

The Writing is on the Wall

Intro & Review:

Central theme: God rules! He will establish His everlasting kingdom.
Central purpose: to encourage the exiles to live faithful, distinctive lives.
The contribution of this episode is closely tied to chapter 4.
The focus of this chapter is God's sovereignty in judgement.

1 – A Defiant Act of Sacrilege (5:1-4)

2 – A Fearful Divine Intervention (5:5-12)

3 – A Devastating Final Judgement (5:13-31)

Questions for Reflection:

1. Discuss how God holds people (believers and unbelievers) accountable.
2. Why will people not repent?
3. How does this episode speak to your interactions with unbelievers?
4. What does God's judgement mean in the end? How should this make us respond in the present? (2 Thes. 1:6-10; Rev. 20:11-15; Rom. 12:19-20)