



The Coming Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- 1) God has revealed the “times” of the end
 - a) In the OT: Dan. 7:25; 9:24-27; 12:7, 11-12
 - b) In the NT: Rev. 11:2-3; 13:5)

- 2) God has revealed the “epochs” of the future: *the day of the Lord*
 - a) Comes like a thief in the night
 - b) Occurs suddenly like a woman giving birth
 - c) Destruction unfolds in the midst of a false peace
 - d) Wrathful (Isa 13:9-11; Joel 2:28-32; Zeph 1:14-18)
 - i) Begins with the Rapture
 - ii) Ends at Christ’s second coming/Armageddon
 - e) Blissful (Zeph 3:14-15)

- 3) God’s people are enlightened, not living in ignorance
 - a) They live to please Christ, not in the deeds of darkness
 - b) They are alert and sober, looking for Christ’s coming
 - c) They are clothed with faith, love, and hope
 - d) They fear no wrath, being destined for salvation

- 4) Applications
 - a) Christians: Our knowledge of the future must not make us apathetic.
 - b) Unbelievers: Don’t be fooled by the world and its supposed peace.