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Outline of the Bible Book of I and II Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians = Warm Springs (?)

[God Is Profound]

Acts 17:1-10

Blueprint for Redemption

I. The Entrance of the Gospel **I Thes. 1:1-10**

A. ***Grace Implied 1:1***

B. ***Grace Supplied 1:2-7***

C. ***Grace Replied 1:8-10***

II. The Envy of the Gospel **2:1 - 3:13**

A. ***The "Rocky Road" to Evangelism 2:1-4***

B. ***The "Sacrificial Offering" of the Preachers 2:5-12***

C. ***The "Jewish Taliban" of Opposition 2:13-16***

D. ***The "One Way" Streets of Satan 2:17-20***

E. ***The "Heavenly Headlines" of Truth 3:1-13***

III. The Endeavour of the Gospel **4:1-18**

A. ***God's Will for the Flesh 4:1-8***

B. ***God's Will for the Spirit 4:9-12***

C. ***God's Will for the Future 4:13-18***

IV. The End of the Gospel **5:1-28**

A. **Unbelievers' Uncertainty of Jesus' Second Coming 5:1-3**

B. **Believers' Certainty about Jesus' Second Coming 5:4-11**

C. **Believers' Certainty about Jesus' Judgments 5:12-22**

D. **Believers' Certainty about Jesus' Expectations 6:23-28**

1 Thessalonians Themes:

1. This is Paul's 1st epistle, probably written from Corinth on his second journey (**Acts 18:9-11**). The Thessalonian church was established on the same journey (**Acts 17:1-10**).
2. There is no citation from the Old Testament in this book, probably due to a small Jewish contingent in the population; nevertheless Paul began in their synagogue in his effort to preach the gospel "for the Jew first, and also for the Greek" (**Romans 1:16**).
3. Originally known as *Therme* for the hot springs located there, but rebuilt by Cassander in 315 B.C. and re-named for his wife, Thessalonica, daughter of Philip of Macedon, and sister to Alexander the Great. Its present-day name is *Salonika*.
4. The only verse in the entire Bible showing the trinity of humans is **I Thessalonians 5:23**. Each person is composed of:
 1. a body from the dust of the ground (**Genesis 2:7; I Corinthians 15:35-50**);
 2. a spirit which is housed in the body (**Genesis 2:7; James 2:26; Matthew 27:50**). This latter "spirit" is composed of:
 1. *pneuma*, the "personality," rationality, thinking part; and
 2. *psyche*, the "life," or animating breath.

I. The Doctrine of Jesus' 2nd Coming Stated **2 Thes. 1:1-12**

A. Foreward **1:1-2**

1. Paul's present companions **2 Thes. 1:1a**
2. The church's authorization **2 Thes. 1:1b**
3. Gentile ("grace") and Hebrew ("peace") greeting **2 Thes. 1:2**

B. For Word **2 Thes. 1:3-11**

1. Obligatory thanksgiving for faith and love **2 Thes. 1:3**
2. "Bragging right" for patience and faith **2 Thes. 1:4**
3. Perseverance God will repay on Judgment Day **2 Thes. 1:5-10**
 - a) suffering for kingdom of God demands such **2 Thes. 1:5-6**
 - b) led by the Lord Jesus and His mighty angels **2 Thes. 1:7**
 - c) fiery vengeance on know nots and do nots **2 Thes. 1:8**
 - d) everlasting punishment for evil **2 Thes. 1:9**
 - e) admiration for Christ among believers **2 Thes. 1:10**

C. Forward **2 Thes. 1:11-12**

1. Prayer for Christians to succeed **2 Thes. 1:11**
2. Prayer for Christ's name to be glorified by them **2 Thes. 1:12**

II. The Doctrine of Jesus' 2nd Coming "Dated" **2 Thes. 2:1-17**

A. **God is Holding to His Plan 2 Thes. 2:1-5**

1. There is no other revelation on the subject but Scripture
2 Thes. 2:1-3a
2. Historical figure precedes final figure **2 Thes. 2:3b-5**
 - a) "the apostasy" must first occur **2 Thes. 2:3b**
 - b) "the man of sin"/"the son of perdition" is revealed **2 Thes. 2:3b-4**
Cf Daniel 7:7-14, Daniel 19-28; Daniel 8:5-14; 11:29-39
 - c) the doctrine changed not since Paul was in Thessalonica
2 Thes. 2:5

B. **God is Holding Back Its Development 2 Thes. 2:6-9**

1. Present "lawlessness" will lead to ungodliness **2 Thes. 2:6-7**
2. Lawless one will be punished at 2nd coming **2 Thes. 2:8**
3. Satan is authority for lawless one, not God! **2 Thes. 2:9-10a**

C. **God is Holding On to His Judgment 2 Thes. 2:10b-12**

1. Against non-lovers of truth **2 Thes.:10b**
2. Against adherents to error **2 Thes. 2:11-12 Cf I Kings 22:14-28;**
Romans 1:18-32; I Timothy 4:1-7

D. **Christians Must Hold To His Plan 2 Thes. 2:13-15**

1. God chooses those who believe the Spirit's truth **2 Thes. 2:13**
2. God calls people through the gospel to obey **2 Thes. 2:14**
3. God wants Christians to be faithful to Bible truth **2 Thes. 2:15**

E. **Prayers Should Hold to Him 2 Thes. 2:16-17**

1. Reminder of God and Jesus' gifts: love, hope, grace **2 Thes. 2:16**
2. Reminder of consolation in doctrinal truth **2 Thes. 2:17**

III. The Doctrine of Jesus' 2nd Coming Awaited **2 Thes. 3:1-16**

A. **Prayer Requested For: 2 Thes. 3:1-2**

1. freedom for the gospel's proclamation **2 Thes. 3:1**
2. deliverance from unreasonable and wicked men **2 Thes. 3:22**

B. **Confidence Expressed In: 2 Thes. 3:3-4**

1. God at work **2 Thes. 3:3**
2. Christians' response **2 Thes. 3:4**

C. **Paul's Prayer For Them 2 Thes. 3:5**

D. **Continue Diligence With: 2 Thes. 3:6-15**

1. Separation from disorderly brethren **2 Thes. 3:6**
2. Work ethic for Christians **2 Thes. 3:7-13**
 - a) work ethic exemplified by Paul **2 Thes. 3:7-8**
 - b) Paul's refusal to do otherwise **2 Thes. 3:9**
Cf I Corinthians 9:1-18
 - c) principle applies in Paul's absence **2 Thes. 3:10 Cf Gen. 3:17-19;**
Ephesians 4:28; Acts 20:35
 - d) perversion from idleness and its solution! **2 Thes. 3:11-12**
 - e) encouragement to work **2 Thes. 3:13**
3. Amicable separation with disorderly **2 Thes. 3:14-15**
 - a) obedience expected with Bible study **2 Thes. 3:14**
 - b) b. separation does NOT make one an "enemy" **2 Thes. 3:15**

E. **Endings 2 Thes. 3:16-17**

Thessalonians Theses:

1. **Some** were influencing Thessalonian thinking by taking a statement in Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians about "we who are alive *and* remain" (**I Thessalonians 4:17**) to mean that Jesus would come again during Paul's lifetime. **Others** were falsely claiming apostolic authority for their uninspired traditions as if they had revelation from God "either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us" (**2 Thessalonians 2:1-2**). Just as Paul had written "that no one should be shaken by these afflictions" (**I Thessalonians 3:1-2**), he now wrote that they should "not be soon shaken in mind or troubled [by those who claim]...as though the day of Christ had come" (**2 Thessalonians 2:2-3**).
2. **Judas** was "the son of perdition" (**John 17:12**) because he rejected Jesus Christ. **Peter** was rebuked for beginning a similar path of reasoning but, contrary to Judas, turned back to faithfulness to Jesus Christ (**Matthew 16:21-23**). **This "son of perdition"** (a.k.a. "man of sin") however, is one who comes after "the apostasy" (**2 Thessalonians 2:3**) occurs. Hence, the "anti Christ" principle seen in Judas, "is already at work" (**2 Thessalonians 2:7**; **Cf I John 2:18-23**). The "mystery" of the gospel is revealed in Jesus Christ (**Romans 16:25-27**; **Ephesians 3:1-7**), and the "mystery" of anti Christ doctrine(s) is revealed in the apostasy away from the gospel of Christ (**2 Thessalonians 2:7-8**).