

Angels in Flaming Fire

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10



When does this happen?

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2 Thessalonians 1:6-8 ESV

A wonderful, persecuted church

- ◆ Paul only there about 3 weeks, teaching intensively
- ◆ Very receptive to the Word of God - 1 Th 2:13. Had only OT scriptures, verbal accounts of Jesus and these epistles.
- ◆ Obedient and growing exceedingly in faith and love - 1 Th 3:6, 4:9,10, 2 Th 1:3. The Word sounded out from them and spread - 1 Th 1:8

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- ◆ Enduring persecution and tribulation in light of Christ's return - 1 Th 2:14 2 Th 1:4
- ◆ Had the great rapture explanation in 1 Th 4 and told they would be saved from the wrath of God
- ◆ Had other detailed knowledge about the Day of the LORD and the restrainer

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- ◆ 'Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.'

2 Thessalonians 1:1-3 NIV

A wonderful, persecuted church

- ◆ Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your **perseverance** and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

2Thessalonians 1:4-5 NIV

A wonderful, persecuted church

- ◆ God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8 NIV

A wonderful, persecuted church

- ◆ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you. 2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

When does this happen?

- ◆ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and **to grant relief to you** who are afflicted as well as to us, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8 ESV

When does angels in flaming fire happen?

Two or three possibilities

- ◆ Church will already be at rest when??? Not what it says
- ◆ “When the Lord Jesus is revealed” (lit. In the revelation - apokalupsis)
- ◆ Is it as the rider on the white horse with the armies of heaven in Rev. 19:11-16? At the end of the 7th Seal.
- ◆ Is it the beginning of the 7th seal judgements in Rev 8?

A Revealing after the 7th Seal

- ◆ 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.

Revelation 19:11-12

A Revealing after the 7th Seal

Armies of heaven, not angels in flaming fire

- ◆ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 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 19:13-16

Fallen in Battle

Birds Eating Flesh - Not Burned Up

- ◆ And the rest were slain by the sword that came from the mouth of him who was sitting on the horse, and all the birds were gorged with their flesh.

Revelation 19:21

- ◆ As for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God : Speak to the birds of every sort and to all beasts of the field: 'Assemble and come, gather from all around to the sacrificial feast that I am preparing for you, a great sacrificial feast on the mountains of Israel, and you shall eat flesh and drink blood. Ezekiel 39:17

Angels with fire begin the 7th Seal

- ◆ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them Revelation 8:1-2

Angels with fire begin the 7th Seal

- ◆ And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. Revelation 8:3-5

Angels with fire begin the 7th Seal

- ◆ Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And **a third of the earth was burned up**, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

Revelation 8:6-7

Angels with fire begin the 7th Seal

- ◆ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Revelation 8:8-9 ESV

What has happened before this?

- ◆ 'So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), ' Matthew 24:15
- ◆ 'And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator.'
Daniel 9:27 Antichrist commits A of D half way through last 7 yrs.

What has happened before this?

- ◆ 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. Matthew 24:21-22

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What has happened before this?

- ◆ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and heir brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

Revelation 6:9-11 NASB

What has happened before this?

- ◆ 'For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming 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.

Matthew 24:27,29

What has happened before this?

- ◆ When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Revelation 6:12-14

What has happened before this?

- ◆ 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 24:30-31

What has happened before this?

- ◆ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for **the great day of their wrath has come**, and who can stand?"

Revelation 6:15-17

What has happened before this?

- ◆ 'saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
'Revelation 7:3-4

What has happened before this?

- ◆ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10

What has happened before this?

- ◆ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence." Revelation 7:14-15

7th Seal, 1st Trumpet - Angel - Fire

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7th Seal, 2nd Trumpet - Angel - Fire

- ◆ The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.

Revelation 8:8

When? The Celestial Signs and Rapture

Introduce the 7th Seal

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Major End-Times Events

1. Seals 1-4. Wars and effects. Deeds of evil men. Rev. 6:1-8
2. Abomination of Desolation. Midpoint of final 7 years. Mt 24:15
3. The Great Tribulation = 5th Seal. Persecution and martyrdom.
Rev. 6:8-11, Mt 24:16-26.
4. Celestial signs of the 6th Seal. God begins to answer from heaven. Rev 6:12-17, Mt 24:29.

Major End-Times Events

6. Lord Jesus gathers his elect. Mt. 24:30, 31.
7. 144,000 from Israel sealed. Rev. 7:3-8. Ask pre-trib why so long after rapture?
8. Innumerable multitude of redeemed from all nations before the throne. Rev 7:9-17
9. 7th Seal opened. Silence in heaven for half an hour. Rev 8:1

Major End-Times Events

10. Angels bring forth the first 6 trumpet judgments. Rev 8:1-9:20,

11. 7th trumpet judgment apparently included 7 bowl judgments. Rev 11:15-19, 15:1-8, 16:1-21.

12. Lord Jesus appears on white horse with armies of heaven to destroy the worldly armies that have come against him. Rev 19:11-21.