

1 Thessalonians

Chapters 1 & 2

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FROM WRATH

JOY AT HIS
COMING

BLAMELESS IN
HOLINESS

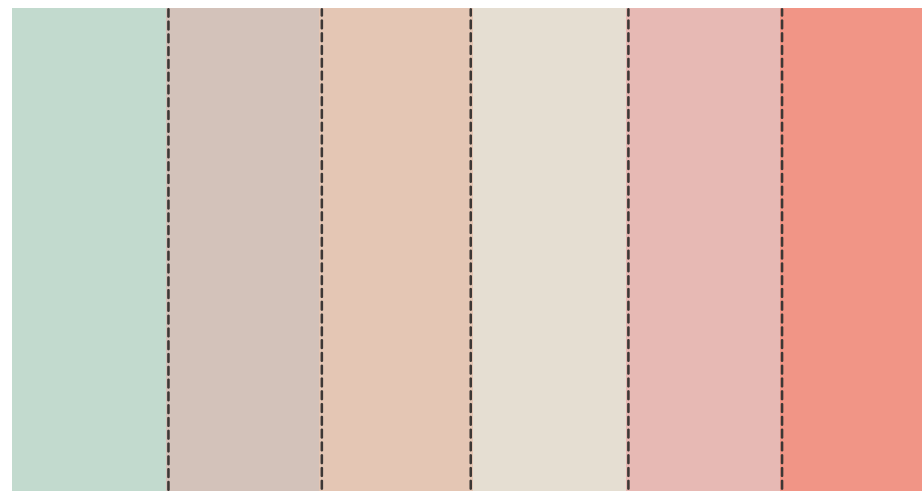
CAUGHT UP
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DAY OF THE
LORD

1 Thessalonians 1:6

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The Apostle Paul's Ministry

- Conversion on the Damascus Road 33 AD
- Paul's first missionary journey 47-49 AD
- Paul's second missionary journey 49-52 AD
- Paul's third missionary journey 53-57 AD
- Paul's journey to Rome and house arrest 60-62 AD
- Paul's martyrdom in Rome 67 or 68 AD

Paul's 35 year ministry



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

ROME

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THESSALONICA

PHILIPPI

BEREA

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ICONIUM

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Acts 17:1-4

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

Acts 17:5-9

But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Acts 17:10-15

Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.



PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

1 Thessalonians 1:1

“Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Thessalonians 1:2-5

"We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake."

The Doctrine of Election

Greek: ek-log-ay'

- I. The act of picking out, choosing
 - A. of the act of God's free will by which before the foundation of the world He decreed His blessings to certain persons
 - B. the decree made from choice by which He determined to bless certain persons through Christ by grace alone

1st Use: Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him [Ananias], "Go, for he [the apostle Paul] is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel."

Saul called Paul in Scripture

Acts 13:9

Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him...

1 Thessalonians 1:6-8

“And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.”

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

“For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.”

Context Matters!!

What is Paul talking about when
he says “wrath”?

Context Rule:

“What did they think?”

The Apostle Paul always taught using the OT Scriptures. They were the foundation of his instructions to the church.

Wrath in Hebrew: זַרַּם or za'am

1st use: Psalm 38:3

There is no soundness in my flesh

Because of Your anger,

Nor any health in my bones

Because of my sin.

Zephaniah 3:8

“Therefore wait for Me,” says the Lord,
“Until the day I rise up for plunder;
My determination is to gather the nations
To My assembly of kingdoms,
To pour on them My indignation,
All My fierce anger;
All the earth shall be devoured
With the fire of My jealousy.”

Paul is laying the doctrinal foundation for the church being rescued from the “wrath of God” coming upon the whole earth, also known as the 7-year tribulation.

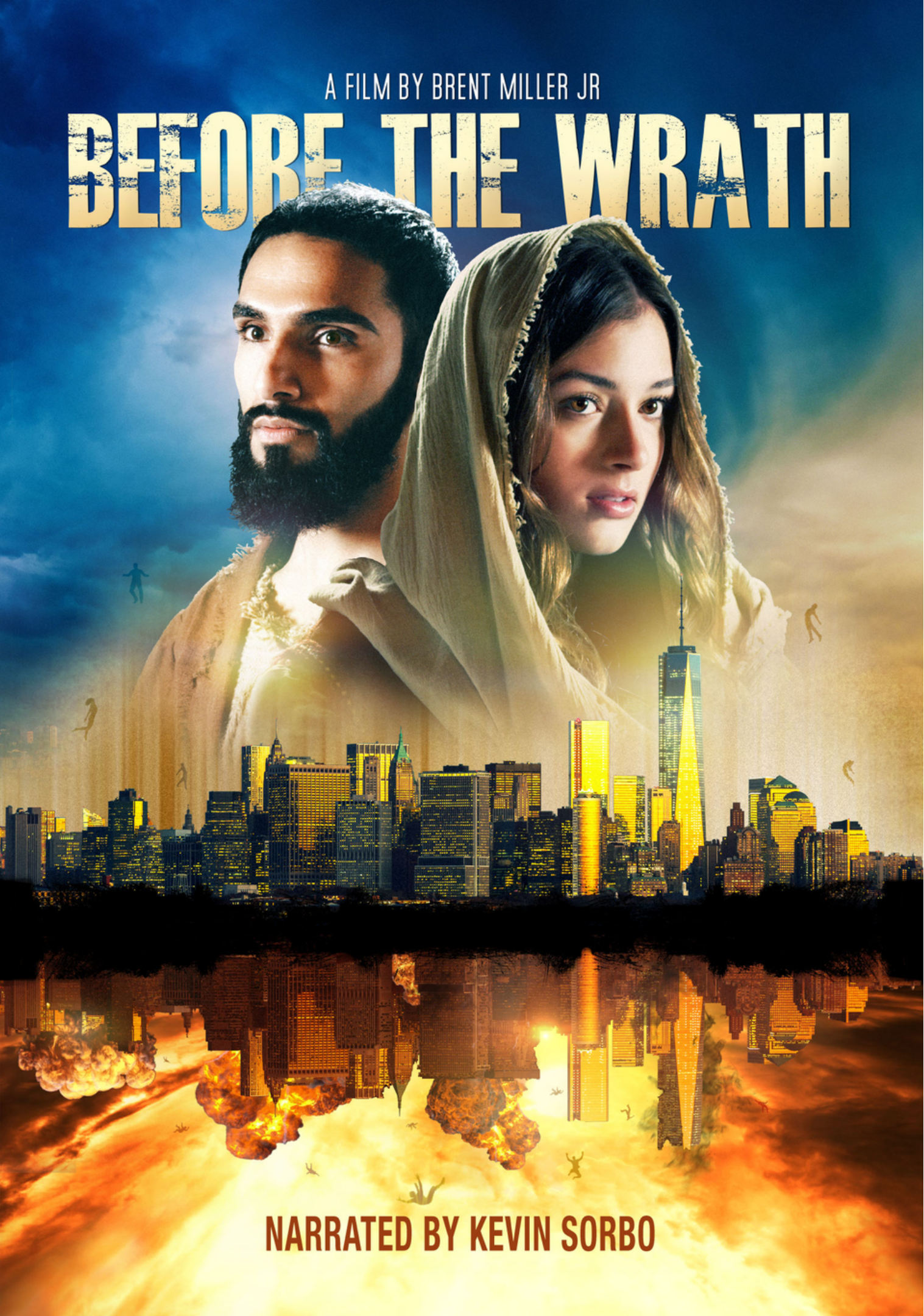
Revelation 6:15-17

The Sixth Seal

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.



Movie:
Before the Wrath

Buy or Rent
on YouTube or Amazon
Helps to understand
why Biblically the church
is rescued before the
wrath of God

1 Thessalonians 2:1-2

“For you yourselves know, brethren, that our coming to you was not in vain. But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi (see Acts 16:6-40), as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.”



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1 Thessalonians 2:3-5

“For our exhortation did not come from error or uncleanness, nor was it in deceit.

But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts. For neither at any time did we use flattering words, as you know, nor a cloak for covetousness—God is witness.”

2 Peter 2:1-3

“But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

“But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us. For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for laboring night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, we preached to you the gospel of God.”

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

"You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."

1 Thessalonians 2:13

“For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.”

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16

For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

God's Plan for the Church

God's Plan for Israel

Romans 9-11

Romans 11:11

“I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.”

Romans 11:25-27

For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

“The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins.”

Zechariah 13:8-9

And it shall come to pass in all
the land,"

Says the Lord,

"That two-thirds in it shall be
cut off and die,

But one-third shall be left in it:

I will bring the one-third through
the fire,

Will refine them as silver is
refined,

And test them as gold is tested.

They will call on My name,

And I will answer them.

I will say, 'This is My people';

And each one will say, 'The Lord is
my God.' "

1 Thessalonians 2:17-20

"But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire. Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy."

Revelation 4:4

Around the throne were twenty-four thrones,
and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders
sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had
crowns of gold on their heads.

Revelation 4:9-11

Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:

“You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created.”



Psalm 19:14

“Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my
Redeemer.”

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