***Lesson Twenty***

**1 Thessalonians 5:3**

**Signs of the Coming of the Day of the Lord**

**1.** Examine 1 Thessalonians 5:3-4. Who is Paul referring to by his use of the pronouns ***they/them*** and ***you***? What is the significance of this distinction between these two groups?

**2.** In v. 3 Paul say that ***while they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them . . .*** What is the significance of the phrase ***peace*** (*eirēnē*—#1515) ***and safety*** (*asphaleia*—#803)? What does the phrase connote?

**3.** Paul then adds that ***while they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them . . .***  What does the word ***destruction*** (*olethros*—#3639) mean?

**4.** In the phrase ***while they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them***, does one (***peace and safety***) precede the other (***destruction***) or do they occur at the same time?

**5.** Paul then uses an illustration for how ***destruction comes upon them . . . like labor pains upon a woman with child***. What is the significance of the illustration of ***labor pains upon a woman with child***?

**6.** To help us understand the events preceding ***the day of the Lord***, examine 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3. In v. 3 we see the first of two specific events that precede ***the day of the Lord . . . the apostasy comes first.*** What does ***the apostasy*** (*apostasia*—#646) refer to? Explain.

**7.** The second sign of the coming of ***the day of the Lord***, stated in 2 Thessalonians 2:3, is . . . ***the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction***. Who is ***the man of lawlessness***? (see 2 Thessalonians 2:4, Revelation 5:1-2, 6:1-2 and Daniel 9:26-27)

**8.** What does Paul’s statement in 1 Thessalonians 5:3 . . . ***while they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape . . .*** teach us about the world events and attitude of the unbelieving world when ***the day of the Lord*** begins?