

## II Thessalonians 2 - Lesson 3

### What and When is the Day of the Lord?

#### Commands

- don't be quickly shaken or disturbed that you heard the day of the Lord has come (2)
- Let no one in anyway deceive you (3)

#### "Day of the Lord" through Scripture

- Usage
  - OT - 19 times
    - Soon coming judgment (Is, Ez, Joel, Amos, Zeph)
    - Eschatological divine judgment (Joel 2:30-32; 3:14, Zech 14:1; Mal 4:1, 5)
    - Day of Doom, Day of Vengeance
  - NT - 4 times
    - Acts 2:20; I Thes 5:2; II Thes 2:2; II Peter 3:10
    - Day of Wrath, Day of Visitation, Great Day of God the Almighty (Rev 16:14)
- Purpose
  - Terrifying judgments that come from God
  - Time when God deals with sin/man's rebellion (ultimately - Satan)
- Timing
  - II Thes 2 - seems to start with the man of lawlessness being revealed and continues to the destruction of the heavens and earth (II Peter 3:10)

#### Right Now - today

- die today as a believer - go into the presence of the Lord (Phil 1:21-24; II Cor 5:6-8)

#### Promises to believers

- we are going to be saved from the wrath God pours out on the earth (Ro 5:9; I Thes 1:9-10; I Thes 5:9-10; Rev 3:10)
- We will be saved from eternal wrath - eternal separation from God - 2nd death (Jn 3:36; Ro 5:9-10)

Nothing prophetic has to happen before this

### **Rapture**

- I Thes 3:13; 4:13-18; I Cor 15:51-54; Jn 14:1-3

### **7 Years of Tribulation** - Daniel's 70th week (Dan 9:24-27), Time of Jacob's Troubles

- peace treaty (covenant) - for 7 years - starts the tribulation countdown
- Peace and safety (brought by the Anti-Christ)
  - This lasts for 3 1/2 years
  - 7 seals and 6 trumpets
- Peace will be broken at 3 1/2 years
  - II Thes 2:1-12
    - Apostasy will come first
    - Man of lawlessness will be revealed
    - Son of destruction
    - Display himself as God in the temple - and demand to be worshipped
    - Right now he is being restrained
    - I Thes 5:1-11

### **7th trumpet and 7 bowls - last 3 1/2 years**

- everything will be destroyed
- Complete destruction in Babylon (Governmental, Religious, Economics)

### **Marriage of the Lamb (19:1-10)**

#### **Jesus is Coming to the Earth - Battle**

- Christ comes from heaven with His bride (19:11-16)
- Birds are assembled (17) - the Great Supper of God
- Army assembled - make war with Jesus
- Beast and false prophet are thrown into hell (19:19-20)
- The rest were killed (19:21)
- Satan is put in the abyss for 1,000 years (20:1-3)
- Those who were killed for Christ come to life and reign with Christ (20:4-6; 6:9-11)

#### **Judging the Nations**

Joel 2:28-3:21

Matt 25:31-46

Jesus judges between the right and the wicked and allows them to enter the kingdom of God

- 1) this judgement happens as they enter into the millennial kingdom
- 2) This happens at the end of the millennial kingdom

**The Millennial kingdom** - 1000 year reign (Rev 20:4-6)

**Satan Released for a short time** - deceives the nations (Rev 20:7-10)

- Gog and Magog - gather to make war with Jesus
- Fire comes down out of heaven and devours them
- Devil will be thrown into the Lake of Fire

**Great White Throne Judgement** (Rev 20:11-15)

- dead (all the unrighteous dead)
- They are judged - they go to the Lake of fire
- Death and Hades are thrown into the Lake of fire

II Peter 3:7-13 - the world will be burned up (Final day of the Lord)

**New Heaven, the New Earth, the New Jerusalem** (Rev 21-22)