

# Son's of Light

## Under Our Lord's Protection



**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**  
**The Terrible Day of the Lord**

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# THE LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH

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a penetrating look at incredible prophecies  
involving this generation.



# Key Verses:

**4:18** “Therefore **comfort** one another with these words.”

**5:8** “But since we are of the day, let us be **sober**,  
having put on  
the breastplate of **faith** and **love**,  
and as a helmet, the **hope** of salvation.

**5:11** “Therefore **encourage** one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”



MACEDONIA

EUROPE

Black Sea

Thessalonica

Philippi

Amphipolis

Neapolis

Berèa

Apollonia

TURKEY

Troas

# Paul goes to Europe

Thessalonica to Corinth:  
400 miles (645 km) mainly by sea  
300 miles (480 km) by land

GREECE

By land

By sea

ACHAIA

Aegean Sea

Gulf of Corinth

Athens

Corinth

EUROPE

AFRICA

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Some Jews cause uproar & attack Jason's House seeking for Paul & Silas

Paul called to preach in Macedonia

Paul forbidden by the Spirit to preach in Asia & Bithynia

Timothy joins Paul & Silas

Paul & Barnabas divided over John Mark  
Barnabas & John Mark sail to Cyprus  
Paul & Silas go through Syria and Cilicia

Lydia & her household believe  
Paul & Silas beaten & thrown in jail  
Jailer and his household believe

Paul speaks at the Areopagus

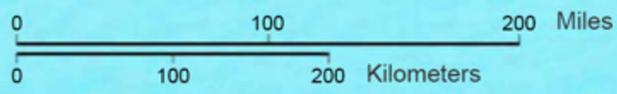
Paul meets Aquila & Priscilla  
Paul brought before Gallio

Bereans receive the Word

### PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Acts 15:36 - 18:22

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route



**PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY**  
Acts 19:1 - 21:14

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches of Asia" - Rev. 2-3
- ← Paul's Route

# Thessalonians - Book Outline:

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| I. Paul's Greeting   | 1:1              |         |
| II. Paul's Personal Thoughts                                       | 1:2-3:13         |         |
| A. Thanksgiving for the Church                                     | 1:2-10           |         |
| B. Reminders for the Church  | 2:1-16           |         |
| C. <u>Concerns for the Church</u>                                  | <u>2:17-3:13</u> |         |
| 1. <b>Reminiscing</b> his Continued Absence                        |                  | 2:17-20 |
| 2. <b>Recalling</b> his reason to send Timothy                     |                  | 3:1-5   |
| 3. <b>Recording</b> their reaction of Timothy's encouraging update |                  | 3:6-13  |
| III. Paul's Practical Instructions                                 | 4:1-5:22         |         |



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| D. Implications for Christian Living                       | 5:12-24  |
| E. Final Greetings   | 5:25-28  |

# Proposition:

**Question:** How does God expect believers to conduct themselves while living in this disposal world?

**Answer:** God justifies believers for the purpose of sanctification and then future glorification.

**Passage's Thrust:** Unbelievers are living in darkness and cannot live in the light of salvation.

Believers in Christ are genetically wired to live in the light but are tempted sometimes to live in the darkness.

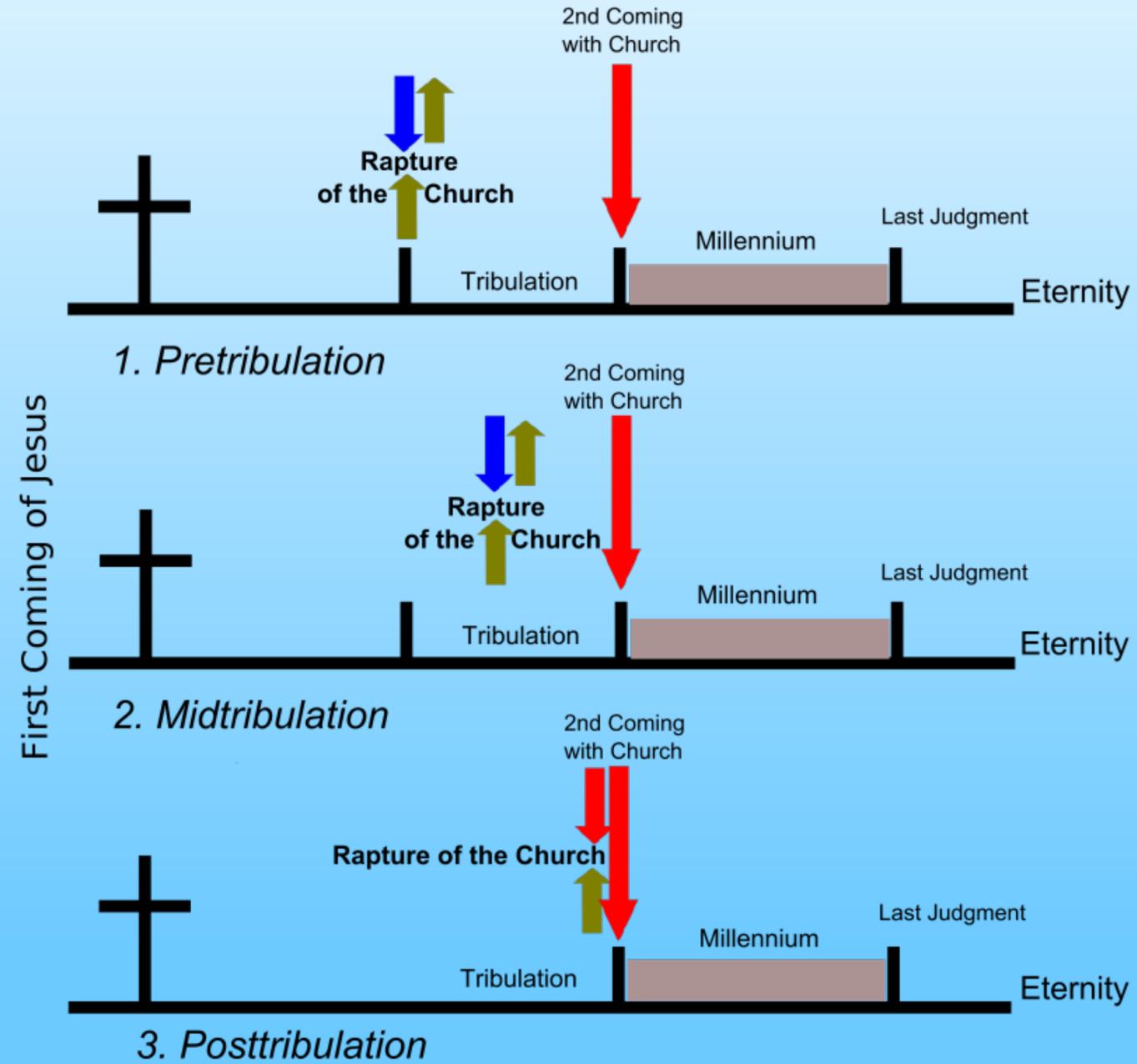
So: “Since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.”

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# **From Here to Eternity**

***A Biblical Order of  
Coming Events***

# Comparison of Christian Tribulation Views



## **The Basic Flow**

- The Tribulation (6:1—19:10)
- The Second Coming (19:11-21)
- The Millennium (20:1-6)
- The Great White Throne (20:7-15)
- The New Heavens & New Earth (21:1—22:21)

# A Biblical *Ordo Eschatos*

Unknown duration

Event

7 Years

Event

1000 Years

Event

Eternity

Death Intermediate  
State

Rapture

Tribulation

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

Millennium

Great  
White  
Throne

Eternal  
State

Soul in Heaven  
Body in Grave

Resurrection

Heaven

Return to  
Earth

Earth

Present

New  
Heaven/  
Earth

# Where Is the Church?

- **1-3** → the church is on earth; word *church* occurs 19x
- **4-5** → the church is in heaven (the elders represent the church)
- **19:1-10** → the church in heaven but returning with Christ
  - **19:7** – the wife of the Lamb
- **19:11-21** → the church returns with Christ at His Second Coming.
- The implication: the church is caught away before the 2nd Coming.
- When?
  - not on earth from the end of chapter 3 until the 2nd Coming in chapter 19

# Better than here...

- Unmixed, undiminished, unending joy
  - Ps. 16:11 – In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.
- Loving fellowship
  - 1 Cor. 13:13 – now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.
- Sinless perfection
  - Heb. 12:22-23 – you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of *the* righteous made perfect.
- The presence of Jesus Christ
  - Phil. 1:23 – I am hard-pressed from both *directions*, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for *that* is very much better.
  - 2 Cor. 5:8 – we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

# Day of the Lord:

## Obadiah 15 (NASB95)

15 “For the **day of the LORD** draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.

## Joel 1:15–17 (NASB95)

15 Alas for the day! For the **day of the LORD** is near, And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

16 Has not food been cut off before our eyes, Gladness and joy from the house of our God?

17 The seeds shrivel under their clods; The storehouses are desolate, The barns are torn down, For the grain is dried up.

## Joel 2:1–12 (NASB95)

1 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, For the **day of the LORD** is coming; Surely it is near,

2 A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people; There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it To the years of many generations.

# Day of the Lord:

## Joel 2:30–32 (NASB95)

30 “I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.

31 “The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood Before the great and awesome **day of the LORD** comes.

32 “And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

## Joel 3:13–16 (NASB95)

13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; The vats overflow, for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the **day of the LORD** is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and moon grow dark And the stars lose their brightness.

16 The LORD roars from Zion And utters His voice from Jerusalem, And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.



# Day of the Lord:

**Acts 2:20–24 (NASB95)**

**20 ‘THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.**

**21 ‘AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.’**

**22 “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—**

**23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.**

**24 “But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.**

**2 Thessalonians 2:1–4 (NASB95)**

**1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.**

**3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,**

**4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.**

**2 Peter 3:10 (NASB95)**

**10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.**

# Day of the Lord:

**Zephaniah 1:14–18 (NASB95)**

**14** Near is the great **day of the LORD**, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

**15** A **day of wrath** is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

**16** A day of trumpet and battle cry Against the fortified cities And the high corner towers.

**17** I will bring distress on men So that they will walk like the blind, Because they have sinned against the LORD; And their blood will be poured out like dust And their flesh like dung.

**18** Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them On the day of the LORD'S wrath; And all the earth will be devoured In the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**Ezekiel 13:5 (NASB95)**

**5** “You have not gone up into the breaches, nor did you build the wall around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the **day of the LORD**.”

**Ezekiel 30:1–12 (NASB95)**

**1** The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

**2** “Son of man, prophesy and say, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Wail, ‘Alas for the day!’”

**3** “For the day is near, Even the **day of the LORD** is near; It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.

**4** “A sword will come upon Egypt, And anguish will be in Ethiopia; When the slain fall in Egypt, They take away her wealth, And her foundations are torn down.

**I. Yahweh's Word Reveals Everything He wants us to know concerning the end times and epochs. (5:1-2a)**

**II. Unbelievers are Yahweh's Only Target of Wrath in the Day of the Lord. (5:2b-3)**

**III. Believers Escape the Wrath of God because of their Position as Sons of Light and Day.  
(5:4-5)**

**IV. Believers are Recognized as Practicing Sons of Light and Day and must always be on Military Alert and Remain Spiritually Sober. (5:6-7)**

**V. Believers must Prioritize putting on the Spiritual protective gear designed to deflect all the Temptations associated with our unredeemed flesh and the attacks of Satan. (5:8)**

**That defensive armor consists of:**

**VI. Believers obtain a Prize in their Future Salvation, consisting of a glorified body "totally" free of physical decay and spiritual corruption. (5:9-10a)**

**VII. Believers are again Reminded not to be anxious about being caught by a surprise judgment or by being neglected in physical death. Our Lord Jesus Christ has us completely protected in His loving hands. (5:10b-11)**

**VIII. Believers are to take the implications of 1 Thessalonians 4-5 and Encourage unbelievers to repent in salvation and Comfort believers in their Christian Walk. (5:12)**