Outline on 2 Thessalonians
by Aude McKee
“The 2nd Coming of Christ”

Introduction (1:1-2):
I. Writers and ones addressed
   A. Paul and Silvanus and Timothy
   B. Addressed to the church of the Thessalonians
II. Greetings
   A. Grace and peace
   B. From God and Jesus Christ

Discussion:
I. The 2nd coming and persecution (1:3-12)
   A. Writers give thanks to God
      1. Thessalonians’ faith was growing exceedingly
      2. Love toward each other abounded (v.3)
   B. Writers spoke proudly of them
      1. For their patience and faith in the midst of persecutions and tribulations (v.4)
      2. This worked for their good – that they might be considered worthy of the kingdom (v.5)
   C. God will recompense the persecutors
      1. This a righteous thing (v.6)
      2. This will take place at the 2nd coming
         a. Jesus will be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire (v.7)
         b. Will take vengeance on
            1) Those who know not God
            2) Those who do not obey (v.8)
         c. These will be punished with everlasting destruction
            1) From presence of the Lord
            2) From the glory of His power (v.9)
   D. At that coming, Jesus will be glorified in His saints (v.10)
      1. Will be admired in all them that believe
      2. Apostles’ testimony was believed
   E. Paul’s prayer (vv.11-12)
      1. That God would count you worthy of this calling
      2. Fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power
      3. That the name of Christ might be glorified in the Thessalonians

II. An apostasy to precede the 2nd coming (2:1-17)
   A. Beware of false teaching (vv.1-2)
      1. Don’t be shaken in mind or troubled
      2. By spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us that the day of the Lord is at hand
   B. Things which must precede the 2nd coming
      1. Falling away (v.3)
      2. Revealing of the man of sin (v.4)
         a. Son of perdition
         b. Opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God
         c. Sits in God’s temple
         d. Displays himself as being God
         e. He is restrained from being revealed at this time (v.6)
         f. The mystery of lawlessness is already at work (v.7)
         g. The restraining force will be removed and the lawless one will be revealed (v.8)
         h. The Lord will destroy the lawless one at the 2nd coming
i. The man of sin’s coming: (vv.9-10)
   1) is after the working of Satan (they are in accord)
   2) With power, signs and lying wonders
   3) With all deception of wickedness

j. Those who follow the man of sin will do so because of a lack of love for the truth (v.10)
   1) God will send them a strong delusion
   2) That they might believe a lie and be damned (v.12)

C. Believers’ destiny in contrast (2:13-17)
1. Chosen by God to salvation
   a. Through sanctification of the Spirit
   b. Belief of the truth
2. Called by God
   a. By the gospel
   b. To the obtaining of glory
3. Admonition
   a. Stand fast
   b. Hold to the traditions (whether taught by:)
      1) Word (of mouth)
      2) Letter from us
4. Request
   a. That God comfort your hearts
   b. Stablish you in every good word and work

III. Practical admonitions in view of the 2nd coming (3:1-15)
A. Pray for us (vv.1-2)
   1. That the word may have free course and be glorified
   2. That we may be delivered from wicked men
B. Thessalonians needed hope and endurance
   1. Lord will establish you and keep you from evil (v.3)
   2. Writer confident of their obedience (v.4)
   3. Lord would direct their hearts:
      a. Into the love of God
      b. Patient waiting for Christ (v.5)
C. Teaching concerning withdrawing fellowship (vv.6-15)
1. Withdraw from every brother who:
   a. Walks disorderly (leads an unruly life)
   b. Does not heed the apostolic teaching (v.6)
2. Paul’s conduct among them was a pattern (vv.7-9)
   a. Did not behave disorderly
   b. Did not eat another man’s bread without paying for it
   c. Worked day and night
      1) Not because they did not have the right to support
      2) But to make themselves an example
3. Laziness not to be encouraged (vv.10-13)
   a. No work – no eat
   b. Some Thessalonian Christians:
      1) Were lazy – would not work
      2) Were busybodies
   c. Such were commanded:
      1) Work in quietness
      2) Eat their own bread
   d. Other Thessalonians not to be weary in well-doing
4. The how of the withdrawing (vv.14-15)
   a. Note the offender (the disobedient man)
   b. Have no company with him
   c. Do not count him as an enemy – exhort as a brother
   d. Purpose – that he may be ashamed

Conclusion: (3:16-18)
I. Prayer
   A. Lord of peace give you peace
   B. The Lord be with you all

II. Paul’s personal signature

III. Benediction – the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
Questions on 2 Thessalonians 1
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TRUE / FALSE:
1. ______ Paul said it was “meet” to give God thanks for these brethren.
2. ______ They were counted worthy of the kingdom of God because of what they suffered.
3. ______ Both the righteous and the wicked will be rewarded the same day.
4. ______ Paul did not glory in the churches because of these brethren.
5. ______ This letter was addressed to the church of the Thessalonians.
6. ______ The Lord Jesus will be revealed from hell with mighty angels in flaming fire.
7. ______ The punishment of the wicked will be in the “presence of the Lord.”
8. ______ Christ was to be glorified in them and not they in Him.
9. ______ 2 Thessalonians was written about three years after 1 Thessalonians.
10. ______ Both epistles deal with issues concerning the final coming of Christ.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:
11. __________and ________________ join Paul in writing this epistle.
12. Paul said, “we ourselves ________________ in you.”
13. The Thessalonians had to ______________________ tribulations.
14. The wicked shall be punished with ________________ ________________.
15. “Because our testimony among you was ________________.”
16. “Wherefore also we ________________ for you.”
17. “That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be ________________ in you.”
18. Paul prayed that Christ might be glorified in them according to the ________________ of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
19. “In flaming fire taking ________________ on them that ________________ not God.”
20. Paul said “rest” would be recompensed to the “with ________________.”

MATCH:
21. ______ Faith A. With His mighty angels
22. ______ Charity B. Of this calling
23. ______ Your patience and faith C. Aboundeth
24. ______ Manifest token D. To recompense tribulation
25. ______ Revealed from heaven E. Growth exceedingly
26. ______ Know not God F. Glorified in His saints
27. ______ The presence of the Lord G. The glory of His power
28. ______ When He shall come H. Persecutions and tribulations
29. ______ Count you worthy I. Obey not the gospel
30. ______ Righteous thing J. Righteous judgment of God

QUESTIONS:
31. Give the time and place of the writing of this epistle?
32. Name the things that caused Paul to give thanks for these brethren.
33. With what did Paul say God would recompense their troublers?
34. With what were they to be recompensed?
35. When will all be recompensed?
36. Upon whom will God take vengeance?
37. With what will God take vengeance?
38. Will believers look with admiration upon Jesus when He come?
39. Will the reward of the righteous and the wicked be equal in duration?
40. Name the things Paul prayed for in their behalf?
Questions on 2 Thessalonians 2
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MATCH:

1. ______ Witholdeth A. Brightness of his coming
2. ______ He as God sitteth B. Revealed in his time
3. ______ Will let (restrain) C. Hold the traditions
4. ______ The Lord shall consume D. Be damned
5. ______ Shall destroy E. In them that perish
6. ______ Deceivableness of unrighteousness F. Your hearts
7. ______ God shall send G. Strong delusion
8. ______ Believe a lie H. The spirit of his mouth
9. ______ Stand fast I. In the temple of God
10. ______ Comfort J. Taken out of the way

TRUE / FALSE:

11. ______ The “man of sin” would show “himself that he is God.”
12. ______ Paul said “the mystery of iniquity” was not yet at work.
13. ______ Paul said those involved in apostasy loved the truth.
14. ______ Those who received the “strong delusion” had pleasure in unrighteousness.
15. ______ Paul prayed that Christ would stablish them in every good word and work.
16. ______ This chapter concerns the final coming of the Lord.
17. ______ Paul said the “man of sin” would exalt himself above all that is called God, or that is worshiped.
18. ______ Paul taught that we ought to stand fast in the traditions of men.
19. ______ We are called to obtain the glory of Christ.
20. ______ God sends a “strong delusion” to some.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

21. “The man of sin” is called “__________ ____________ ____________ ____________.”
22. “The man of sin” would show _______ and _______ and _______ ____________.
23. We are bound to give ____________ ____________ to God for you.
24. Paul said they were called by _______ ____________ ____________.
25. They were to hold traditions taught by _______ or _______ ____________.
26. “God... hath ____________ us, and hath given us ____________ ____________ and ____________ ____________ through grace.”
27. “Let no man deceive you by _______ ____________.”
28. “That day shall not come, except there come a ____________ ____________ ____________ first.”
29. The “man of sin” would be after the working of ____________ ____________
30. “God hath from the ____________ ____________ chosen you to salvation...”

QUESTIONS:

31. What misunderstanding did Paul seek to correct in this chapter?
32. Does Paul indicate the source of his misunderstanding? Explain:
33. Does Paul predict an apostasy in this chapter?
34. Identify the characteristics of the “man of sin.”
35. Had Paul formerly warned them of an apostasy? When?
36. Name three things by which they were not to be troubled?
37. When was the “man of sin” to be revealed?
38. What did Paul say would be the ultimate end of “that wicked” one?
39. Why were some to be involved in apostasy?
40. By what means were they chosen to salvation?
Questions on 2 Thessalonians 3  
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QUESTIONS:
1. For whom did Paul request their prayers?
2. Paul’s request for prayer involved what things in particular?
3. Do we need the prayers of fellow Christians today?
4. In whom did Paul express confidence?
5. In which verses do we find Paul’s prayer for the Thessalonians?
6. Define the word “disorderly.”
7. What “disorderly” things were found among the Thessalonians?
8. In what particular matter was Paul an example to the Thessalonians?
9. In what way is a withdrawn from brother to be treated?
10. What is the meaning of “among you” in verse 11?

TRUE / FALSE:
11. ______ Paul was confident of their obedience.
12. ______ Paul’s charge (remuneration) to the Thessalonians was very reasonable.
13. ______ The purpose of any withdrawal is to render just punishment upon the guilty.
14. ______ Paul said we should help every man in need.
15. ______ The Bible teaches that Christians should be industrious.
16. ______ Paul had heard that some among them walked disorderly.
17. ______ Paul said that he knew some had become weary in well doing.
18. ______ The disorderly conduct was probably caused by a misconception of the final coming of Christ.
19. ______ Paul always signed his epistles in his own handwriting.
20. ______ Paul always wrote his epistles in his own handwriting.

MATCH:
21. ______ Free course (run)  
22. ______ Delivered from  
23. ______ All men have not faith  
24. ______ Command you  
25. ______ Tradition  
26. ______ Behaved not  
27. ______ labour and travail  
28. ______ When we were with you  
29. ______ Working not at all  
30. ______ If any man obey not  

   A. We commanded you  
   B. Withdraw yourselves  
   C. The Lord is faithful  
   D. Glorified  
   E. Busybodies  
   F. Received of us  
   G. Note that man  
   H. Unreasonable and wicked men  
   I. Disorderly among you  
   J. Night and day

FILL IN THE BLANKS:
31. “But the Lord is faithful, who shall ____________ you, and ____________ you from evil.”
32. “The Lord direct your hearts into the ____________ ______ ______, and into the for Christ.”
33. “Neither did we eat any man’s bread for ____________.”
34. “Not because we have not ____________.”
35. “… we command..., that with ____________ ______ ______, they work, and eat their own ____________.”
36. “Have no ____________ ______ ______ with him, that he may be ashamed.”
37. “Yet count him not as an ____________.”
38. “… but admonish him as a ____________.”
39. “Now we command you... in the _______ of our Lord..., that ye withdraw yourselves...”
40. “Finally, brethren ____________ ______ ______ ______ ______.”