

# 1 Thessalonians 4 & 5

Expands upon what Jesus said

'And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.'

1 Thessalonians 1:10

'For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, '

1 Thessalonians 5:9

'For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.'

1 Thessalonians 2:13

' "So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ... For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short. Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There he is!' do not believe it. '

Matthew 24:15,21-23

'For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming [parousia] of the Son of Man.

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.’

Matthew 24:27,29-31

"At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. '

Daniel 12:1-3

# Matthew 24 timeline

- ◆ False christs, teachers deception. Apostasy and betrayal.
- ◆ Wars, earthquakes, ethnos against ethnos. First 4 seals. Beginning of birth pangs.
- ◆ Abomination of desolation is the middle of the 70th week.
- ◆ Great tribulation and persecution, such as never before (5th seal)
- ◆ Cosmic signs of sun, moon and stars (6th seal)
- ◆ Jesus Christ appears so everyone sees. Clouds, trumpet,
- ◆ Angels gather the elect. Not just from Israel, but from 4 winds.

'Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God.'

Revelation 19:11-13



'And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.'

Revelation 19:14-16

## Matt 24:29-31

- ◆ Time of cosmic signs, 6th Seal
- ◆ Sends angels gathers the elect
- ◆ Loud trumpet sound
- ◆ Dead rise
- ◆ Living caught up in the clouds

## Rev 19:11-16

- ◆ After 7th seal
- ◆ Armies of heaven with him
- ◆ On a white horse
- ◆ Sword, robe dipped in blood
- ◆ Wiping out the enemies at Armageddon

'But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.'

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

'For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming [parousía] of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.'

1 Thessalonians 4:15-18

'Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.'

1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

'And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.'

Matthew 24:6-8

'Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale? Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it. "And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. '

Jeremiah 30:6-9

' Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every human heart will melt. They will be dismayed: pangs and agony will seize them; they will be in anguish like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at one another; their faces will be aflame. Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.'

Isaiah 13:6-10



I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. I will make people more rare than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger. '

Isaiah 13:11-13

'But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day.

We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.'

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

'Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Matthew 24:42-44

' "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. '

Matthew 24:36-39

# Connections between 1 Thessalonians 5 and the Olivet Discourse

- ◆ Paul says, “no need that I should write you”, because he had taught them from the prophets and words of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ This is the beginning of the day of the LORD
- ◆ Birth pangs
- ◆ Coming like a thief
- ◆ Watch and stay ready, stay pure

# 1 Thess 4:16-17

- ◆ Lord descends from heaven
- ◆ Cry of command
- ◆ Voice of arch angel
- ◆ Trump of God
- ◆ Dead rise
- ◆ Living caught up in the clouds

# Matt 24:29-31

- ◆ Coming on clouds of heaven
- ◆ Great power and glory
- ◆ Sends forth his angels
- ◆ Loud trumpet call
- ◆ Time of resurrection. Dan 12:1-2
- ◆ Gather his elect - same Gr. root as gathering in 2 Th 2:1