

The King is Coming – The Focus of the Early Church

First Words:

Eschatology – _____

Eschatomania – _____

Eschatophobia – _____

Eschatofuzzy – _____

The Eschatological Books are **1 & 2 Thessalonians** because of their focus on the return of Jesus Christ.

The three most prominent words describing the Second Coming of Jesus Christ are “appearing” (Greek “**ephiphania**” - to appear, appearance, appearing with the obvious intervention by a higher power) , “revelation” (Greek “**apokalupsis**” - revealing, unveiling, lit. from “apo” - to remove and “kalypto” - to cover) and “coming” (Greek “**parousia**” - to come, to arrive, to be present. The term was used to denote the visit of a king or emperor or other person of authority and the necessary preparations before they arrived.) All three words are found in **1 & 2 Thessalonians**.

Acts 1:11 - *And said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

1. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

1 Thessalonians 1:9–10 - *For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

See **Hebrews 9:26-28**

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2. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

1 Thessalonians 2:18–20 - *because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us.¹⁹ For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his **coming**? Is it not you?²⁰ For you are our glory and joy.*

See **2 Corinthians 5:9-10**

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3. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

1 Thessalonians 3:12–13 - *And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

See **1 John 2:27-3:2**

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4. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

1 Thessalonians 4:15–17 - *For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the **coming** of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.*

See **Titus 2:11-13**

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5. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 - Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

See *1 Corinthians 15:51-58*

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6. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

2 Thessalonians 1:6–7 - Since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is **revealed** from heaven with his mighty angels.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 - And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the **appearance** of his coming.

See *1 Peter 1:6-7*

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7. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ speaks to our _____

2 Thessalonians 2:1–3 - Now concerning the **coming** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ² not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³ Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction...

See *1 Thessalonians 5:4-6*

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