

## I Thessalonians

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### **1 Thess 4:14-18**

- (14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.
- (15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.
- (16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
- (17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.
- (18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.

**Interim Body** – Temporary body to house the soul and spirit of the Christian, should he die before the rapture.

**Resurrection Body** – Permanent body that Christians will receive after the rapture of the Church.

**Treasure chest (rewards)** – In eternity past God prepared a plan for every Christian which includes things to do in time (Eph. 2:10). The quality of each Christian's work will be tested as he is evaluated at the BEMA (Judgment Seat of Christ). Should the Christian accomplish that which God prepared in eternity past for him to accomplish in time, the Christian will be rewarded from this treasure chest. The treasure chest analogy is used to illustrate God has placed a specific reward for every work prepared for the Christian to accomplish during his lifetime. Should the believer seize the opportunities to do what God prepared for him to do, a reward will be conveyed. The works were designed by God in eternity past; however, they are seized in time. That treasure not conveyed to the believer will remain in the chest and become a tribute to lost opportunity, God's wonderful plan, and His magnificence (2 Cor. 5:10 cf. 1 Cor 3:12-15).

**APPLICATION:** The Christian must use his liberty to seize the occasions to BE, GO, and DO what God prepared beforehand to seize.

### **Titus 2:13**

- (13) Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

## Chapter Five

### **1 Thess 5:1-2**

- (1) Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.
- (2) For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

Characteristics of His coming -

- Under the cover of darkness
- Asleep - unsuspecting

### **Isaiah 13:6-19**

- (6) Wail, for the day of the LORD is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.
- (7) Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man's heart will melt.
- (8) They will be terrified, pains and anguish will take hold of *them*; they will writhe like a woman in labor, they will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame.
- (9) Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.

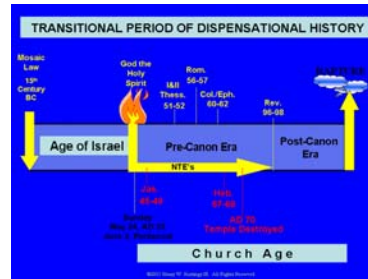
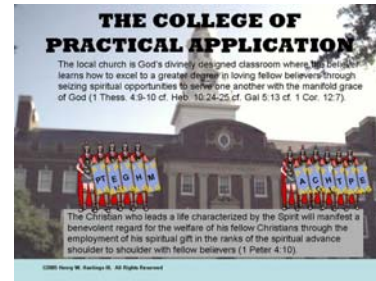
- (10) For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light; the sun will be dark when it rises and the moon will not shed its light.
- (11) Thus I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.
- (12) I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold and mankind than the gold of Ophir.
- (13) Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its place at the fury of the LORD of hosts in the day of His burning anger.
- (14) And it will be that like a hunted gazelle, Or like sheep with none to gather *them*, they will each turn to his own people, And each one flee to his own land.
- (15) Anyone who is found will be thrust through, and anyone who is captured will fall by the sword.
- (16) Their little ones also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished.
- (17) Behold, I am going to stir up the Medes against them, who will not value silver or take pleasure in gold.
- (18) And *their* bows will mow down the young men, they will not even have compassion on the fruit of the womb, *nor* will their eye pity children.
- (19) And Babylon, the beauty of kingdoms, the glory of the Chaldeans' pride, will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

### **“Day of the Lord”**

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1. It will come unexpectedly (1 Thess 5:2).
2. It will not be postponed or deferred (Isa. 13:6, 9).
  - it is the irreversible destiny of mankind
3. It will strike terror and astonishment in the hearts of mankind (Isa. 13:8).
4. It includes severe judgment of biblical proportion (Isa. 13:9).
5. It will include a solar eclipse (Isa. 13:10).
6. Man will be judged for his sin (Isa. 13:11).
7. The world's population will be decimated, i.e. significantly reduced in number (Isa. 13:12).
8. Destruction is assured in the Day of the Lord (Isa. 13:14).
9. People will die horrible deaths (Isa. 13:15, 16).
10. Women and children will not be spared (Isa. 13:16).

# Class slides



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