



Bethany Bible Study & Discussion

I Thessalonians (Part-6) (Chapter 5:1-13)

The Day of the Lord

... God's Day of Judgement & Wrath is Coming Soon

Let us be Absent for this event

I Thessalonians 5

Day of the Lord (1-11)

Exhortations for Believer's
conduct and faith (12-22)

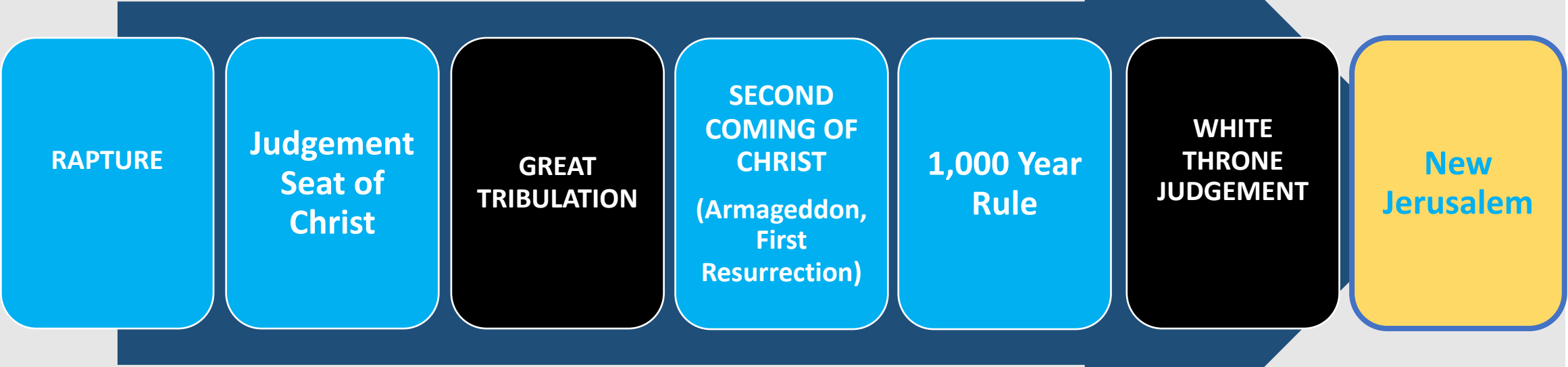
Closing greetings (23-28)

The Day of the Lord (1-11)

20+ references in the Bible

Generally referred to **God's Day of severe Judgement for sinners**

**The DAY of the LORD
Rapture+ Calendar**



The times and the seasons

But of the times and the seasons,
brethren, ye have no need that I
write unto you (1)

ACTS 1:7

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the **times or the seasons**, which the Father hath put in his own power.

No need to write ... why?

Maybe because:

Irrelevant ... it will not affect believers

Not a mystery (known from the OT) (rapture was a mystery, I Corinthians 15:51)

Paul taught them during his earlier visit

Return of Christ

Acts 1:11 (Ascension after resurrection)

this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven

I Thessalonians 4:16 (Rapture)

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God:

Zechariah 14:4 (Second Coming)

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east

The day of the Lord

Isaiah 13:9-11

⁹ Behold, the **day of the Lord** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ¹¹ And I will **punish the world for their evil**, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

The day of the Lord

JOEL 2:1-2, 31

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: **for the day of the Lord cometh**, for it is nigh at hand; ² A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the **great and terrible day of the Lord** come.

The day of the Lord

Amos 5:18-20

Woe unto you that desire the **day of the LORD!** to what end *is* it for you? the day of the LORD *is* darkness, and not light. [19](#) As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. [20](#) *Shall* not the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

The day of the Lord

ZEPHANIAH 1:14

The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. ¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. ¹⁷ And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, **because they have sinned against the Lord**: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. ¹⁸ **Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them** in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

The day of the Lord

Malachi 4:1-2

For, **behold, the day cometh**, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and **all that do wickedly**, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. ² But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings;

Unexpected appearance

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape (2-3)

Peace & Safety

.... followed by sudden destruction of the wicked

As a thief in the night ... unannounced arrival

As of woman in labor ... cannot be stopped or reversed once the time comes

Day of the Lord ...unexpected day for unbelievers

II PETER 3:7-10

But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ¹⁰ **But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night;** in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Mathew 24:44

for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

They & Ye

3 ...and they shall not escape. ⁴ But ye, brethren, ...

They = Unbelievers

Shall not escape

Ye = Believers

Shall escape

The **final outcome** is different for believers and unbelievers

Unexpected destruction

⁴ But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Since we are in the light, the destruction will not affect us

Just like Noah's family in the ark

Just like Lot moved before destruction

Just like the first-born of Israel were untouched

Remnant saved

Luke 17:26

And as it was in the **days of Noe**, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷ They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and **destroyed them all**.

²⁸ Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹ But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and **destroyed them all**.

Reaction to Jesus Christ Return

Unbelievers

- ... living in ignorance or in denial
- ... will be **shocked** when Christ returns

Believers

- ... eagerly waiting
- ... **surprised** by the timing but not shocked by return

Exhortation to Believers

⁵ Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober

Don't Sleep (walking in ignorance, passive, lack of readiness or preparedness or excitement)

Be Watchful and Sober (be clear minded, not drunk, under control)

Faith. Hope. Love.

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation (8)

Breastplate (covers vital organs in battle)
of Faith and Love

Salvation begins with Faith

Love is fruit of a genuine growing Faith

Helmet of Hope

Future that is anchored in our salvation,
not worldly blessings

1:3 (work of faith, labor of love, patience of hope)

Appointment of man with God

For God hath not
appointed us to wrath, but
to obtain salvation by our
Lord Jesus Christ (9)

Believer's Appointment

- Not to wrath of God but to salvation
- Not to separation but to be in God's presence for ever

Made possible by the death of Christ on the cross

Eternal Security of Believers

- Have everlasting life (John 3:16)
- Sealed for day of redemption (Ephesians 4:30)
- Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:38-39)
- Safe in His hands (John 10:28-29)

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Unbeliever's Appointment

Unbeliever's fate will be wrath of God and eternal separation
from God

Reason: unbelief and rebellion

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world
are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are
made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are
without excuse: (Romans 1:20)

HEBREWS 9:27

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Where will your appointment be?

Unbroken Communion with the Lord

Who died for us, that,
whether we wake or sleep,
we should live together
with him (10)

Romans 14:8-9

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Reason for Comfort

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do (11)

5:11 Continue to exhort
and comfort others
(wrath is not for believers)

4:18 Comfort others
(rapture is for believers)



Exhortations for Believer's Conduct and Faith (12-22)

Respect & Peace

¹² And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; ¹³ And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

Those who labor among us. ... **Respect them**

Those who admonish us ... **Respect them**

Those who are over you ... **Respect them**

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

With Everyone ... **Be at peace**

Have salt in yourself, and have peace one with another (**Mark 9:50**)