

8. The extraction of all believers at the Rapture causes the removal of the currently existing pivot and the elimination of its client nation.
9. However, many religious organizations will continue to function and possess funds, real estate, and buildings.
10. Filling the vacuum of leadership created by the Rapture will be those who promote the Beast-Dictator's ecumenical movement.
11. Being both apostate and blasphemous, these new "Christian" leaders will promote the amalgamation of all religions into one.
12. The final religious group to fall into line will be the Jews. When the "abomination of desolation" is placed in the temple's Holy of Holies, the treaty the Antichrist made with the Jews is canceled.
13. At the halfway mark of the Tribulation, the Beast-Dictator's policy toward Israel is exposed as fraudulent; his publicly perceived pro-Semitic policy toward Israel becomes anti-Semitic.

2 Thessalonians 2:4 - The Lucifer-indwelt Beast-Dictator opposes God and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, with the result that he symbolically takes his seat in the Holy of Holies of the temple of God in the form of a self-commissioned statue, asserting that he himself is God. (EXT)

14. This act is an allusion to Lucifer's Five Assertions which formed the basis of his rebellion against God in eternity past:

Isaiah 14:12 - "How you have fallen from the third heaven, O star of the morning [הַיְלֵל (*Heylel*): "light bearer"; Latin: "Lucifer" (KJV)], son of the dawn [בֶּן־שַׁחַר (*ben-Shachar*)]!¹

¹ "Star of the Morning, Son of the Dawn refers to the superior officer of the Dark Side, the cherub-ranked fallen angel known by the monikers, Satan or devil, but whose real name is Heylel ben-Shachar. Employing the Latin noun, Lucifer, conveniently summarizes all these translations" (Joe Griffin, *One Day at a Time*, ed. John Cameron Smith [St. Charles: Joe Griffin Media Ministries, 2013], 161fn124.

Isaiah 14:13 - “But you said in your heart, **(1)** ‘I will ascend into the third heaven; **(2)** I will raise my throne above the angels of God [**C-in-C of the angelic forces**], **(3)** and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north [**the throne room of God**],

v. 14 - **(4)** ‘I will ascend above the heights of the clouds [**supreme ruling authority**]; **(5)** I will make myself like the Most High [**replace God**].” (EXT)

15. The Beast-Dictator’s desire is to fulfill as many of Lucifer’s Five Assertions as possible during the Tribulation. This will define his mission over the next three and a half years.

2 Thessalonians 2:5 - Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things? (NASB)

1. Paul asks them to remember what he previously taught them in 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18: the Church will not go through the Tribulation.
2. Instead they have given an ear to a false corrigendum as if it had been sent to them by Paul with what appears to them to be an “update.”
3. The commonplace challenges all believers must endure in the scrum of the Angelic Conflict were in evidence in Thessalonica. These believers had become disoriented by the false doctrines taught by false teachers.
4. Some background on this church and its members is essential at this point in our study:

Thessalonica dates from about 315 B.C., when Macedonian king Cassander, son of Antipater, enlarged and strengthened it by concentrating there the population of a number of neighboring towns and villages, and renamed it after his wife Thessalonica, daughter of Philip II and stepsister of Alexander the Great. (p. 2970)

The Thessalonian church was a strong and flourishing one, composed of Gentiles rather than of Jews. (p. 2971)⁸

5. Because most of the original members were Gentiles, they had some difficulty with knowing what time it was.
6. When false teachers told them they would have to go through the Tribulation it led to mass confusion in light of Paul's teachings in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.
7. The false teachers and a significant false corrigendum blurred the distinction between the Rapture and the Second Advent and between the Church and Israel.
8. A misunderstanding of or ignorance of dispensations is the reason the false teachers were able to confuse members of the church.
9. In addition, the doctrine of the cycles of discipline, which forecast divine discipline to reversionistic believers, is also confused with the events of the Tribulation.
10. Learning of these areas of confusion, Paul writes his Second Epistle to the Thessalonians in order to refute the false teachers and the false "letter" they alleged he had written.
11. The epistle's first chapter is an introduction, but with the second chapter, Paul addresses the doctrine of the Rapture of the Church.
12. Whenever historical disaster hits, it is the ability to recall and apply doctrine under pressure that sustains the believer in the conflict.
13. In light of this principle, we discover that verse 5 begins with the rhetorical question, "Do you not remember?"
14. The verse begins with the negative conjunction **Οὐ (Ou)**: "Do you not," followed by the present active indicative of the verb **μνημονεύω (mēnmoneúō)**: "remember."

15. The present tense is tendential which describes an action that is proposed or attempted, though it is not actually taking place.
16. Paul is going to remind the members of what he recently taught and recorded in 1 Thessalonians 4 with the expectation that in doing so they will recall the details.
17. In our study of the Theology of Neurology, we learned that incoming information is processed by the brain and retained in long-term memory which enables the individual to recall the information.
18. With regard to supernatural information contained in the Word of God, the Holy Spirit functions under the doctrine of spirituality to make the information lucid to the human soul.
19. Once accepted as truth, followed by the Spirit's conversion of the doctrine into *epígnōsis*, it is retained in the neurons of the brain as a wheel-track of righteousness.
20. Doctrine retained in the soul and the brain's neurons is available for recall and application including the ten problem-solving devices.
21. In addition, the memory center of the soul is able to coordinate the new information with that already retained to form constellations of wheel-tracks composed of doctrines pertinent to the subject.
22. Biblical principles are always made available by the Holy Spirit's function of recall. But this only challenges the believer to consider the information for application.
23. Pulling the volitional trigger to apply what one knows is the critical point in the life of a believer. Failure to apply what one knows is negative volition and is the forerunner to reversionism.

24. Ergo: Recall + courage = application. This is how Paul opens this verse: "Do you not remember?"