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1. INTRODUCTION (1:1–11)
   1. Salutation (1:1–2)
   2. Prayer of Thanksgiving (1:3–7)
   3. Explanation of Paul’s Thanksgiving (1:8–11)
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   1. Paul’s Pure Conduct (1:12–14)
   2. Paul’s Change in Plans (1:15–22)
   3. The Reason for the Change in Plans (1:23–2:4)
   4. Forgiveness to the Repentant Sinner (2:5–11)
3. PAUL’S DEFENSE OF HIS MINISTRY (2:12–7:16)
   1. Paul’s Ministry in Troas and Macedonia (2:12–17)
   2. Paul’s Letters of Recommendation (3:1–3)
   3. Paul’s Competence (3:4–6)
   4. Ministry of the New Covenant (3:7–18)
   5. The Unveiled Truth (4:1–6)
   6. Treasure in Clay Jars (4:7–18)
   7. The Coming Resurrection (5:1–10)
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   9. Catalog of Paul’s Sufferings (6:3–13)
   10. Call to Separate from Paul’s Opponents (6:14–7:1)
   11. Paul’s Final Defense (7:2–16)
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   2. Examples of Christ’s Sacrifice and the Old Testament (8:8–15)
   3. Administration of the Offering (8:16–24)
   4. Importance of Having the Offering Ready (9:1–5)
   5. Principles Motivating Generous Giving (9:6–15)
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   1. The Tone of Paul’s Appeal (10:1–11)
   2. Divine Commendation of Paul’s Ministry (10:12–18)
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   5. Paul’s Visions and Revelations (12:1–10)
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6. FINAL EXHORTATIONS (13:5–12)
7. CLOSING (13:13)

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