

Outline of II Thessalonians

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- I. Greeting (1:1-2)
- II. Concern for Persecuting Thessalonians (1:3-12)
 - a. Thanksgiving for growth in faith and love (1:3-5)
 - b. Certainty of divine judgment on the persecutors of the Thessalonians (1:6-10)
 - c. Prayer for the fulfillment of god's purpose in their lives (1:11-12)
- III. The Return of Christ (2:1-12)
 - a. Denial that the day of the Lord has occurred (2:1-2)
 - b. Explanation of precedents to the day of the Lord (2:3-12)
 - i. Rebellion against God (2:3a)
 - ii. Manifestation of the man of lawlessness (2:3b-10a)
 - iii. Deception among followers of the man of lawlessness (2:10b-12)
- IV. Gratitude and Prayer for the Thessalonians (2:13-17)
 - a. Gratitude for god's work in their lives (2:13-15)
 - b. Prayer for God's continued encouragement and strength in their lives (2:16-17)
- V. Final Concerns for the Church (3:1-15)
 - a. Obedience and perseverance of the Thessalonians (3:1-5)
 - b. Disciplined labor by the idle (3:6-13)
 - c. Sensitive discipline to the disobedient (3:14-15)
- VI. Conclusion (3:16-18)