

## I Thessalonians

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**Definition of “Day of the Lord”** – A fixed period of time where the Lord deals with mankind in executing judgment, establishing His reign and blessing His earthly people through fulfilling His four unconditional covenants made to regenerate Israel.

### **What are the four Unconditional Covenants?**

1. Abrahamic covenant – Gen. 12:1-3; 13:14-17; 15:5; 17:1-8

**Gen 12:1-3** – *key passage*

- (1) Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your country, and from your relatives and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you;
- (2) And I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and so you shall be a blessing;
- (3) And I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

A covenant God made to Abraham and bound Himself to including (Gen 15:7 - 21).

- Land
- Seed (Abraham's physical progeny)
- Blessing

**POD** – The Abrahamic Covenant secures blessing & cursing (discipline) for gentile nations depending on their treatment of Israel and the Jew (Gen 12:1-3).

2. Davidic covenant – 2 Sam 7:12-13; 1 Chron 17:11-14

**1 Chron 17:11-14** – *key passage*

- (11) "When your days are fulfilled that you must go *to be* with your fathers, that I will set up *one of* your descendants after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.
- (12) "He shall build for Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.
- (13) "I will be his father and he shall be My son; and I will not take My lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him who was before you (King Saul).
- (14) "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever."
- (15) According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

3. Palestinian covenant – Gen 13:14; 15:18-21; Deut 1:7,8; 11:24; 30:1-5; Num 34:1-12

4. New covenant – Jer 31:31-33

### **Matthew 24:1-22**

- (1) Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.
- (2) And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

Note questions from the disciples to our Lord –

- Q1 – When will these things happen?
- Q2 – What will be the sign of your coming?
- Q3 – What will be the sign of the end of the age?

- (3) As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, **when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?**"
- (4) And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

Note vs. 5-8 - - Historical trends which occur throughout the Church Age.

- (5) "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.
- (6) "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end (not the end of the age).
- (7) "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.
- (8) "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

Note vs. 9-14 - - To be fulfilled in the Tribulation.

- (9) "Then they will deliver you (Jews) to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.
- (10) "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.
- (11) "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.
- (12) "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.
- (13) "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.
- (14) "This gospel of the kingdom (1,000 year Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ) shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Note vs. 15-22 - - To be fulfilled during 2<sup>nd</sup> half of Tribulation

- (15) "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),
- (16) then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.
- (17) "Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.
- (18) "Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.
- (19) "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!
- (20) "But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath.
- (21) "For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
- (22) "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

**Q1 – Deals with Historical trends from the ascension of Jesus Christ to the resurrection of the Church (From Ascension in 33 AD to the Rapture).**

- Temple destruction accomplished by Titus in 70AD
- Fulfilled prophesy
- Occurred in the Church Age
- Matt 24:4-8

**Q2 – The sign of 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent is when they are delivered to tribulation**

- Occurs at the end of the Age of Israel
- During the Tribulation

**Dan 9:24-27**

(24) "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people (descendents of Abraham) and your holy city (Jerusalem), to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy *place*."

From the Septuagint (Greek translation of the Hebrew Scriptures).

HEBDOMEKONTA – “seventy”

HEBDOMAS – “sevens” (period of seven years)

From the Hebrew Scriptures

SHIBeIYM – ‘seventy’

SHABUA – “sevens” (period of seven years)

HEPTAD – a period of seven years

Vs. 24 - “Seventy weeks” is 70 - seven year periods or 490 years.

Vs. 25 – “seven weeks” is actually seven – seven year periods or 49 years and “sixty-two weeks” is actually sixty-two – seven year periods or 434 years.

**In this span of 490 years there are six things that need to be done:**

1. To finish the transgression.
2. To make an end of sin.
3. To make atonement for iniquity
4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
5. To seal up vision and prophecy
6. To anoint the most holy [place – not found in original text]

Meaning of these six things:	When are these things completed:
Item 1 - Israel’s disobedience being completed	Tribulation
Item 2 & 3 – Work of Christ on the cross being appropriated to Israel when they accept Jesus as their Messiah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Israel’s sin was handled on the cross.</li><li>• That work is only appropriated by grace through faith.</li></ul>	Tribulation (Rev 7:4-8).
Item 4 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ	At conclusion of Tribulation
Item 5 – O T prophesies being fulfilled (including the four Unconditional Covenants)	During Tribulation & Millennium
Item 6 – Coronation of Jesus Christ	Shortly after 2 <sup>nd</sup> Advent of Christ

(25) "So you are to know and discern *that* from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince *there will be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

(26) "Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end *will come* with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

(27) "And he (final ruler of the Revived Roman Empire) will make a firm covenant with the many (Jews) for one week (7 years), but in the middle of the week (middle of the Tribulation) he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate."

**Dan 11:31**

(31) "Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

**Class slides**



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