

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – The Day Of The Lord.

I. (1-3). The Day of The Lord.

Matthew 16:1-3 - *Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; “and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.*

Isaiah 13:9 - *Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He will destroy its sinners from it.*

It denotes the day when God intervenes in history to judge His enemies, deliver His people, and establish His kingdom.” (Hiebert)

Just like in the days of Noah, man has his “days,” and the Lord has His **day**. In the ultimate sense, **the day of the Lord** is fulfilled with His return in power and glory.

i. **His coming is unexpected, and inevitable.**

Mark 13:32 - *“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.*

Revelation 22:7 - *“Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”*

ii. **He’ll find a world in a “business as usual” mode, and brings disaster.**

Luke 17:26-30 - *“And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: “They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. “Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; “but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. “Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.*

iii. **He’s coming in judgment, and effecting righteousness.**

Revelation 19:11-16 - *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.*

He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

II. (4-11). Be ready.

Watch out, be alert and aware of what's happening, no ignorance...

Matthew 24:5-14 – (i)**“For many will come in My name,** saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. (ii)**“And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.** See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. **“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.** And there will be (iii)**famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.** “All these are the beginning of sorrows. (iv)**“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.** (v)**“And then many will be offended, (iv)will betray one another, (vi)and will hate one another.** “Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. **“(vii)And because lawlessness will abound, (viii)the love of many will grow cold.** “But he who endures to the end shall be saved. (ix)**“And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations,** and then the end will come.

2 Timothy 3:21-5 - *But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!*

i. Faith, a breastplate – to guard our hearts.

Luke 18:8 - *“I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”*

ii. **Love, a breastplate...**

Mark 12:30-31 - *'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'* This is the first commandment. "And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*' There is no other commandment greater than these."*

iii. **Hope, a helmet – to guard our minds/thinking.**

2 Peter 3:10-13 - *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.*