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All You Need to Know About the New Testament

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II. Original Purpose

- memorize chapter outlines

- memorize key verses and memorization verses

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- Individual

- Family

- Body of Christ

IV. Presentation

- Lecture

- Break

- Lecture

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Old Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Hebrew/Aramaic

Contents: History/Prophecy

English Bible Arrangement (according to the Septuagint)

Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	History Joshua-Esther	Writings Psalms-Song of Solomon	Prophets Isaiah-Malachi
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Hebrew Bible Arrangement

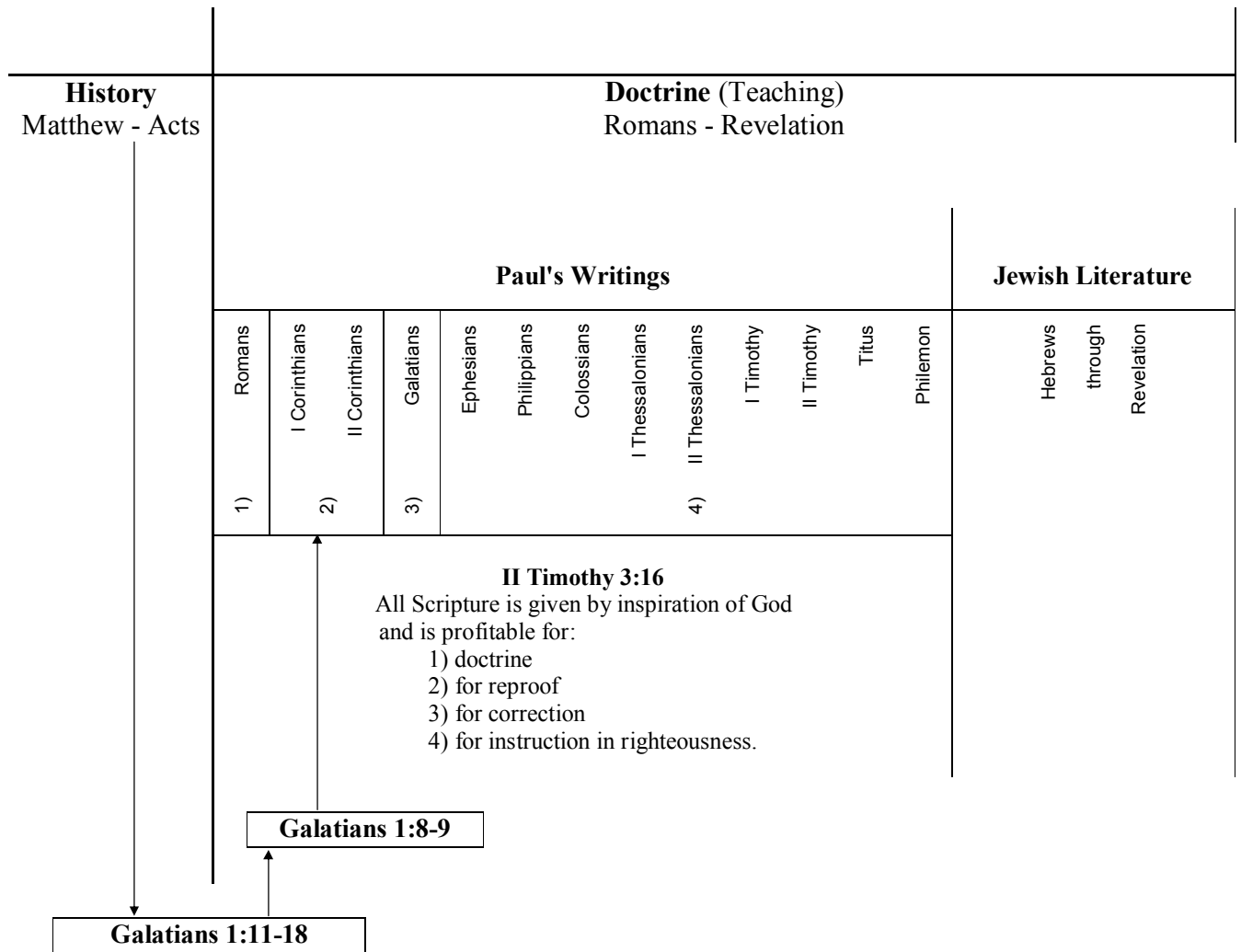
Law Genesis-Deuteronomy	Prophets Joshua-Malachi (minus Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)	Writings Job-II Chronicles (including Ruth, Lamentations & Daniel)
Torah	Neviim	Ketuvim
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New Testament (Covenant)

Original Language: Greek

Contents: History/Doctrine (Teaching)



II Corinthians 10:4-6

- 4) For the tools of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but powerful *with* God for the pulling down of strongholds;
- 5) pulling down reasonings and every high thing exalting itself against the knowledge of God and taking captive every thought into the obedience of Christ;
- 6) and having in readiness that we should avenge all disobedience, whenever your obedience should be fulfilled.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF II THESSALONIANS

I. About the Author

- Paul and his companions Silvanus and Timothy (II Thessalonians 1:1; 3:17)
- Paul's inscription is on all thirteen of his letters.

II. To Whom It Was Written

- To the believers in Thessalonica who were made up of mostly Gentiles, but some Jews believed also. (Acts 17:4)

III. The History of the Church in Thessalonica

- Paul evangelized the area of Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea during his Second Missionary journey along with Silvanus and Timothy. (Acts 17:1-9)
- Paul ministered in Thessalonica for at least three weeks. (Acts 17:2)
- Unbelieving Jews stirred up the unbelieving Gentiles against Paul. (Acts 17:5-9)
- Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy left Thessalonica and went on to Berea. (Acts 17:10)
- Hostile Thessalonian Jews followed Paul to Berea and stirred up the people against Paul. (Acts 17:13)
- Paul left Silvanus and Timothy in Berea while he went on to Athens. (Acts 17:14)
- Paul sent for Silvanus and Timothy to join him in Athens. (Acts 17:15)
- From Athens, Paul sent Timothy back to Thessalonica to check on the welfare of the believers there. (I Thessalonians 3:1-2)
- Paul also sent Silvanus back to Philippi while he went on to Corinth. (Acts 18:1)
- Silvanus and Timothy rejoin Paul in Corinth. (Acts 18:5)
- After Silvanus and Timothy returned, Paul wrote the first letter to the Thessalonians based on Timothy's good report. (Acts 18:5) Paul then wrote the second letter to the Thessalonians after the courier that took the first letter returned and reported to Paul the new problems in Thessalonica.

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IV. The History of the City of Thessalonica

- Thessalonica was 50 miles west of Philippi and 100 miles north of Athens.
- Thessalonica was the chief city of Macedonia and was a Roman Colony.
- The population of Thessalonica in Paul's day was 200,000 people.
- The city was first named Therma because of the hot springs in the area.
- In 316 B.C. Cassander made Therma his home base.
- He renamed the city Thessalonike in memory of his wife.
- Today it is called Salonika.

V. Date of the Letter

- Galatians was Paul's first letter written around 49-50 A.D.
- I Thessalonians was Paul's second letter written around 51 A.D. from Corinth.
- II Thessalonians was Paul's third letter written around 51-52 A.D. from Corinth.

[The date is certain because of historical writings found in archaeological discoveries that state that Gallio served as deputy of Achaia between 51-52 A.D. (Acts 18:12-17)]

VI. The Doctrinal Themes of I and II Thessalonians

- I Thessalonians The Instruction of Paul on the Rapture of the Church
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<u>II Thessalonians Chapter 1</u> The Introduction: Comfort to the Thessalonians
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<u>II Thessalonians 1:1-2</u> The Preface

Chapter 1

↑ ¹ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of
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Chapter 1 (continued)

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II Thessalonians 1:3-12
The Prayer

³ We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

⁴ So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

⁵ Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer:

⁶ Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you;

⁷ And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

⁸ In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

⁹ Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

¹⁰ When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

¹¹ Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

¹² That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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<u>II Thessalonians Chapter 2</u> The Instruction: Concerning the Day of the Lord
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<u>II Thessalonians 2:1-12</u> The Prophecy

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II Thessalonians 2:3

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II Thessalonians 2:6

Chapter 2

¹ Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

² That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

³ Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

⁴ Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

⁵ Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

⁶ And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

⁷ For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

⁸ And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

⁹ Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰ And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 2 The Instruction: Concerning the Day of the Lord

II Thessalonians 2:1-12 The Prophecy - by Way of Explanation

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II Thessalonians 2:13-15
The Prayer

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

¹⁴ Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

M.V.

II Thessalonians 2:15

15 Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 2 The Instruction: Concerning the Day of the Lord (continued)

II Thessalonians 2:13-15 The Prayer - Concerning Their Salvation

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II Thessalonians 2:16-17
The Pronouncement

¹⁶ Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,

¹⁷ Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 2 The Instruction: Concerning the Day of the Lord (continued)

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II Thessalonians Chapter 3 The Instruction: Concerning the Conduct of the Thessalonians

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II Thessalonians 3:1-5 The Plea of Paul
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M.V.

II Thessalonians 3:3

Chapter 3

¹ Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

² And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

⁵ And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

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II Thessalonians 3:6-15
The Precepts of Paul

⁶ Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

⁷ For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

⁸ Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

⁹ Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

¹¹ For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

¹² Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

M.V.

II Thessalonians 3:13

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

M.V.

II Thessalonians 3:14

14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

¹⁵ Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 3 The Instruction: Concerning the Conduct of the Thessalonians (continued)

II Thessalonians 3:6-15 The Precepts of Paul - Concerning Their Lifestyle

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II Thessalonians 3:16
The Prayer of Paul



¹⁶ Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 3 The Instruction: Concerning the Conduct of the Thessalonians (continued)

II Thessalonians 3:16 The Prayer of Paul - Concerning Peace

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II Thessalonians 3:17-18
The Postlude of Paul

¹⁷ The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
Amen.

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II Thessalonians Chapter 3 The Instruction: Concerning the Conduct of the Thessalonians (continued)

II Thessalonians 3:17-18 The Postlude of Paul - Concerning His Proclamation

¹⁷ **The salutation of Paul
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