

I Thessalonians

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1 Thess 5:1

(1) Now as to the times (CHRONOS – expanse of time) and the epochs (KAIROS – occurrences), brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.



Transitional particle – reference the previous subject:

1 Thess 4:15-18

(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 (died).

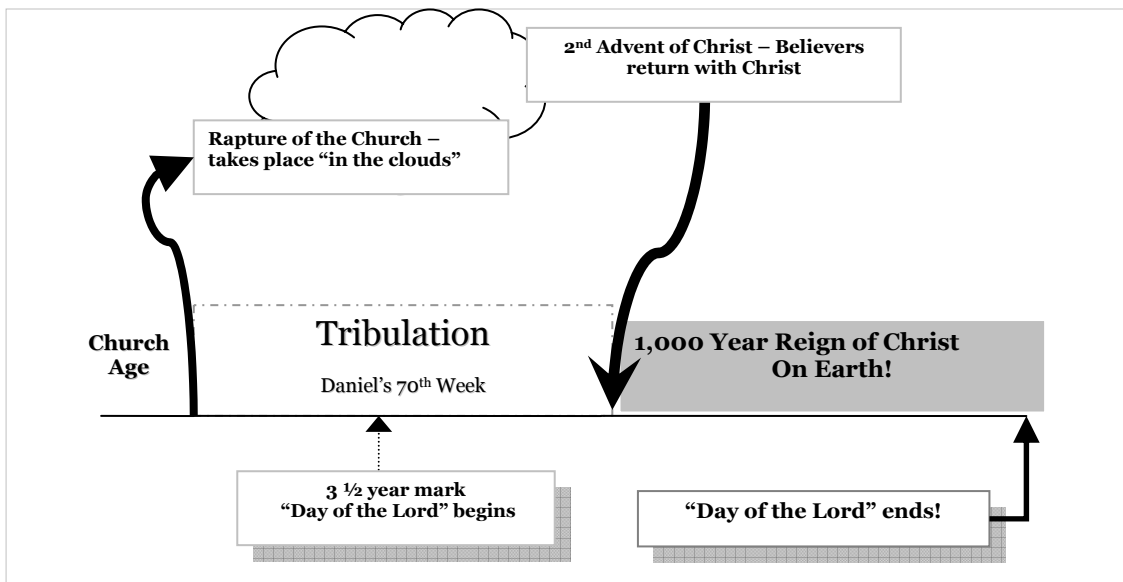
(16) For the Lord Himself **will** (a future event) descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

(17) Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds (note that the Rapture or Resurrection of the Church occurs “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.

1 Thess 5:2

(2) For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.



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.

Day of the Lord characteristics –

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).

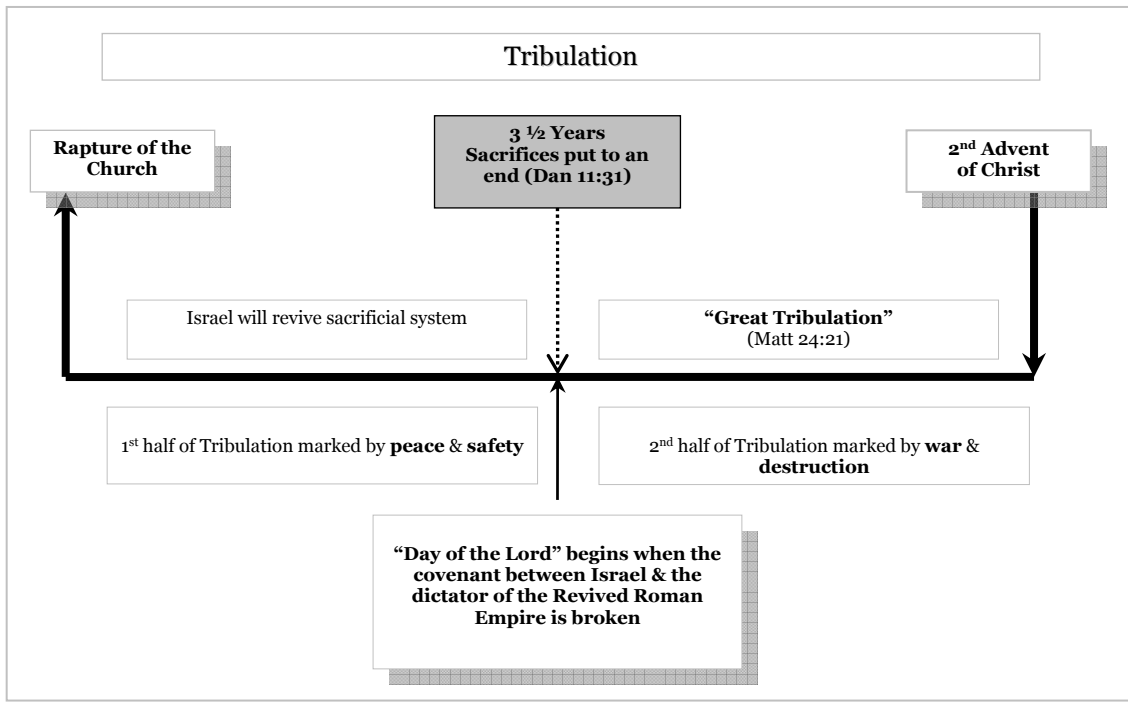
4. It includes severe judgment of biblical proportion (Isa. 13:9).
5. It will include a solar eclipse (Isa. 13:10).
6. Man will be judged for his sin (Isa. 13:11).
7. The world's population will be decimated, i.e. significantly reduced in number (Isa. 13:12).
8. Destruction is assured in the Day of the 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).
11. God will display supernatural wonders in the sky to introduce the Day of the lord (Joel 2:31).
12. The supernatural wonders are a sign for the rescue of those who call on the name of the Lord (Joel 2:32).
13. The fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem will be restored (Joel 3:1).
14. Gentile nations will be judged for their treatment of Israel & the Israelites in the Valley of Jehoshaphat (Joel 3:2).
 - Note: The **Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3)**.
 - A binding, unconditional covenant (Gen 12:1-3).
 - Includes three things:
 - Land
 - Seed (physical progeny)
 - Blessing
15. A great war between the Lord and His armies against gentile nations and their armies will be fought.
16. The Lord will emerge victorious.
17. The Lord will live on the earth and rule from Jerusalem.
 - Note: The fulfillment of **Davidic Covenant** (2 Sam 7:12-13).
18. Israel will receive the land that God promised to them.
 - Note: The fulfillment of **Palestinian Covenant** or the land grant made to Israel (Gen 13:14; 15:18-21; Deut 1:7-8; 11:24; Nu 34:1-12).
19. Israel will be blessed in the land (Joel 3:18).

1 Thess 5:3

(3) While **they** are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon **them** suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and **they will not escape**.

POD – It will be impossible to find safety as one attempts to flee from the destruction which occurs during the “Day of the Lord”.

- No Christian is ever “left behind”.
- Peace & security of the Tribulation is a pseudo peace.



1 Thess 5:4-8

(4) But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake (seize or overtake you) you like a thief;

(5) for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

(6) so then let us not sleep as others do (unbelievers), but let us be alert and sober.

(7) For those who sleep do their sleeping at night and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

(8) But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith (Bible doctrine) and love (personal love for God), and as a helmet, the hope of salvation (confident expectation of deliverance).

1 Thess 5:9-10

(9) For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(10) who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

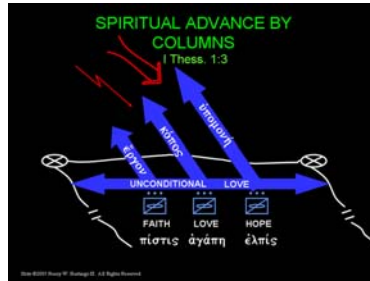
POD – The Resurrection of the Church (Rapture) is designed to be an encouragement to Christians for five reasons:

1. We will no longer contend with our old sin natures (Rom 7:24-25a).
2. We will have victory over the “sting of death” (1 Cor 15:55-56).
3. We will be reunited with loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord (1 Thess 4:17).
4. From that moment on we will always be with the Lord (1 Thess 4:17).
5. We will be saved from the “Day of the Lord” (1 Thess 5:1-10).

➤ The peace & security of the Church Age Believer Priest (CABP) rests in his relationship with God.

➤ Contrast the peace & security of the CABP with that of the unbeliever in view of the Rapture, the Tribulation and the “Day of the Lord”.

Class slides



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