jesus will come in flaming fire** (verse 8).

- a. He was "meek and lowly" at His first coming (Matthew 11:29).
  - b. He will come to burn up and to destroy the ungodly at His Second Coming.
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4. **The Lord Jesus will take vengeance on the unbelievers** (verse 8).

- a. Unbelief is the only sin that brings this vengeance on an individual.
  - b. This vengeance will be the "recompense" spoken of in verse 6 (see Acts 8:3, 9:1, 9:3-4).
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5. **Unbelievers shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord** (vs. 9)
    - a. This is in addition to the “vengeance” that brings death in verse 8.
    - b. This is worse than death. It is everlasting.
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## **TWO PROMISES TO THE BELIEVER**

1. **The Lord Jesus Christ shall come to be glorified in you** (verse 10).
    - a. Nobody can see Christ in you today. It will be evident at the Lord’s return.
    - b. Today we don’t bring the Lord the glory He deserves, but one day we will (see 1 Jn. 3:1-2).
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2. **The Lord Jesus Christ shall come to be admired in you.**
    - a. Today we neglect to admire the Lord and His creation.
    - b. The toil and troubles of life today make it difficult to keep our mind stayed on the Lord and admire Him.
    - c. One day, we’ll be free of all our troubles and we’ll be able to admire the Lord continuously forever and ever.
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**“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” (1 Cor. 2:9)**