

## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 – The Final Judgment & Glory.

### I. (1-2) Introduction and Greeting.

Paul traveled and served with these men, trusted companions.

**Silvanus** (also known as *Silas*) was a long and experienced companion of Paul. He traveled with Paul on his second missionary journey and was imprisoned and set free with Paul in the Philippian jail (Acts 16:19-27).

**Timothy** accompanied Paul on many of his missionary journeys. Paul sent Timothy to deliver 1 Thessalonians.

### II. (3-4) Faith, love and patience.

#### - Faith Grows

Matthew 17:20 - *So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief;[fn] for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.*

***God our Father has made all things depend on faith so that whoever has faith will have everything, and whoever does not have faith will have nothing. Martin Luther.***

#### - Love for everyone

John 15:12 - *"This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

#### - Patience in all persecutions and trials

2 Corinthians 6:4 - *But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;*

***True patience is waiting without worrying. C. Swindoll***

### III. (5-10) Final Judgment and glory.

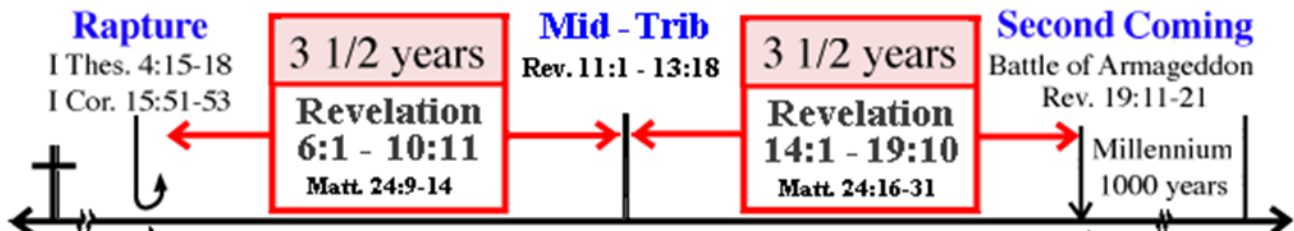
Paul and the Thessalonian Christians were counted worthy of the Kingdom of God, thus they suffered persecution; God wasn't just overlooking their pain. He repays evil doers with His justice. And the earthly punishment their persecutors suffered is a prelude to the eternal one, coming soon. After pain, endless rest will be granted.

**Psalm 9:8** - *He shall judge the world in righteousness, And He shall administer judgment for the peoples in uprightness.*

## TRIBULATION TIMELINE

**(Seven Years of God's Wrath)**

*The things which shall be hereafter! (Rev 1:19)*



Revelation 6-10 are a Series of judgments; Seven seal judgments, the seventh seal unleashes Seven Trumpet judgments as the earth suffers God's wrath.

**Matthew 24:15-22** - *"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. "Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! "And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. "And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.*

**Revelation 20:11-15** - *Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God,[fn] and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.*

**IV. (11-12) Paul's prayer.**