

2 Thessalonians 1

Introduction:

Date: 1 Thessalonians about AD 52
2 Thessalonians about AD 53
(Not many months after the First.)

Place: Probably from Corinth.

OCASSION: Reason for writing was the arrival of news that the First epistle had been misunderstood with regard to the 2nd Coming of Christ. The Thessalonians thought that Paul had taught that Christ's coming was just about to happen.

1 Thessalonians: The dead Christ still have their Reward. Chp 4

2 Thessalonians: The return of Christ is NOT imminent. Chp 2



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Review of the 2nd Missionary Journey

Tim tarries here. Paul & Silas go to Berea
Acts 17:1,10

Who drops off?
Acts 17:1a

Who else is picked up?
Acts 16:11

Paul goes to Athens & calls for Tim & Silas
Acts 18:1

Tim & Silas remain.
Acts 17:10, 14-16

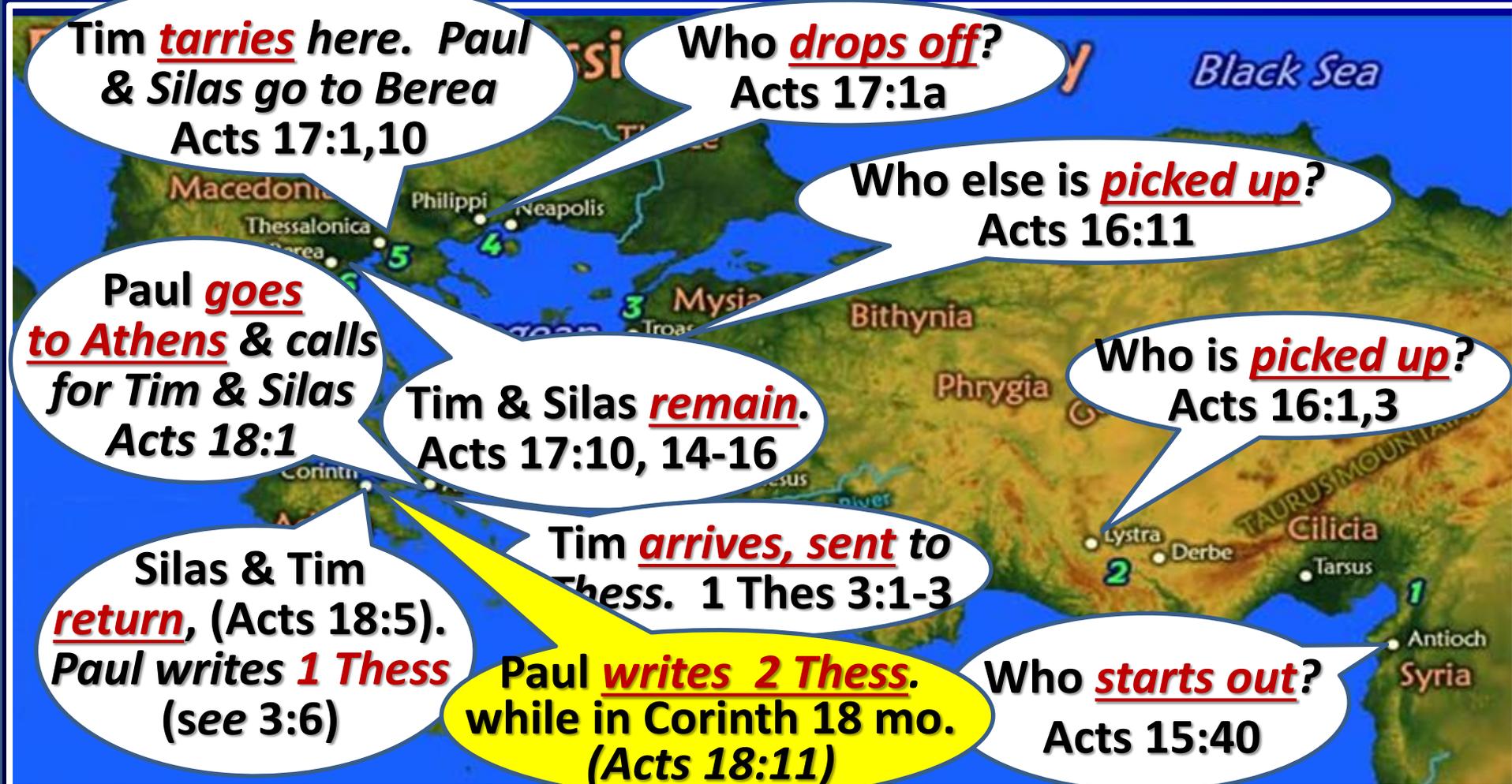
Who is picked up?
Acts 16:1,3

Silas & Tim return, (Acts 18:5).
Paul writes 1 Thess
(see 3:6)

Tim arrives, sent to Thess. 1 Thes 3:1-3

Paul writes 2 Thess. while in Corinth 18 mo.
(Acts 18:11)

Who starts out?
Acts 15:40



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Chap 1 Encouragement in Persecution

v.1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

What happened in:

Troas? 17:13

Philippi? 16:22f

Thess? 17:5-9

Berea? 17:13

Athens? 17:34



v.2 Grace to you and peace.

Grace is Greek greeting, Peace the Jewish

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Letters in the first century were all formulated on the same pattern.



1. The author of the letter.
2. Then, to whom they are writing.
3. Then a formal greeting.
4. Paul's custom was a compliment & prayer.
5. Followed by the body of the letter.
6. Final salutations: Say hello to so & so.

What is the pattern of our formal business letters today?

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1st Thess— Thanksgiving

1:3 Your Work, Labor, Hope.

1:4 Beloved & Chosen by God

1:6 Imitated us in trials & joy.

1:7 Examples to all in Achaia.

1:8 Word went forth from you

1:9 Turned from Idols to God.

1:10 You wait for Son's return

How Do Weak Excuses Sound ?

2nd Thess— Thanksgiving

v.3a Faith greatly enlarged.

v.3b Love grows even greater

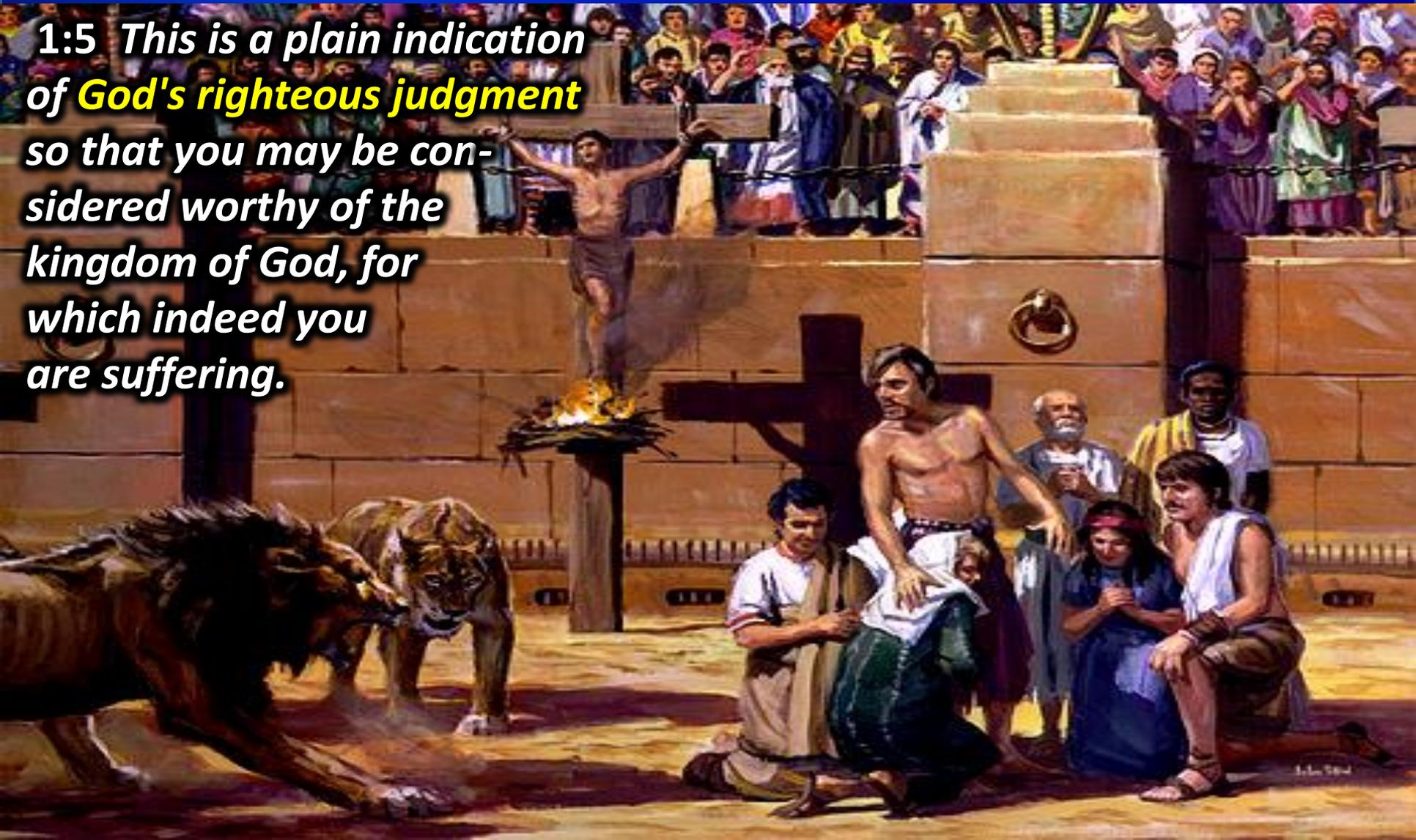
v.4 Persevere in persecutions.

**HOW DO YOU
PREPARE ?**

**Rev 2:10
Be Faithful
unto Death**

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*1:5 This is a plain indication of **God's righteous judgment** so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which indeed you are suffering.*



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JUDGMENT #1

2 Thess 1:6 After all it is *only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you*

JUDGMENT #2

7 And to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire.



2 Thess 1:8 “*Dealing out retribution* to those who do not know *God* and to those who do not *obey* the gospel of our Lord Jesus.”

What form of *martyrdom* would you be willing to accept? Fire, Stake, Lions? *How long* does punishment from God last? (Rev 20:10)

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1:9 And these will pay the penalty of ***eternal destruction***, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.

“It does not denote annihilation.” Barnes

“A state of **utter ruin**.” Louw & Nida

BKC 2 Thess 1:9 “The punishment of the wicked will be neither temporary nor will it be annihilation, but it will continue throughout eternity and those being punished will be conscious.”

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1:10 "When He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed."

What will happen when we see Jesus?
Rev 1:17

How would you react if you saw an Angel?

Rev 22:8-9

How would you react if you saw a

10,000 X,
10,000

Angels?
(Rev 5:11)

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1:11 *To this end also we pray for you always that our God may **count you worthy of your calling.***

12 *“In order that the name of our Lord Jesus **may be glorified in you...and you in him.**”*

1:11 *“And fulfill **every desire for goodness and the work of faith with POWER.**”
(2 Tim 3:5)*