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A1 THE SALUTATION TO THE CHURCH 1:1-2

B1 The Authors 1:1

- C1 Paul
- C2 Silas
- C3 Timothy

B2 The Recipients

- C1 Their location: The church of the Thessalonians
- C2 Their situation: In God our Father and the Lord, Jesus, Christ

B3 The Blessing 1:2

- C1 The **nature** of the blessing
- C2 The **source** of the blessing

A2 THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE CHURCH: In Light of Their Persecution 1:3-12

B1 Paul's Thanks for Their Faith, Love, and Endurance of Persecution 1:3-5

- C1 His obligation of his thanks 1:3a
- C2 The reason for his thanks 1:3b-5

B2 God's Vengeance on Their Persecutors 1:6-10

- C1 The **justice** of God's paying people back 1:6-7a
- C2 The **occasion** of God's pay-back: The unveiling of the Lord, Jesus 1:7b-8a

C3 The **description** of God's pay-back [to unbelievers]: Giving full vengeance to those 1:8b

C4 The **description** of those being paid back 1:9-10

B3 Paul's Prayer for Them 1:11-12

C1 The **time** of prayer: always 1:11

C2 The **request** of the prayer

C3 The **motive** for the prayer 1:12

C4 The **leverage** for the prayer

A3 THE REASSURANCE TO THE CHURCH: Concerning Christ's Return and The Day of The Lord 2:1-17

B1 Paul's Exhortation Not to Fear That the Day of the Lord Has Already Come! 2:1-2

C1 The **basis** for the request: The true view -- 2:1

C2 The **substance** of the request: ["Don't be afraid"]

B2 Paul's Exhortation Not to Let Anyone Deceive Them: in view of the true sequence of events surrounding the Day of the Lord 2:3-12

C1 The warning against deception 2:3

C2 His setting forth **the true sequence of events** surrounding the Day of the Lord 2:3-5

C3 The **existence** of a restraining force 2:6-7a

C4 The **removal** of the restraining force 2:7b

C5 The **unveiling** of the "Lawless One" 2:8

C6 The **destruction** of the "Lawless One" 2:8

C7 The **power** of the "Lawless One" 2:9a

C8 The **deception** of the "Lawless One" 2:9b-10

C9 The **judgment** of God 2:11-12

B3 Paul's Gratitude for Their Salvation from the Judgment of the Day of the Lord 2:13-17

C1 The call for **thanks** 2:13-14

C2 The call to **steadfastness** 2:15

C3 The request for **blessing** 2:16-17

A4 THE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH 3:1-16

B1 The Request for Prayer 3:1-5

- C1 The exhortation to pray 3:1
- C2 The items of request 3:1-2
- C3 The confidence in request 3:3-4
- C4 The final request: That the Lord may direct their hearts 3:5

B2 The Command to Withdraw from Undisciplined Brothers 3:6-15

- C1 The command to the church 3:6
- C2 The example of the apostle 3:7-9
- C3 The prior command of the apostle 3:10
- C4 The occasion for the present command: His hearing of reports concerning some among them 3:11
- C5 The command to the undisciplined 3:12
- C6 Further instructions to the church 3:13-15

A5 THE CLOSING COMMENTS TO THE CHURCH 3:16-18

B1 Prayer for the Church 3:16

- C1 The object of the prayer: The Lord of peace
- C2 The requests of the prayer:

B2 Greetings to the Church 3:17

- C1 Personalized greeting: The greeting by my hand: Paul
- C2 Authenticated greeting: Which is a sign in every letter -- this is how I write

B3 Blessing upon the Church: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you! 3:18

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