

# The Day of the Lord

I Thessalonians 5:1-4

(series #19)

**The Old Testament Background** - Isaiah 2:12,19-21 ; 13:6-11  
- Jeremiah 30:4-7 ; Joel 2:1-11 , 30-31 ; Zephaniah 1:14-18

## The New Testament Background - Matthew 24

The Jewishness of the text

The people in view are under the law v. 20

The time described in unparalleled vv. 21-22

The first 3.5 years of the 7 year tribulation vv. 4-8

The comparison with Revelation 6

The rise of anti-Christ vv. 1-2

The proliferation of war vv. 3-4

The severity of famine vv. 5-6

Death due to natural disasters vv. 7-8

The Beginning of the Day of the Lord

It is Christ who breaks the seals in Revelation 6

God determines the extent of the famine (3rd

seal)

The comparison of the 4 seals with Ezekiel 14:21

The final three years of the 7 year tribulation vv. 9-28

The desecration of the temple v. 15 (Daniel 9:27)

The deception of the people on the earth

False prophets v. 11

The signs and wonders v. 24 (Revelation 13:13)

The judgment of God - II Thessalonians 2:9-12

## The Teaching of Paul in I Thessalonians 5:1-3

The future "times and seasons" v. 1

The false sense of security and peace vv. 2-3

The futility of trying to escape v. 3 (Revelation 6:12-17)

## The Practical Response for Us

Thankfulness for God's mercy and grace - Revelation 5:8-10

Worship God for His righteousness - Revelation 15:1-4 ; 16:4-7

Emulate the Faithfulness of Noah - Hebrews 11:7