

2 THESSALONIANS

1. TITLES:

- A. The Second Epistle to the Thessalonians
- B. The Book of The Second Coming of Christ in Judgment

2. AUTHOR:

Written by Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

3. DATE:

Probably written between 50 and 52 A.D. during Paul's stay at Corinth on his second missionary journey (Acts 18).

4. KEY WORDS:

- A. Faith, Believe - 8
- B. Love, Charity (Greek word) - 6
- C. Revealed - 4
- D. Command (ed) - 4
- E. Coming - 3

5. KEY VERSES: 1:7-10

6. PURPOSE:

- A. To give further details concerning the events surrounding the coming of the Lord.
- B. To encourage the believers in the midst of severe persecution.
- C. To command them to continue in their occupation and well-doing until the coming of the Lord.

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7. MESSAGE:

- A. The coming of Christ is a judgment upon those who know not God.
- B. The spirit of the Anti-Christ is already at work within the world.
- C. In the light of the comings of both Christ and the Anti-Christ, the believer should now walk orderly.

8. OUTLINE:

- I. The Christ Avenging - Ch. 1
- II. The Anti-Christ Deceiving - Ch. 2
- III. The Church Working - Ch. 3

9. SUMMARY:

(Refer to this same heading under 1 Thessalonians for Paul's relationship to this church.) This second epistle was written soon after the first epistle. The first epistle shows that they were concerned about the "dead in Christ" in relation to His second coming. The second epistle shows their concern about the suffering of the living saints in relation to Christ's second coming. In chapter one, Paul comforts them by pointing out that it is far better for them to suffer tribulation previous to Christ's coming than to suffer vengeance at His Coming. In chapter two Paul describes two of the main events that are to precede the second coming; the great falling away and the revelation of the Anti-Christ. Then in chapter three he commands them to wait patiently, to walk orderly, and to work faithfully in the light of Christ's return.

10. CHRIST SEEN:

Christ is seen as the Avenger and the Coming Lord Jesus Christ.