

2 Thessalonians

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Letter Written To: Believers in Yeshua at Thessalonica

Origin of Letter: Corinth

Purpose of the letter: The Thessalonian converts were shaken in mind and troubled because false teachers had forged Paul's name to a letter which taught the new converts that Paul had changed his teaching/doctrine and that the day of YHWH – Yahweh was at hand. Paul reminded them that they already knew the Truth from him (2:5). He assured them that he had not changed his teaching/doctrine that he had nothing to do with the forged letter (2:1-3) and Paul urged them to stand fast in the Truth (2:15-17). Paul's teachings show that apostasy and the Anti-Messiah will precede the Day of YHWH -- Yahweh.

The present letter was written to instruct the Thessalonian Believers in Yeshua/Jesus that "our gathering together into Him (Yeshua) [1 Thessalonians 4:14-17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1] will precede the Day of YHWH -- Yahweh.

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Introduction: Salutation

Chapter 1 ¹Sha'ul (Sha'ul is his Hebrew name and Paul is his Greek name.), and Sila, and Timothy, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in Elohim (Mighty One/God) our Father and the Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah: ²Favour to you and peace (shalom) from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah. ³We ought to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brothers, as it is proper, because your belief grows exceedingly, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing, ⁴so that we (Paul, Sila and Timothy) ourselves boast of you among the assemblies of Elohim for your endurance and belief in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are bearing, ⁵clear evidence of the righteous judgment of Elohim, in order for you to be counted worthy of the reign of Elohim, for which you also suffer,

I. Comfort in Persecution

⁶since Elohim shall rightly repay with affliction those who afflict you, (Romans 12:19; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 20:22, 24:29—Deuteronomy 32:35; Psalm 94:1; Proverbs 20:22—There are no directives from Genesis to Revelation which councils anyone to take vengeance upon their adversary. YHWH says “*vengeance belongs to Me;*” He will judge and resolve all matters according to His Righteous Judgment. The idea of taking vengeance upon others as in jihad or holy war against the infidels is rooted in fear and heathenism by those who put their faith in self rather than in YHWH.¹) ⁷and to give you who are afflicted rest with us when the Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) is revealed from heaven with His mighty messengers (angels), ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know Elohim, and on those who do not obey the Good News (NOTE: There are two groups of people mentioned here (1) non-believers and (2) disobedient believers In Romans 2:8, it is written “but wrath and displeasure to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness (iniquity or better translated Torahlessness/Lawlessness;”) of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah, ⁹who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Master and from the esteem of His strength, ¹⁰when He comes to be esteemed in His Set-Apart (Holy) ones and to be admired among all those who believe in that Day (This is the Day in which Yeshua/Jesus Returns), because our witness to you was believed. ¹¹To this end we always pray for you that our Elohim would count you worthy of this calling, and complete all the good pleasure of goodness, and the work of belief with power, ¹²so that the Name of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah is esteemed in you, and you in Him, according to the favour of our Elohim and the Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah.

II. The Day of YHWH and the man of sin

Chapter 2 ¹As to the coming of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to become easily unsettled in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as if the day of יהוה (YHWH—Yahweh) has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, because the falling away (or Great Apostasy: this is referring to the fallen state of Christianity as a whole; the original First Century Christian Faith was one Faith with the Netzarim Jewish followers of Yeshua/Jesus. Gentiles were originally being grafted into the Kingdom of YHWH as the Israel of YHWH according to the Renewed Covenant. However, even in Paul’s day an all Gentile church was being birthed which aimed to throw off Torah and reinvent Yeshua to put Him more in line with Hellenism, polytheism and paganism.²) is to come first, and the man of lawlessness (Some texts read *sin* instead of *lawlessness*. This man might be the same one we read of in the prophecy in Isaiah 14:12 – *Hēlēl* (“Heileil”), meaning “the shining one,” the sovereign of Babel. Note that the counterfeit one, and

¹ Commentary from [Aramaic English New Testament](#), ISBN: 978-1-934916-26-1 (1-934916-26-9), pg. 618.

² Commentary from [Aramaic English New Testament](#), ISBN: 978-1-934916-26-1 (1-934916-26-9), pg. 618.

the counterfeit worship exposed in this chapter, centers around “lawlessness!” Most probably this is the same one “set up” in the Set-Apart Place, of which Messiah prophesied in Matthew 24:15. This prophetic passage clearly says that “lawlessness” – the darnel which the devil sowed in the Messianic Belief (Matthew 13:39-42) – would take over, and has taken over!³) is to be revealed, the son of destruction,⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called Elohim or that is worshipped, so that he (Anti-Messiah) sits as Elohim in the Dwelling Place of Elohim, showing himself that he is Elohim.⁵ Do you not remember that I told you this while I was still with you? ⁶And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time. ⁷For the secret of lawlessness is already at work – only until he who now restrains comes out of the midst. ⁸And then the lawless one shall be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth and bring to naught with the manifestation of His coming. ⁹The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, ¹⁰and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be saved. ¹¹And for this reason Elohim sends them a working of delusion, for them to believe the falsehood (See Ezekiel 20:25; John 9:39, 12:40; Acts 7:42; Romans 1:24-28. The price for not receiving the “*love of the truth*” is to become overly self-confident in false religion. The “*love of the truth*” is the Spirit of Truth which must be sanctified by thought and action. One cannot “love the truth” and at the same time break the Commandments and teach others to do the same.⁴) ¹²in order that all should be judged who did not believe the Truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.

III. Exhortations and Instructions

¹³But we ought to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brothers, beloved by the Master, because Elohim from the beginning chose you to be saved – in Set-Apartness (holiness) of Spirit, and belief in the Truth (He chose us in Messiah “that we should be set-apart (holy) and blameless before Him in love” – which is the purpose of His election!⁵) –¹⁴unto which He called you by our Good News, for the obtaining of the esteem of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah. ¹⁵So, then, brothers, stand fast and hold the traditions (The 1889 Darby Bible renders this as “*instructions*” rather than “*traditions*.” The Literal Translation of the Holy Bible renders this as “*teachings*” rather than “*traditions*.” The Aramaic *porqadona*, unlike the Greek *paradoesisis* – Strong’s #G3862 παραδοσις, can only mean “*Commandments*.” Thus, a better translation would be “*Commandments*.” Paul did not teach the Thessalonians the “traditions of men.” He taught them the Commandments of YHWH.) which you were taught, whether by word or by our letter. ¹⁶And our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah Himself, and our Elohim and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good expectation, through favour, ¹⁷encourage your hearts and establish you in every good word and work.

³ Commentary from [The Scriptures](#), ISBN: 0-620-22490-8 (This is the older edition.), pg. 1150.

⁴ Commentary from [Aramaic English New Testament](#), ISBN: 978-1-934916-26-1 (1-934916-26-9), pg. 620.

⁵ Commentary from [The Scriptures](#), ISBN: 0-620-22490-8 (This is the older edition.), pg. 1132.

Prayer Request

Chapter 3 ¹For the rest, brothers, pray for us, so that the Word of יהוה (YHWH – Yahweh) spreads rapidly and be praised, as also with you, ²and that we might be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for not all have belief. ³But the Master is trustworthy, who shall establish you and guard you from the wicked one. ⁴And we trust in the Master as to you, both that you do and shall do what we command you. ⁵And the Master direct your hearts into the love of Elohim and into the endurance for Messiah.

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⁶But we command you, brothers, in the Name of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition (“*tradition*” Strong’s # G3862 παράδοσις paradosis: From G3860; transmission, that is, (concretely) a precept; specifically the Jewish traditionary law: - ordinance, tradition.) which you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not disorderly among you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone’s bread without paying for it, but worked with labour and toil night and day, in order not to burden any of you, ⁹not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example, for you to imitate us. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone does not wish to work, neither let him eat. ¹¹For we hear of some among you walking disorderly, not working at all, but are busybodies. ¹²But we command and urge such, through our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah, to settle down, work and eat their own bread. ¹³And you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good. ¹⁴And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that one, and do not keep company with him, so that he is put to shame. ¹⁵However, do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Conclusion: Benediction and Authentication

¹⁶And the Master of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Master (Yeshua/Jesus) be with you all. ¹⁷The greeting of Sha’ul (Paul) with my own hand, which is a sign in every letter, thus I write. ¹⁸The favour of our Master יהושע (Yeshua/Jesus) Messiah be with you all. Amēn.