



NT SURVEY

1Thessalonians

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Colosseum


“It is impossible to overstress the importance of the arrival of Christianity to Thessalonica. If Christianity was settled there, it was bound to spread East along Egnaitan Way until all Asia (Minor) was conquered & West until it stormed even the city Rome. The coming of Christianity to Thessalonica was crucial in the making of it into a world religion.”

Wm Barclay

THE LAST DAYS



**Fascinating
Prophecies**



Combining PRACTICAL Living with ESCHATOLOGY

- **1Thess - Lord is Coming Again
so live Godly lives**
- **2Thess - Lord has not yet Come
so live Responsibly**

1 THESSALONIANS

➤ **Author - Paul**

AUTHORSHIP

➤ Internal Evidence

INTERNAL

- 1. Named - 1:1, 2:18**
- 2. Companions of Paul - 1:1, 3:2, 6**
- 3. Typical Pauline form**
- 4. Pauline vocabulary, style, theology**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**

EXTERNAL

- 1. 2nd century - Irenaeus,
Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian**
- 2. 3rd century - Origen, Eusebius**
- 3. Muratorian Fragment**

AUTHORSHIP

- **Internal Evidence**
- **External Evidence**
- **Evidence Against**

1 THESSALONIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Thessalonians**

THESSALONICA

- **Importance - very**
- **Location - ideal**



1 Timothy written from Macedonia

Thessalonica

Titus written from Ephesus

Lost in storm at sea

of Appius

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TALY

Rhegium

Ionian Sea

Athens

PELOPONNESUS

Aegean Sea

THRACE

Byzantium (Istanbul)

Ancyra (Ankara)

Adramyttium

ASIA

Ephesus

GAL

Cnidus

Rhodes

Myra

Phoenix

Cape Salome

Crete

Cauda

Lasea

Fair Havens

Mediterranean Sea

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NORTHERN SPORADES

Aegean

Sea



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Black Sea

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Egnatian Way



Greece

THESSALONICA

- **Importance - very**
- **Location - ideal**
- **History - continuous**
- **Politics - free**
- **Inhabitants - cosmopolitan**
- **Religion - pagan**

Thessaloniki (NE)



(SW)

**“So long as nature does not
change, Thessalonica will
remain wealthy & fortunate”
Miletus**

White Tower





Forum



Forum with Arches



Forum



Thessalonica Arch of Galerius

THE CHURCH

- **Founding - Act 17:1-4**
- **Ministry - short**
- **Opposition - Jewish**
- **History - influence**

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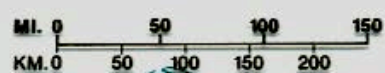
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- **Audience - Thessalonians**
- **Occasion - 51**

OCCASION

1. 2nd Journey



- city
- ⋈ mountain pass
- ▲ mountain peak
- LYCIA Roman provincial name
- First Missionary Journey: Paul & Barnabas
- John Mark separates from Paul & Barnabas and returns to Jerusalem
- Second Missionary Journey: Paul & Silas (Timothy joins them at Derbe)
- Barnabas & Mark sail to Cyprus





2 Corinthians
written from
Macedonia

1 Corinthians
written from
Ephesus

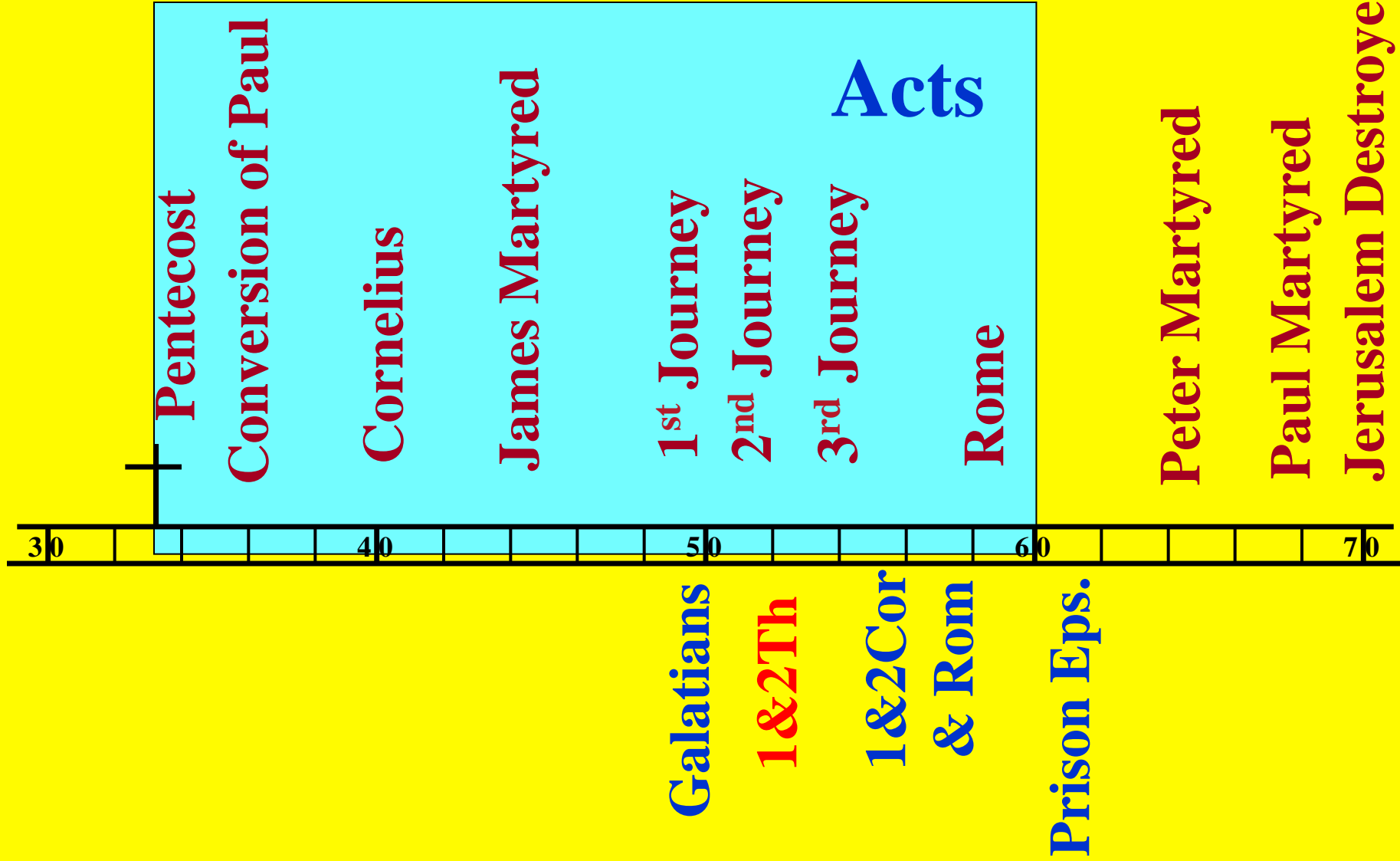
OCCASION

1. 2nd Journey
2. Report of Timothy & Silas
3. Return of Timothy
4. Timothy returns to Paul
5. Paul writes in 2nd Journey

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- **Occasion - 51**
- **Location - Corinth**

ACTS HISTORY



1 THESSALONIANS

- **Author - Paul**
- **Audience - Thessalonians**
- **Occasion - 51**
- **Location - Corinth**
- **Purpose - Eschatological**

PURPOSE

➤ Primary

To Commend - 1:7, 2:13-14, 19

To Exhort - 1:6, 3:5

➤ Secondary

To Vindicate

To Instruct

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Eschatology

ESCHATOLOGY

- **παρουσία** - **common**
- **Chapter Endings** - **all**
- **Rapture** - **central**
- **Wrath** - **warning**
- **Imminence** - **expect**
- **Other**

CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Eschatology**
- 2. Theological yet Practical**

THEOLOGY

- ✓ **Bibliology - 2:13**
- ✓ **Theology Proper - 1:1, 3, 5**
- ✓ **Christology - 1:1, 3, 2:19**
- ✓ **Soteriology - 1:5, 2:2, 4**
- ✓ **Satanology - 2:18**
- ✓ **Eschatology**

OUTLINE

- I. Paul's Personal Commendation 1-3**
- II. Paul's Practical Instruction 4-5**

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- I. Paul's Personal Commendation 1-3**
 - A. Introduction 1:1**
 - B. Paul's Thankfulness for them 1:2-10**

POSTMILLENNIALISM



MILLENNIUM

Christ's
Return



ETERNITY

AMILLENNIALISM



KINGDOM

Christ's
Return



ETERNITY

PREMILLENNIALISM

Christ's
Return



MILLENNIUM

ETERNITY



END of the AGE

