

I Thess. 5:1-11: You Must Remember This!

Times and seasons – Acts 1:7 primarily God’s plan for _____

Day of the Lord- the time when God will judge the world and punish the nations and prepare Israel for His return. Also called the tribulation – Rev. 6-19

Zech. 14 – “day of the Lord is coming....all nations (will gather) to Jerusalem to fight against it...v. 3 – Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations....v. 5 - Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

There are 2 main theories about “The day of the Lord”

1) It begins _____ the Rapture and ends with the Second Coming

2) It begins almost immediately _____ the Rapture, and ends with the Second Coming.

Second Coming: the second time Jesus will actually set foot on planet Earth – Zech. 14:4 - ⁴On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley...v. 9 - The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and His name the Only Name.

THINGS TO REMEMBER IN THE LAST DAYS

I. We know _____ going to happen – not necessarily WHEN, but we do know _____. V.1-3

A. It will be unexpected – v. 2,3

I Thess. 5:3 – birth pangs compare to Matt. 24:6-8

B. It will be a time of destruction. – Rev. 6-19

C. There will be no _____. Rev. 6:15, 16: Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

II. We know _____ we are

Notice the change in pronouns from we to they and back

v. 3 – them; v. 4 – you won’t be surprised; children of light

v. 6, us; v. 7 – those; v. 8 – we; v. 9-11 us, one another

III. We know how to live – v. 6-11

A. Awake - to make a determined effort to stay awake; to be _____

B. Sober – v. 8 eyes open, sane, steady.

C. Dressed appropriately – be on guard! breastplate and helmet

What is the “hope of salvation”? The word is often translated “deliverance”. (v. 9,10) I Thess 4:13ff

Rom. 13:11-13 - ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

D. Remember our future – v. 9 – deliverance!!

E. Encourage and build up each other

Encourage – called alongside to help – includes words

Build up – restore, repair, rebuild, to promote growth

