**An Outline of 2 Thessalonians**

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*\*Introduction – 1:1–2*

1. A discussion of eschatology (1:3–2:17)
2. Dealing with the persecutors (1:3–12)
3. Paul rejoices (3–4).
4. Paul comforts (5–10).
5. Paul prays (11–12).
6. Dealing with the false letter (2:1–17)
7. An important correction: The Day of the Lord can’t happen yet (1–7)
8. An upcoming encounter (8–12)
9. A fitting conclusion (13–17)
10. A discussion of ethics (3:1–15)
11. A general exhortation about prayer (3:1–5)
12. Paul’s requests (1–2).
13. Paul’s encouragement (3–4).
14. Paul’s prayer (5).
15. A specific exhortation about religious idlers (3:6–15)
16. An opening command to the community (6)
17. Two reasons to work hard (7–10)
18. Work hard because of Paul’s example (7–9)
19. Work hard because of Paul’s teaching (10)
20. A command regarding the unruly (11–12)
21. Closing commands to the community (13–15)

*\*Conclusion – 3:16–18*