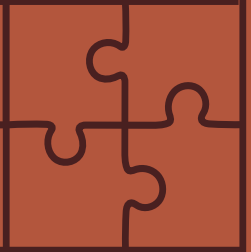
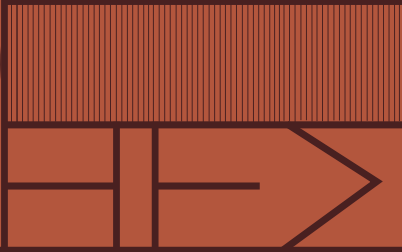
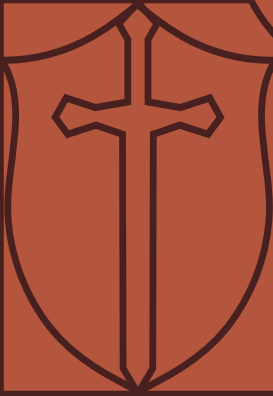
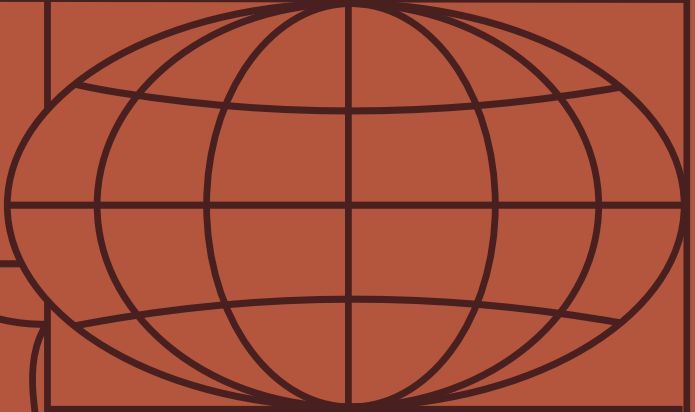
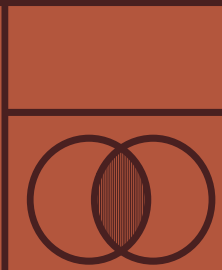
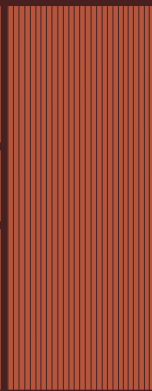


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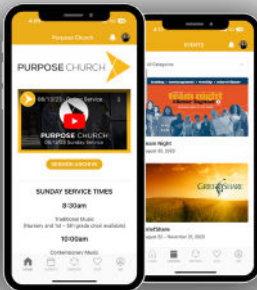
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1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS - JESUS OUR COMING KING

November 5, 2023 / Pastor Glenn Gunderson

30% of the Bible is prophecy.

The Old Testament has 300 prophecies regarding the coming of the Messiah to the earth which were completely fulfilled in great detail, even though they were given hundreds and even thousands of years beforehand.

There are 3 times more promises that Jesus will come the second time than the first time!

There is something about the second coming of Jesus in every chapter of 1 and 2 Thessalonians!

BACKGROUND FOR 1 THESSALONIANS

CONTENT: A letter of thanksgiving, encouragement and information for very recent Gentile believers in Christ.

AUTHOR OF BOTH LETTERS: The apostle Paul, joined by his traveling companions Silas and Timothy.

DATE: 50 or 51 A.D., while Paul is in Corinth, probably the earliest document in the New Testament.

RECIPIENTS: Quite new converts to Christ in Thessalonica in what is today the nation of Greece.

OCCASION: The return of Timothy to Paul and Silas in Corinth; Timothy had been sent to Thessalonica to see how the new believers were doing.

EMPHASIS: Paul's loving concern for his friends in Thessalonica; suffering as part of Christian life; holiness regarding sexual matters; the need to do one's own work and not live off of others; the resurrection of the Christian dead; readiness for Christ's coming.

BACKGROUND FOR 2 THESSALONIANS

CONTENT: A letter of further encouragement in the face of suffering, of warning against being misled regarding the coming of the Lord, and exhortation for some to work with their own hands and not sponge off others.

DATE: 51 A.D., very shortly after 1 Thessalonians.

OCCASION: Paul has received word that some have spoken in Paul's name to the effect that the second coming of Christ has already taken place, plus the fact that the disruptive loafers spoken of in

1 Thessalonians have not mended their ways.

EMPHASIS: The sure salvation of the Thessalonian believers and the sure judgment of their persecutors; the second coming of Jesus is still ahead and will be preceded by “the rebellion”; those who are idle and disruptive should work for their food. *Gordon D. Fee & Douglas Stuart*

5 THINGS 1 THESSALONIANS TEACHES US ABOUT THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Britnee Bradshaw

1. We will be _____, 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10
2. We will _____, 1 Thessalonians 2:19
3. We will _____, pure and blameless, before the Lord.
1 Thessalonians 3:13
4. We will see our _____ friends and family again.
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
5. We do not _____ the day or the hour. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

IS THE CURRENT WAR IN ISRAEL A FULFILLMENT OF BIBLE PROPHECY?

5 PROPHECIES ABOUT ISRAEL THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULFILLED:

1. The Jews would become a great nation from which _____ would come to the whole earth.
2. They would be uprooted from their homeland and _____ worldwide.
3. They would be a _____ people.
4. The Jews would be preserved as a people and not lose their _____.
5. They would eventually _____ to their homeland from all nations.

PROPHECIES ABOUT ISRAEL THAT ARE YET TO BE FULFILLED:

Zechariah 12:2-4, Ezekiel 37:1-3, 11-12, Ezekiel 38:1-11, 14-16, Psalm 122:6

WHAT SHOULD OUR RESPONSE TO THIS BE?

1. We should strive to be _____ while living in an _____ culture.
2. We should be challenged to take our _____ with us to heaven.
3. We should be _____ as a church and do our best to fulfill Christ’s challenge to reach the whole world with the _____ before He returns.

Fill in the blanks: rescued, celebrate, appear, believing, know, blessing, scattered, persecuted, identity, return, holy, unholy, oikos, missional, gospel