

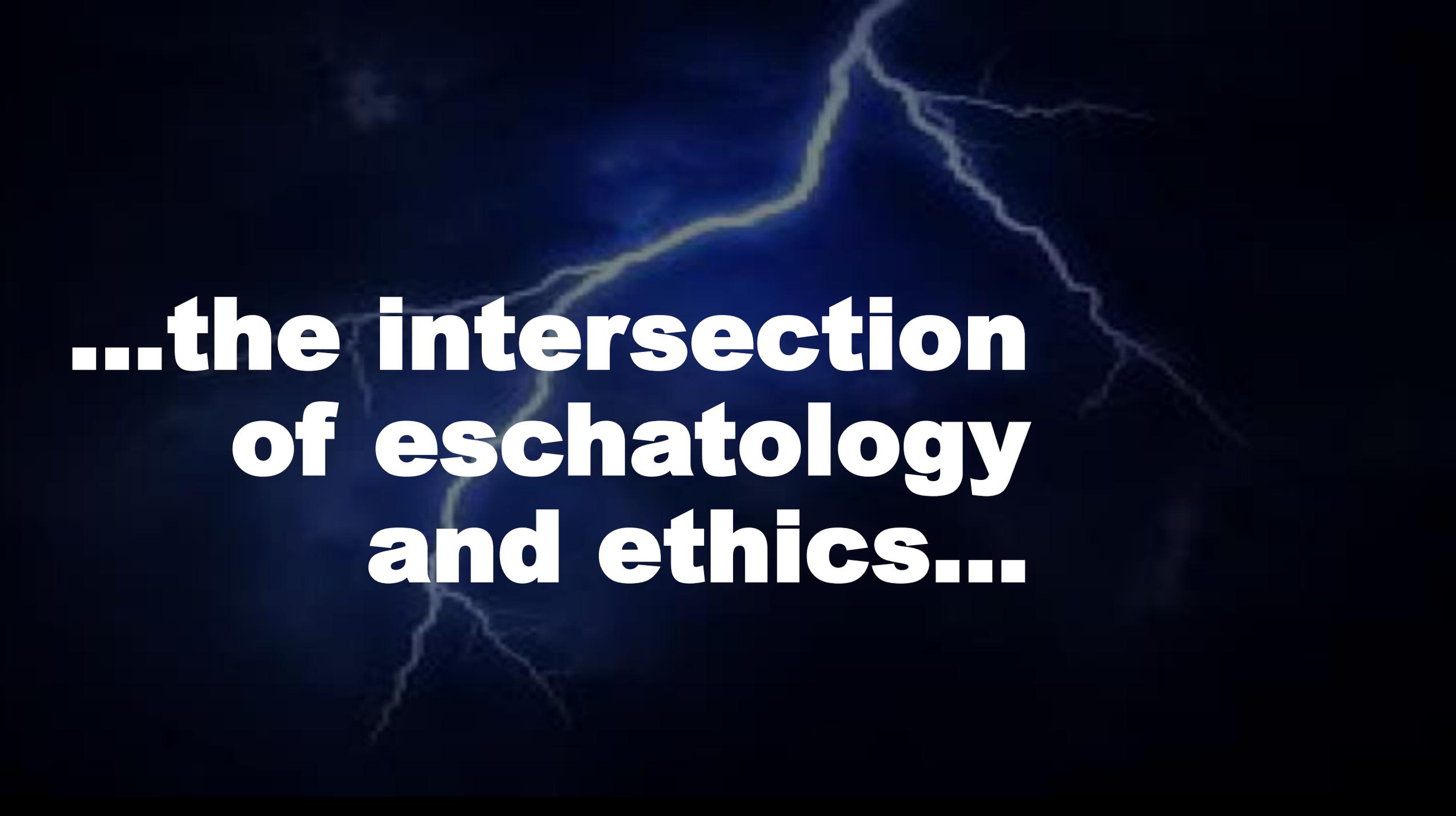


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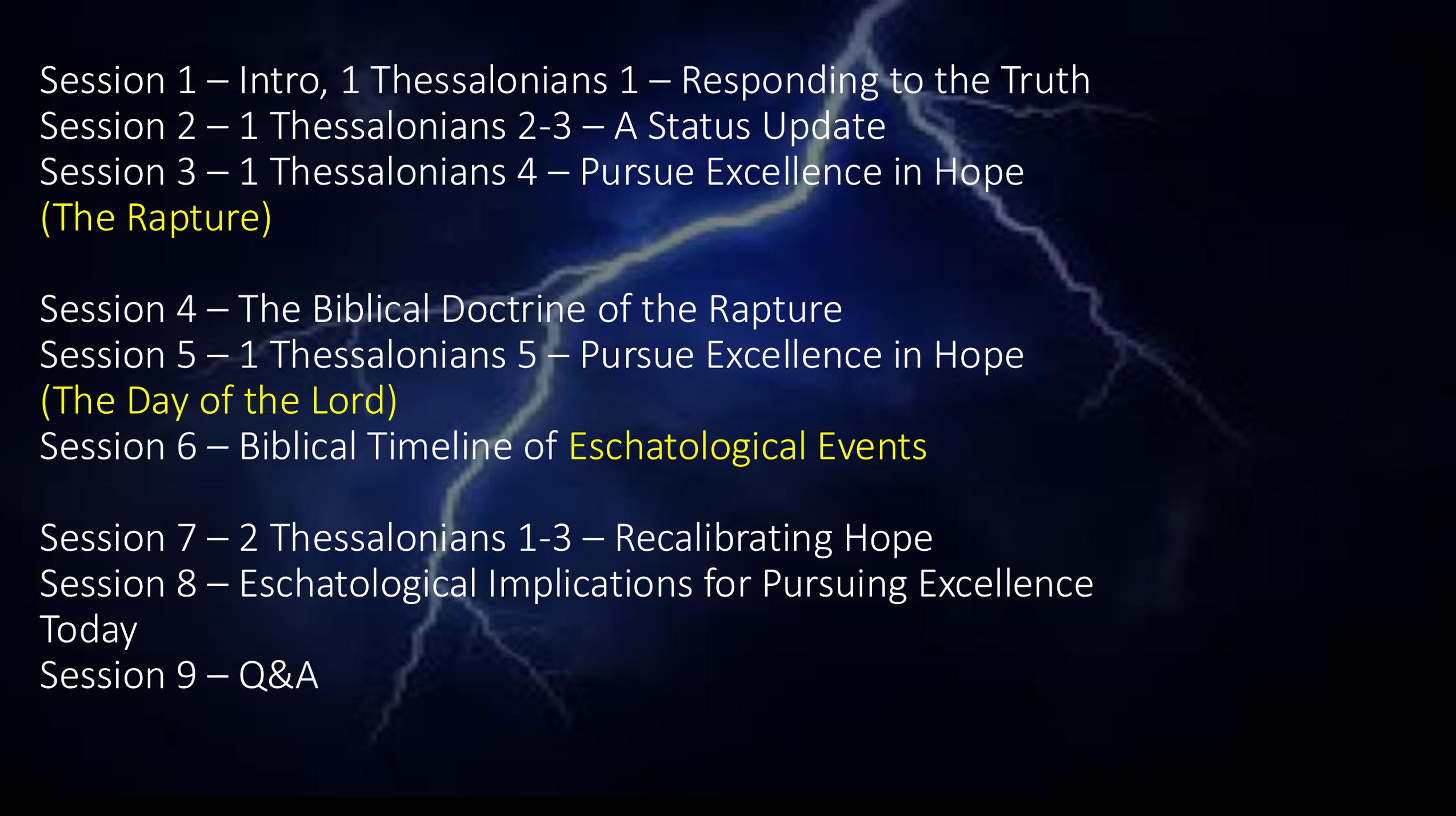
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**...the intersection
of eschatology
and ethics...**



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“Responding to the Truth”
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Theme

Commends Thessalonians for past growth, Exhorts future growth

Outline of

1 Thessalonians

Past Growth – 1-3

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Continuing in Growth – 4-5

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Components of Worldview

Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians



Background of 2 Thessalonians

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Outline of 2 Thessalonians

Purpose of Hope – 1

1:1-5 – For **Growth**

1:6-10 – For **Assurance**

1:11-12 – For **Glory**

Clarification of Hope – 2:1-12

The Day of the Lord

Provision of Hope – 2:13-3:5

2:13-14 – The **Calling** of God

2:15-17 – **Standing** in God

3:1-5 – The **Faithfulness** of God

Defense of Hope – 3:6-18

Components of Worldview

Worldview Implications of 2 Thessalonians





1 Thessalonians 1

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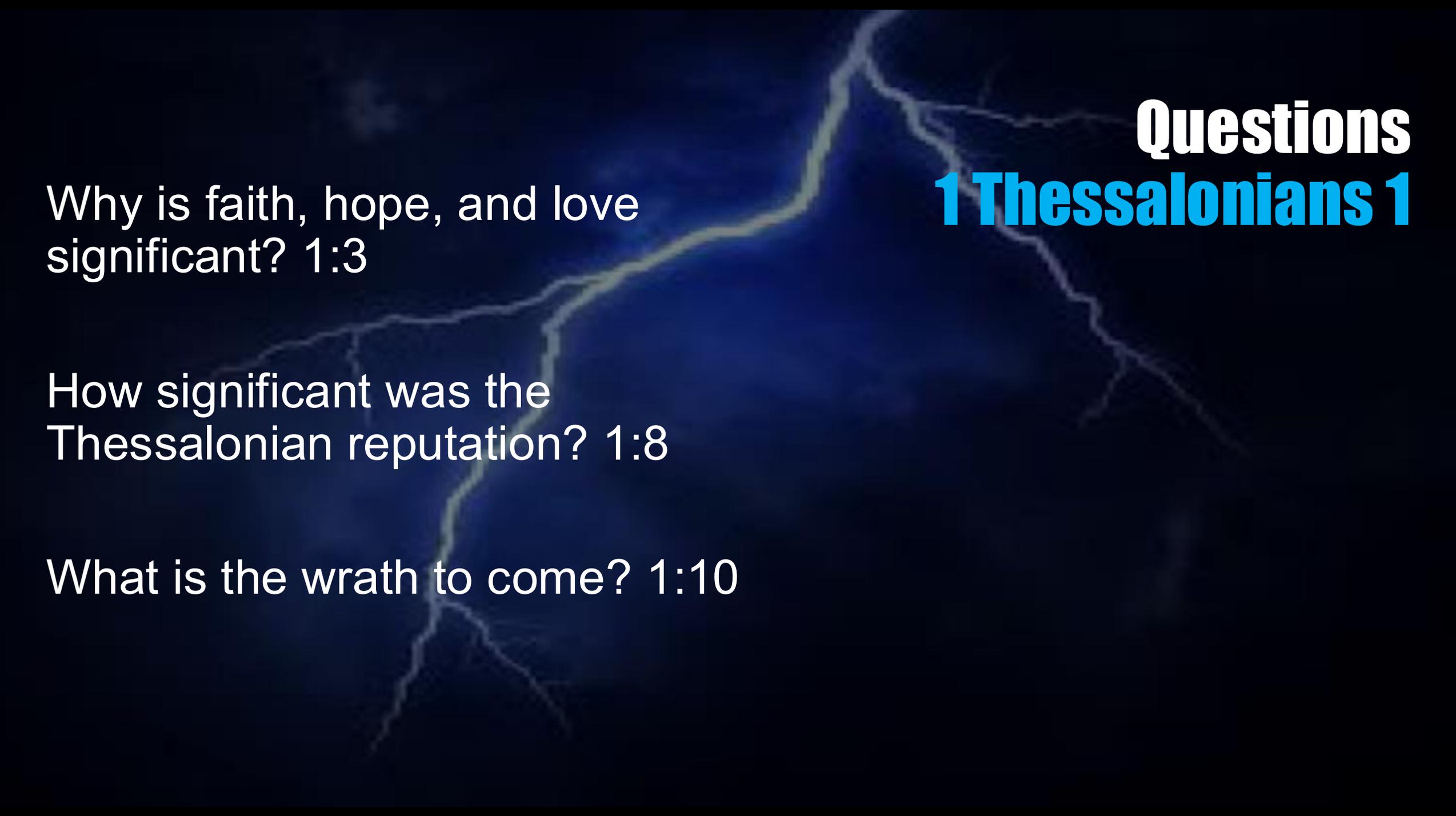
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Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians 1





Questions

1 Thessalonians 1

Why is faith, hope, and love significant? 1:3

How significant was the Thessalonian reputation? 1:8

What is the wrath to come? 1:10

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1 Thessalonians 2-3

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Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians 2-3

Questions

1 Thessalonians 2

What does the family example illustrate? 2:7,9,11

What is the goal of Paul's discipling ministry? 2:12

What is the wrath that had come upon the opposition? 2:16

Questions

1 Thessalonians 3

The Thessalonians are commended for their _____ and _____ 3:5,6

The Thessalonians needed to increase in their _____ and _____ 3:10,12

To which coming is Paul referring in 3:13?

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Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians 4



Are the Thessalonians rebuked? 4:1,10

What is God's will for believers? 4:3,7

To which coming is Paul referring? 4:15

What is the sequence of events in the rapture? 4:16-17

Why is the teaching on the rapture given? 4:18

Questions

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The Rapture Passages

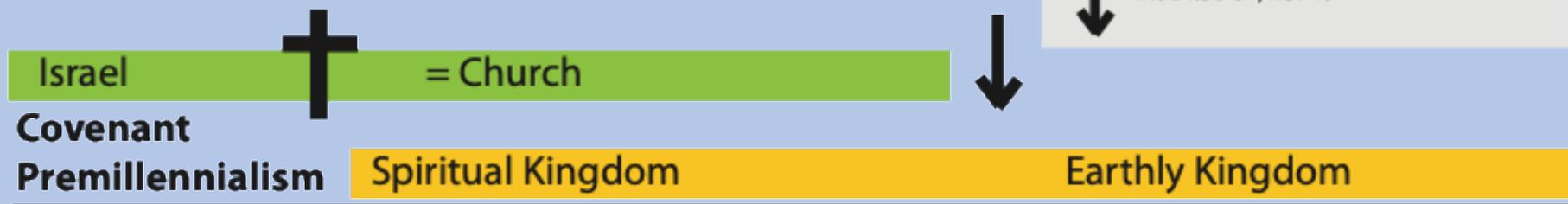
John 14:1-3

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17

2 Thessalonians 2:3

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Titus 2:11-15



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- Gen 12:2-3; Eph 2-3; Rom 4, 9-11
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- Mt 24:30-31; Rev 19

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Worldview Implications of The Rapture



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Worldview Implications of 1 Thessalonians 5

The day of the Lord brings _____. 5:3

On what basis does Paul state that the day of the Lord is not for believers? 5:4-5, 9-10

Why is the teaching on the day of the Lord given? 5:11

How should we "counsel"? 5:14

What is God's will for believers? 5:18

What is the outcome for believers? 5:23-24

Questions

1 Thessalonians 5

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Worldview Implications of The Biblical Timeline



The seventy weeks is literally *seventy sevens* (*heptamades* in the Greek), and refers to seventy Sabbaths of years (Lev. 25:8), or four hundred and ninety years. There are two elements of purpose, with six specific results:



Daniel 9 The 70 7s

Dealing with sin

1. to finish the transgression
2. to make an end of sin
3. to make atonement for iniquity (Christ at the cross)

Dealing with righteousness

4. to bring in everlasting righteousness (Jer. 23:5-6; 31)
5. to seal up vision and prophecy – *to seal* in the sense of royal authentication, fulfilling God's plan
6. to anoint the most holy – either referring to the temple or the Messiah



Daniel 9 The 70 7s

The first 7 weeks (49 years) probably references the remaining years of Old Testament prophetic ministry after the decree of King Artaxerxes in Nehemiah 2:1-6 (the only decree pertaining to the actual city), while the following 62 covers the intertestamental period (434), which includes the 400 years of silence (Amos 8:11).



Daniel 9 **The 70 7s**

This adds up to a total of 483 years of 360-day years (according to the Jewish lunar calendar). According to the sun calendar, years are made up of 365 days. The lunar calendar would add a 13th month to make up the difference when enough days had accumulated, but this addition is not characteristic of Biblical prophecy (see Rev. 11:2,3; 12:6; 13:5), so five days per year must be subtracted to fit into the lunar calendar. $5 \text{ days} \times 483 \text{ years} = 2415 \text{ extra days}$, or roughly $6 \frac{2}{3}$ years.



Daniel 9 The 70 7s

Here is the formula: 445 BC
+ 483 years = 38 AD – 6 years
(for the lunar calendar
adjustment) = 32 AD, which
would complete the 7 and
62 weeks of years.



Daniel 9 **The 70 7s**

- There is historical consensus that Christ was crucified in 33 AD (fulfilling the first part of this prophecy), and that Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 AD (fulfilling the second). Thus the first 483 years of the 490-year schedule is completed.
- The final seven-year period of this prophecy commences with the prince's covenant, so the timeline has paused for some time, awaiting his arrival on the scene. The purpose for this gap is later explained in Romans 9-11.



Daniel 9

The 70 7s

Israel: The Eternal Promises

Genesis 12:1-3 - Abrahamic Covenant
Deuteronomy 30:1-10 - Land Covenant
II Samuel 7:8-17 - Davidic Covenant
Jeremiah 31:27-40 - New Covenant

EARTHLY

Daniel 9 - The 70 Weeks of Israel Prophecied
Matthew 12 - Israel rejects her Messiah

The Church: The Eternal Promise

Romans 9-11

Veiled Allusion

Genesis 12:3c - Blessing to the nations
Jeremiah 31:34b - Forgiveness of sin
Joel 2:28 - Holy Spirit predicted
John 16 - Holy Spirit promised

HEAVENLY

Direct Revelation

Matthew 16:13-20 - First prophecy of the church
Acts 2 - Birth of the church
Ephesians 1-3,5 - The mystery of the church
Galatians 3-4 - The economy of the church
I John 2:25 - The promise defined
Revelation 1-3 - The conclusion of the church
I Thessalonians 4:13-18 - the rapture of the church

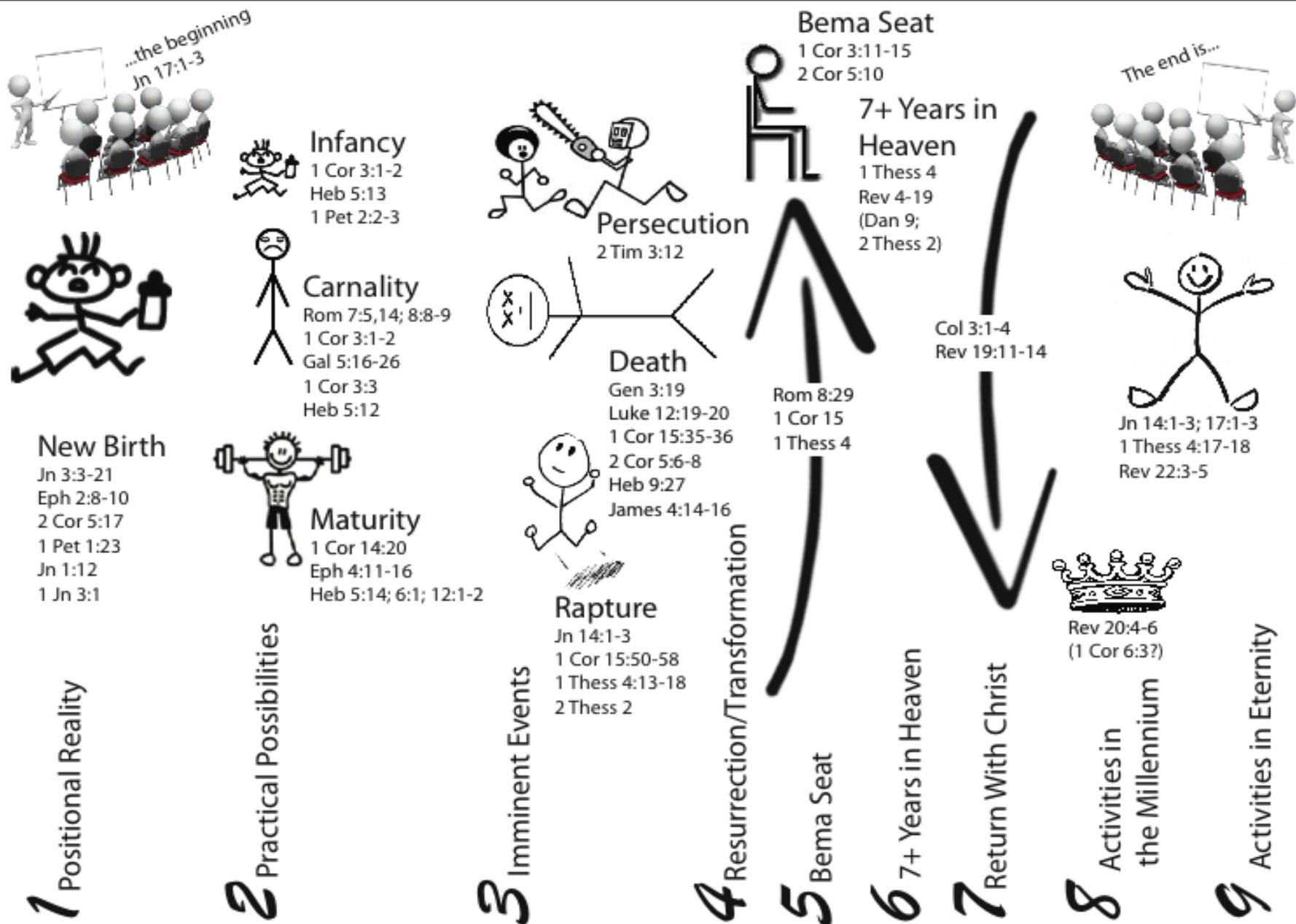
**Revelation 4-18 - Jacob's Trouble:
The Tribulation (Daniel's 70th
week)**

Revelation 19 - The King Comes

Revelation 20 - The Kingdom
Revelation 21-22 - Eternity

(church in heaven)

**Revelation 19 -Christ returns
with His bride**
Revelation 20 - The Kingdom
Revelation 21-22 - Eternity





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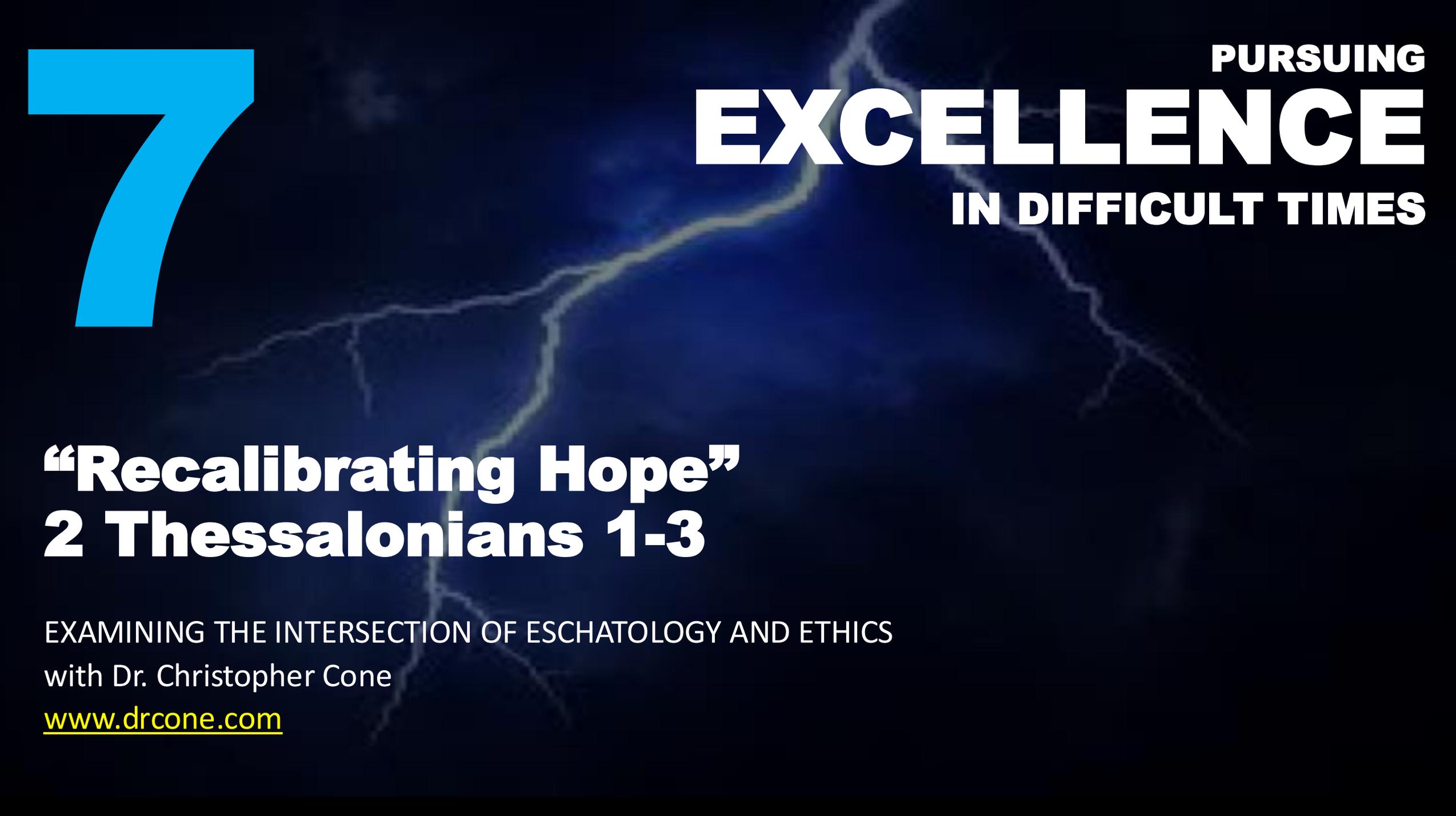
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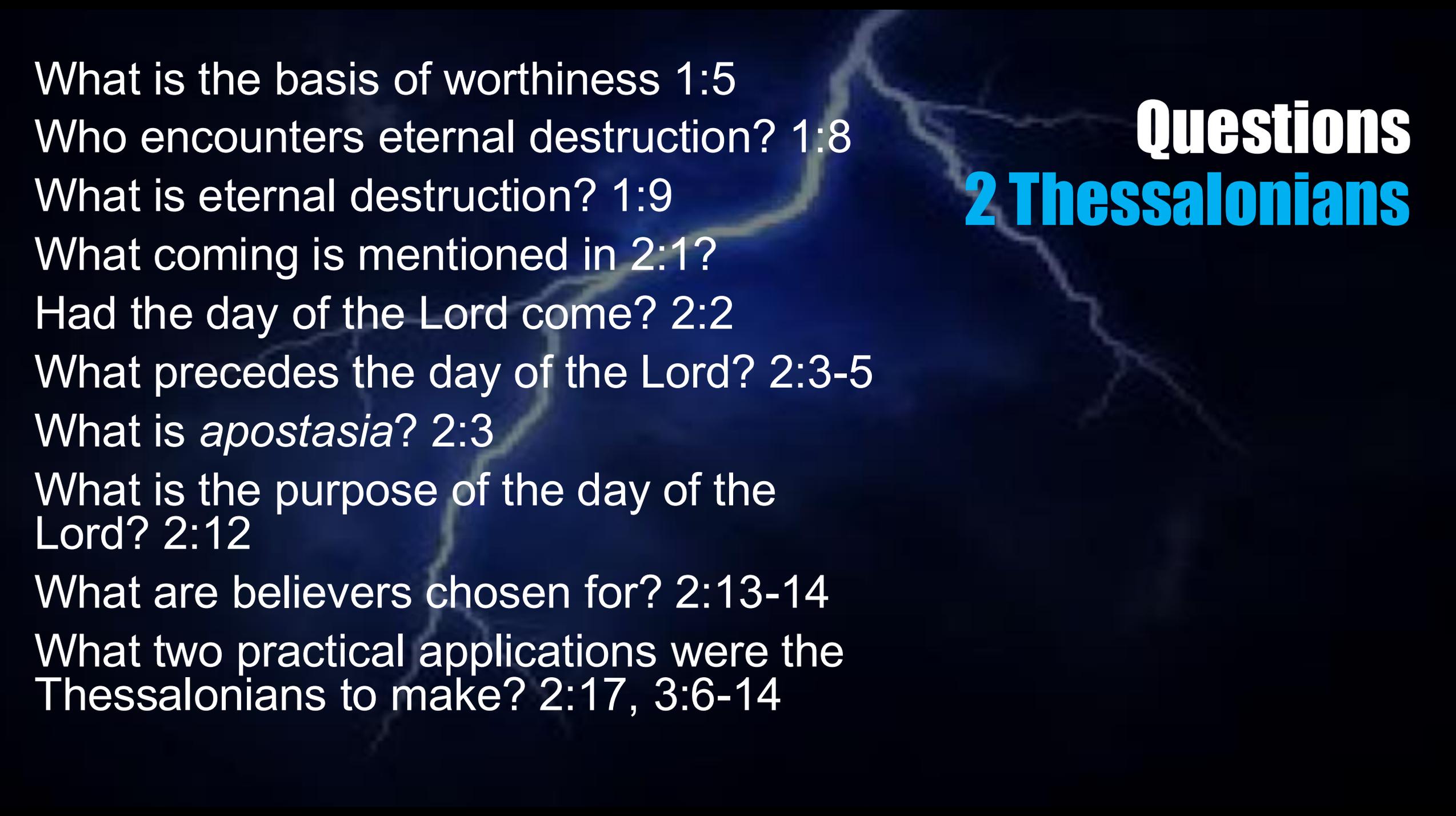
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Defense of Hope – 3:6-18

Components of Worldview

Worldview Implications of 2 Thessalonians 1-3





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

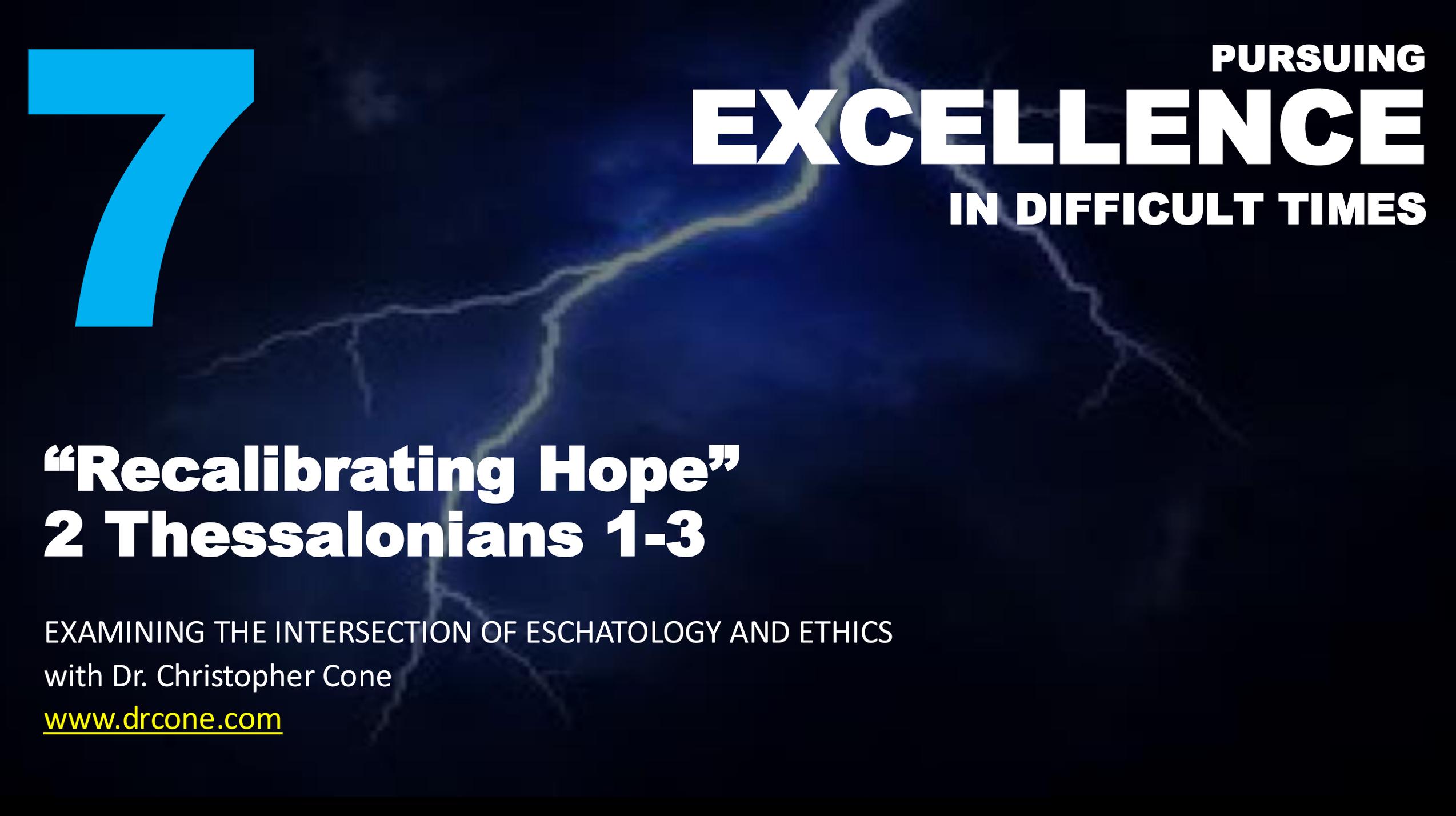
What precedes the day of the Lord? 2:3-5

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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**Worldview
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Worldview Implications of The Intersection

3 Eschatological Keys

1 The Kingdom

- 2 Sam 7 / Rev 20

2 The Distinct Peoples

- Romans 4

3 The Doxological Purpose

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God's eternal spiritual
kingdom Gen 1:1 / Is 40

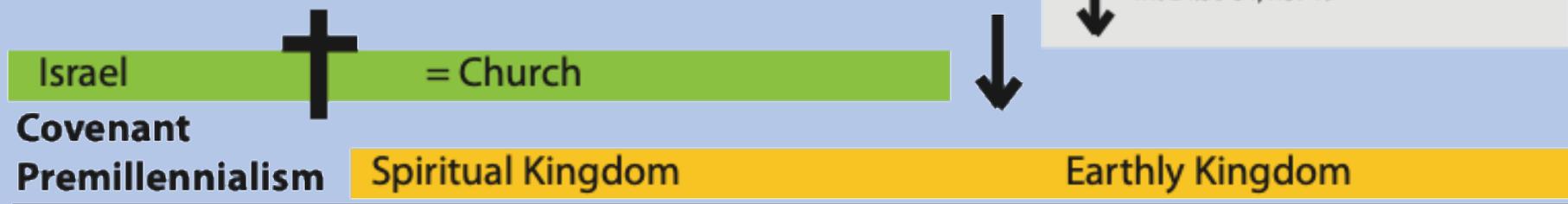
Come to earth in physical form
2 Sam 7; Rev 20



The Kingdom

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Dispensations: Number and Purpose

12 - Doxological	7 - Soteriological	3 - Kingdom
1. Planning: Eternity Past - Jn. 17:24; Eph. 1:4; 1 Pet. 1:20		
2. Prelude: Innocence of Man - Gen. 1:1-3:5	1. Innocence: Gen. 1:3-3:6	
3. Plight: Failure of Man - Gen. 3:6-6:7	2. Conscience: Gen. 3:7-8:14	1. Preparation: Begins Gen. 3:15
4. Preservation & Provision: Common Grace & Human Govt. - Gen. 6:8-11:9	3. Government: Gen. 8:15-11:9	
5. Promises Pronounced: Gen. 11:10-Ex. 18:27	4. Promise: Gen. 11:10-Ex. 18:27	
6. Prerequisite Portrayed: The Broken Covenant (Tutor) - Ex. 19:1-Mal. 4:6 (Gal. 3:24-25)	5. Law: Ex. 19:1-Jn. 14:30	
7. Promises Proffered: The Kingdom Offered - Mt. 1:1-12:45		
8. Postponement & Propitiation: Kingdom Postponed & New Covenant Ratified - Mt. 12:46-Acts 1:26		
9. Participation: Church Age - Acts 2:1- Rev. 3:22	6. Grace: Acts 2:1 – Rev. 19:21	2. Participation: Begins Acts 2
10. Purification: Tribulation, Jacob's Trouble - Rev. 4:1-19:10		
11. Promises Performed: Kingdom Initiated - Rev. 19:11-20:6	7. Millennium: Rev. 20:1-5	3. Consummation: Begins in Rev. 19
12. Postscript: Eternity Future - Rev. 20:7 – 22:21		

But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, and regard the patience of our Lord *as salvation...*

2 Pet 3:13-15

Ethics Based on Eschatology

Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore **comfort one another** with these words. 1 Thess 4:17-18

Model 1: If A and B then C, If A and not B then not A

Model 2: If A and C then what about B? “meh”

Model 3: A and C, therefore B

The Formula: B = based on the reality of A and the certainty of C



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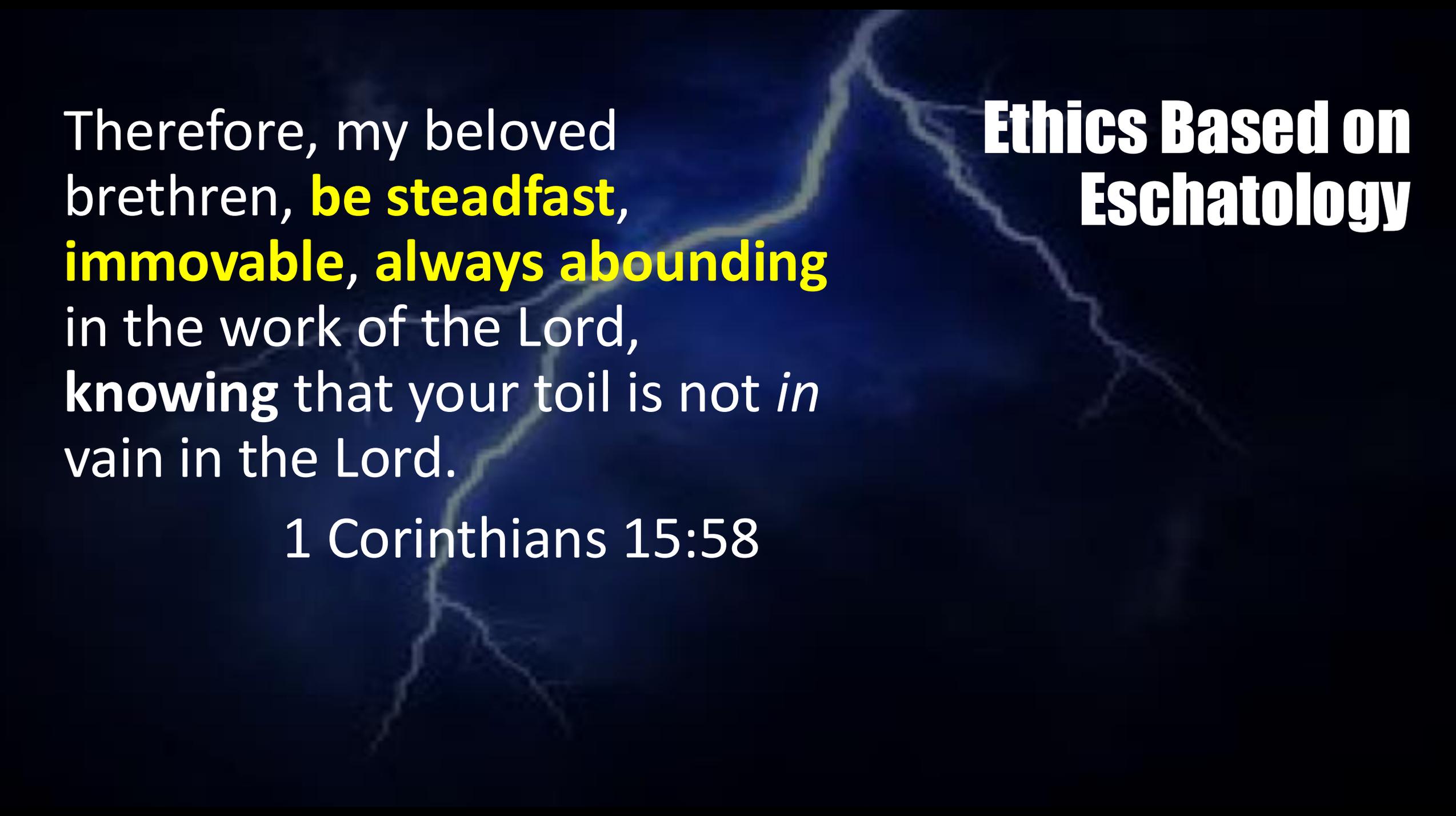


WALK IN CHRIST



PRIZE IN CHRIST

sanctification



Therefore, my beloved
brethren, **be steadfast,**
immovable, always abounding
in the work of the Lord,
knowing that your toil is not *in*
vain in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58

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