

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)

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)