

HOPE IN HARD TIMES

Part 3 – 2 Thessalonians 1-3

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Background of 1 Thessalonians



Background of

2 Thessalonians

Authorship

Paul (Silvanus, Timothy) – 1:1

Timing

- 50-51AD / 2nd Missionary Journey
- From Corinth – Acts 18:1-11
- Paul Planted Thessalonian Church – Acts 17:1-10 / 1 Thessalonians 2:15
- First Letter written a short time later (2:17)
- Second Letter written soon after (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2)

Theme

Corrects an eschatological misunderstanding and encourages the Thessalonians to have a “good hope” and put it into practice.

2 THESSALONIANS

51 AD

2 Thessalonians: Church Age Hope

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| Purpose of Hope 1 | 1:1-2 | Greeting |
| | 1:3-5 | For Growth |
| | 1:6-10 | For Assurance |
| | 1:11 | For Worthiness |
| | 1:12 | For Glory |
| Clarification of Hope 2:1-12 | 2:1-3 | Avoid Deception of False Hope |
| | 2:4-12 | The Pure Hope: The Day of the Lord (2 nd Coming) |
| Provision of Hope 2:13-3:5 | 2:13-14 | Calling of God |
| | 2:15-17 | Standing in God |
| | 3:1-5 | Faithfulness of God |
| Defense of Hope 3:6-18 | 3:6 | Separation From Those Without Hope |
| | 3:7-11 | Recognizing Those Without Hope |
| | 3:12 | Rebuking Those Without Hope |
| | 3:13 | Acting in Pure Hope: Be Not Weary |
| | 3:14-15 | Be Loving to Those Without Hope |
| | 3:16-18 | Benediction |

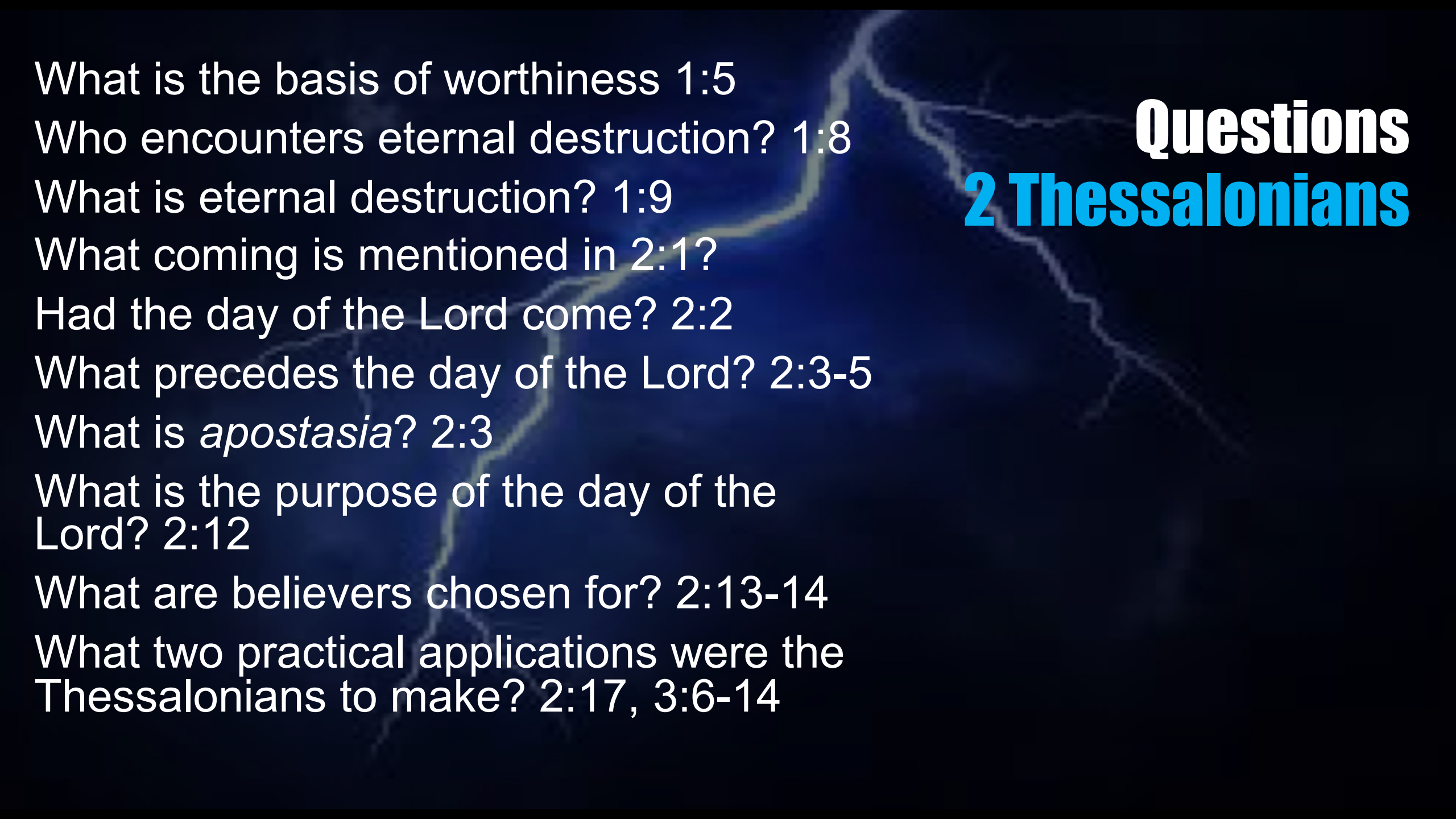


Outline of 1 Thessalonians

Components of Worldview



Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians 1-2



Questions

2 Thessalonians

What is the basis of worthiness 1:5

Who encounters eternal destruction? 1:8

What is eternal destruction? 1:9

What coming is mentioned in 2:1?

Had the day of the Lord come? 2:2

What precedes the day of the Lord? 2:3-5

What is *apostasia*? 2:3

What is the purpose of the day of the Lord? 2:12

What are believers chosen for? 2:13-14

What two practical applications were the Thessalonians to make? 2:17, 3:6-14

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