

# 1 & 2 Thessalonians

Encouragement, Perseverance & the Hope of Christ's Return

*16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.*

*1 Thessalonians 4:16*

July 2025 Scripture writing plan & Journal



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## Scripture writing plan & Journal

How to use this Journal:

There are many study methods out there! I encourage you to search through them and find what motivates and encourages you the most. I like to use the S.O.A.P Method.

### Scripture

Write out a verse or passage of scripture.

### Observation

What stood out to you about this verse or scriptures?

Where there any commands or instructions?

### Application

How can you apply this today to your life today?

How can you live in light of this truth?

### Prayer

Write out a prayer. Ask the Lord to show you how to meditate and apply this truth to your life.

Other areas to consider:

- \* Author
- \* Audience
- \* Major Concept
- \* Theme
- \* Event
- \* Keywords and Definitions
- \* People
- \* Places
- \* When
- \* Where
- \* Who am I in this Verse?
- \* Where is God?
- \* What Is God Speaking?

Give yourself room to ponder and pray. Allow yourself time to listen for God to speak to you. Get creative! Draw, paint, make diagrams, whatever ignites your awe and wonder to studying God's Word!

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## *1 & 2 Thessalonians:* Encouragement, Perseverance & the Hope of Christ's Return

*The primary theme of 1 Thessalonians is the hope and expectation of Jesus' second coming (parousia), urging believers to live holy lives in anticipation of that event, while also addressing issues of persecution and encouraging perseverance in faith.*

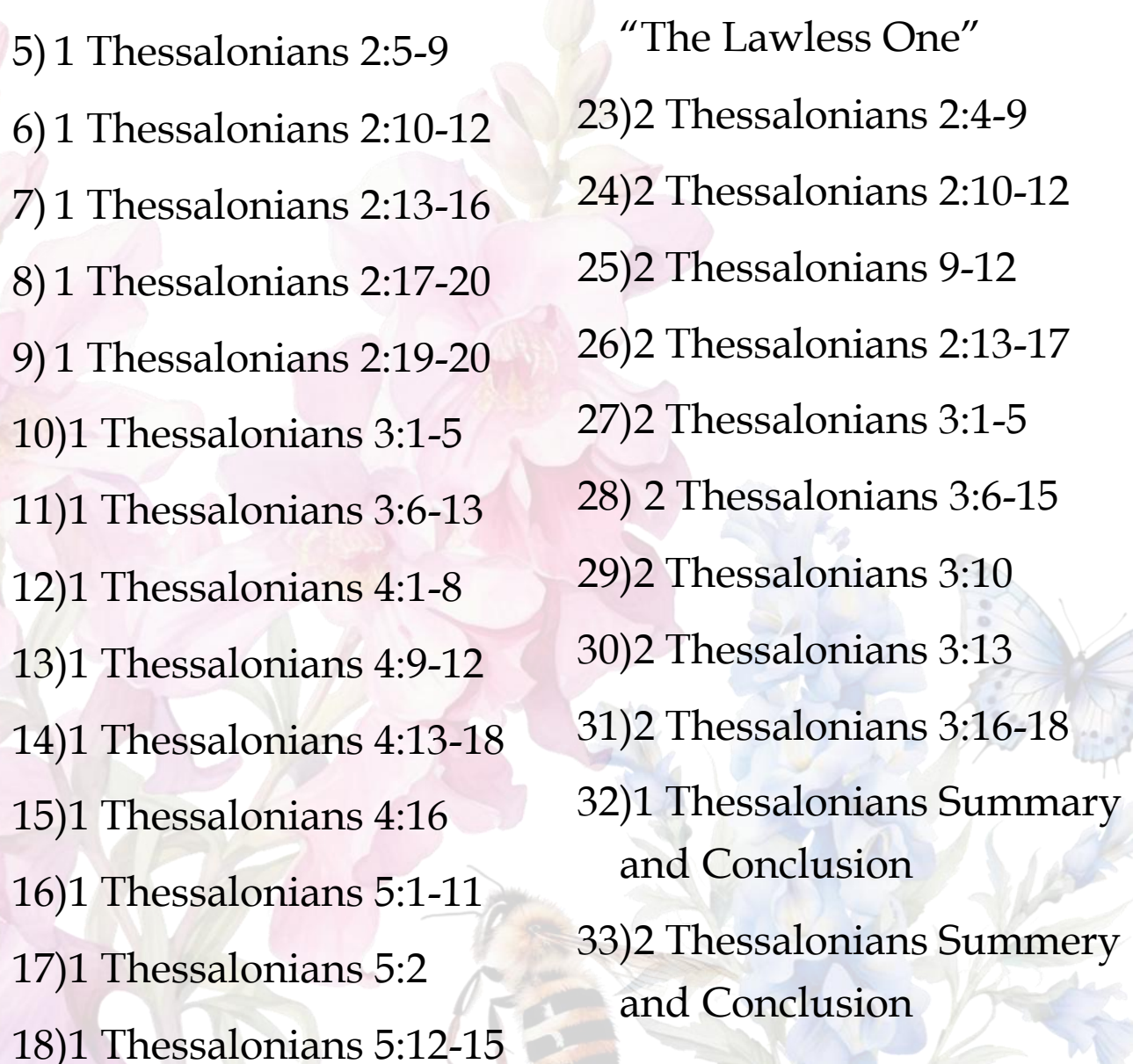
*The primary theme of 2 Thessalonians is the imminent return of Jesus Christ and the need for believers to remain steadfast in their faith and live a life of purpose and discipline, even amidst persecution and uncertainty.*

*Paul ministered at the Thessalonians church in the book of Acts until he was forced to flee to Berea. While he was ministering at Corinth, he wrote these letters to encourage the young believers there. While the themes in these two books are widespread, the subject of eschatology is repeated multiple times.*

*What will happen in the last days? What happens to believers after they die? Will Jesus return again and if so how? These are just a few of the questions in this book. Often times people turn to the most famous verse in Thessalonians "we do not grieve like those with no hope" at funerals. But there is so much more in this book.*

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| 1) Who is Paul?             | 19) 1 Thessalonians 5:16-28                   |
| 2) 1 Thessalonians 1:1      | 20) 2 Thessalonians 1                         |
| 3) 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10   | 21) 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3                     |
| 4) 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4    | 22) 2 Thessalonians 2:6                       |
| 5) 1 Thessalonians 2:5-9    | “The Lawless One”                             |
| 6) 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12  | 23) 2 Thessalonians 2:4-9                     |
| 7) 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16  | 24) 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12                   |
| 8) 1 Thessalonians 2:17-20  | 25) 2 Thessalonians 9-12                      |
| 9) 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20  | 26) 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17                   |
| 10) 1 Thessalonians 3:1-5   | 27) 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5                     |
| 11) 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13  | 28) 2 Thessalonians 3:6-15                    |
| 12) 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8   | 29) 2 Thessalonians 3:10                      |
| 13) 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12  | 30) 2 Thessalonians 3:13                      |
| 14) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 | 31) 2 Thessalonians 3:16-18                   |
| 15) 1 Thessalonians 4:16    | 32) 1 Thessalonians Summary<br>and Conclusion |
| 16) 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  | 33) 2 Thessalonians Summary<br>and Conclusion |
| 17) 1 Thessalonians 5:2     |   |
| 18) 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15 |   |



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## Who is Paul



For the first day of this study, Spend time looking up the Apostle Paul. Who was He? How did he meet Jesus? Why is he mentioned in the Bible? Where did he go? What do we learn about the heart of Paul and his love for the Lord? What were significant details in his ministry?

Acts 7:58

Acts 9:1-22

Acts 8:1-10

Acts 11:19-25

Acts 15,16,17,18

Acts 16:22-25

Acts 18:23-28

Acts 19, 20

Acts 20:19

Acts 21:17

Acts 22:22-29

Acts 26,27,28

Acts 28:31

1 Corinthians 15:9

1 Timothy 1:16

2 Timothy 4:16

Ephesians 3:8

Romans 1:1-2

Romans 7:15

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### *Summary of 1 Thessalonians*

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### *Reflection of 1 Thessalonians*

As we close out the study of Ephesians go back and review all your “a” boxes. What has the Lord led you to apply to your life by studying the book of 2 Corinthians? How can you keep yourself accountable to what He has revealed to you? Take time today to journal to the Lord and thank Him and praise Him for his Word in your heart.

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### *Love One Another*

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

*Take a few moments. Pour your heart into crafting a list of meaningful ways to express love to your fellow believers. Organize your thoughts into two powerful categories. The first is dedicated to "special situations" like pregnancy, illness, or the heartbreaking loss of a loved one. The second focused on the joy of showing love in everyday encounters. Dream big, but stay practical. Avoid suggestions that are out of your reach. For instance, if you live in a dorm, skip the idea of hosting a dinner at your home. Instead, jot down actions that inspire you, actions you can embrace with genuine effort and passion!*

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## *Love Check Up*

Now is a good time to perform a routine evaluation of your love for others. Cars and computers and our bodies need regular health checkups. Our spiritual lives also need regular checkups. Rate yourself from 1-10 on your love (remember this is not an emotion but an unconditional decision to put others interests above your own) for:

Your spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Your parents \_\_\_\_\_  
Your children \_\_\_\_\_  
Your siblings \_\_\_\_\_  
Your friends \_\_\_\_\_  
Your co-workers \_\_\_\_\_  
Your neighbors \_\_\_\_\_  
Your community \_\_\_\_\_  
Your church/fellowship \_\_\_\_\_

Choose someone from the group you gave yourself the lowest score on and write down a specific way you will show love to them in the next week. It has to be greater than what you did before, meaning you have to do something better or new than in the past.

*3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*

2 Thessalonians 1:3

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### *Revelation 13*

**Read the following passage of scripture. Highlight all the descriptions of the character of Satan.**

**13** The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name. <sup>2</sup> The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority. <sup>3</sup> One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup> People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

<sup>5</sup> The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months. <sup>6</sup> It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven. <sup>7</sup> It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation. <sup>8</sup> All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb's book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

<sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.

<sup>10</sup> "If anyone is to go into captivity,  
into captivity they will go.  
If anyone is to be killed with the sword,  
with the sword they will be killed."

This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of God's people.

#### The Beast out of the Earth

<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon. <sup>12</sup> It exercised all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. <sup>13</sup> And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the

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people. <sup>14</sup> Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived. <sup>15</sup> The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed. <sup>16</sup> It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

<sup>18</sup> This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man. That number is 666.

**What are the main characteristics of Evil?**

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**Satan's tactics have never changed. How does this help you better understand the playbook of evil?**

**How does he try to imitate God?**

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**How does this knowledge of evil arm you for spiritual battle?**



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