

ministry in Thessalonica? How does he describe his message to the Thessalonians? Do these characterize the church today? What effect should the Parousia have on daily living? What negative effects could it have? What can be done to guard against the negative effects and promote the positive ones?

Further Study:

THE EPISTLES OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS by Leon Morris is a good commentary in the Tyndale series. THE FIRST AND SECOND EPISTLES TO THE THESSALONIAN also by Leon Morris is a more in-dpth treatment of these books. 1 AND 2 THESSALONIANS by I. Howard Marshall, a new commentary in the New Century Bible series, is also helpful. It is on the technical level of the second listing by Morris, above, but more up-to-date.

b. Extended Notes

(1) Chapter summaries:

I. Thessalonians:

1. Greeting. Thanks to God for the Thessalonians change lives.
2. Paul's ministry in Thessalonica. Their suffering persecution not unprecedented.
3. Paul's concern led to Timothy's visit and return with an encouraging report.
4. Thessalonians are called to sanctification, Dead believers will not miss the Lord's return.
5. Day of the Lord comes as thief to unbelievers, live in the light of His coming. Final instructions.

II. Thessalonians:

1. Christian perseverance in the light of Christ's coming.
2. Coming of the man of lawlessness, Stand firm
3. Command regarding opponents of the Gospel. Orders regarding undisciplined lives.

(2) Particular emphases of the letters:

---rebuke of indolence