

“THINGS THAT LIE AHEAD”
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18) Pt.1

I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)

II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations concerning general conduct if we want to PLEASE God. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations concerning SEXUAL PURITY or holiness. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations concerning BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

D. Exhortations concerning THE RAPTURE of the Church. (4:13-18)

- The uniqueness of “eschatology” - that concerning _____ or areas of _____ – the _____ of future events.
 - When the Bible was recorded, conservative estimates say _____ of it was *prophetic* in nature.
 - 5 reasons you can believe the bible is the WOG:
 - Supernatural _____
 - _____ prophecy
 - Its Amazing _____ & _____
 - Archaeology
 - The testimony of _____
 - All this means there is still _____ of the bible _____!
 - This passage that we will be looking at this morning & in the following weeks, is the most definitive passage in the N.T. regarding the _____ phase of the 2nd coming of J.C.
 - Some *phrases of significance* we will need to understand:
- the “Big Picture” of God’s Program could be as simple as ...

- All of history or “His Story”, is moving toward the _____ & _____ future - the Millennium is the _____ of the ages!

E. The Signs of the Times

- 1) The _____ of _____
 - 2) The _____ of the _____
 - 3) The _____
 - 4) The _____
- What does the end of “His Story” reveal? (Rev. 21-22)
 - God’s will for creation is so _____ – it covers _____ aspects of His will for _____ things!

F. Some Reasons to Study Eschatology

- 1) It tells us _____ of “_____” (Rev. 22:20-21)
- 2) Like all of scripture, eschatology is _____ to study. (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- 3) The scriptures give us _____ for the future (Rom. 8:23-25; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:11)
- 4) It provides _____ today for _____ Christian living in light of the future (1 John 2:28 – 3:3; 1 Cor. 3:10-15; Rev. 22:12)
- 5) It provides _____ in troubling times (1 Thess. 4:18. 5:11; 2 Thess. 2:15-17)
- 6) It puts life in _____ (Colossians 3:1-4)
- 7) It _____ scripture – those prophecies that have been _____ have been fulfilled _____ (Isaiah 53; Psalm 22; etc.)
- 8) The study of eschatology _____ of the Sovereign God who is in complete control of _____!