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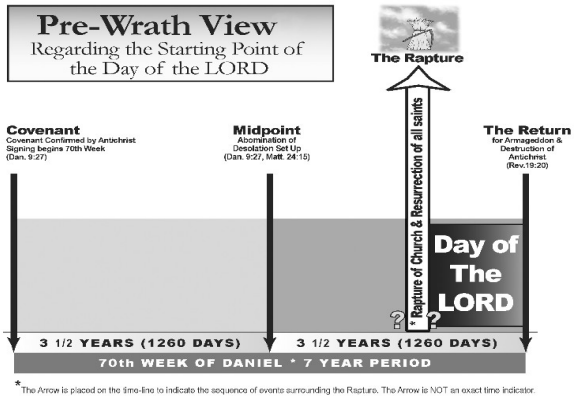

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But First the Tribulation
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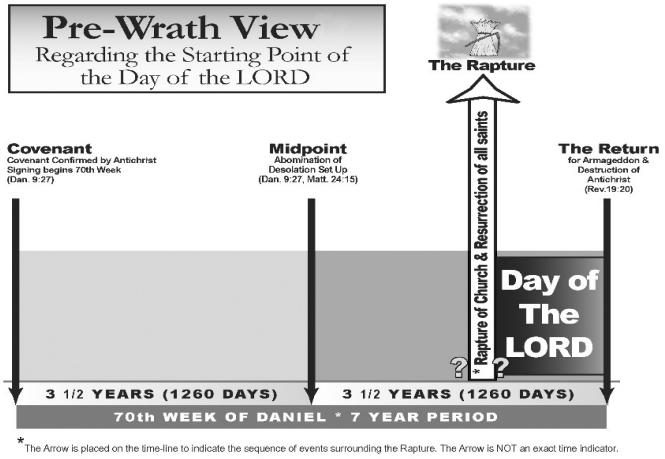

See: **I Thessalonians 4:13-18**
The Rapture is a:

1) <u>Cheerful</u> Hope (v. 13)
2) <u>Certain</u> Hope (v. 14)
3) <u>Common</u> Hope (v. 15-17)
4) <u>Comforting</u> Hope (v. 18)

Chapter 5 is a continuation of the flow of thought in chapter 4, hence tying the Rapture to the Day of the Lord. Unfortunately, the chapter division between I Thessalonians 4 & 5 has led many not to see the vital connection between these two chapters.

I Thess. 4:17-5:2 "Then we which are alive and remain shall be ***<u>caught up (raptured)</u>*** *together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord…But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that* ***<u>the day of the Lord</u>*** *so cometh as a thief in the night."*



I Thess.5:1- **"But of"** ("*peri de*") is used here to introduce a new emphasis of that which was previously stated (cp. this construction in Mt. 22:31, 24:36).



The phrase "the times and seasons"(5:1) is stated without an object; hence it is referring back in context to the Rapture in 4:17 (the antecedent to this phrase is the catching up and meeting the Lord in the air described in 4:17). Therefore the timing of the Rapture and the Day of the LORD are tied together chronologically.

The Day of the Lord (I Thes. 4:1-11) will come during a time when:

1) The world will not <u>expect</u> it (v. 1-3a)
2) The world will not <u>escape</u> it (v. 3b)
3) True believers will <u>expect</u> it (v. 4-7)
4) True believers will <u>escape</u> it (v. 8-11)



Note contrast:

Unbelievers - "They...them...they"
(v. 3 - unsaved world to be judged in the Day of the Lord).
Believers - "Ye...you (v. 4) . . . ye (v. 5) . . . us (v. 6)
. . . us (v. 8) . . . us (v. 9). . . we (v. 10)
(believers to be delivered [raptured] from the Day of the Lord).
"Salvation" (v. 8, 10) = Delivered; rescued ("raptured")

If the timing of the Rapture is so <u>linked up</u> with the timing of the Day of the Lord, as Paul reveals in I Thes. 4:13-5:11, the question that naturally follows is: ***When will the Day of the Lord take place?" To find the answer to that question is to find the answer to the timing of the Rapture.***

SEE: Isaiah 2:10-12, 17-21; 13:6-13; 43:1-8; Amos 5:18-20.
Every reference to the Day of the Lord describes unparalleled terror and judgment, not congruous with a major portion of the early stages of the 7-year Tribulation.

The Day of the Lord will be:

1) A day of <u>no</u> deliverance (Ezekiel 7:19)

They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.

2) A day of <u>destruction</u> (Joel 1:15)

Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

3) A day of <u>torment</u> (Joel 2:1-6)

4) A day of <u>no escape</u> (Amos 5:18-19)

Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. [19] As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

5) A day of <u>darkness</u> (Amos 5:20)

Shall not the day of the Lord be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

6) A day of judgment on the <u>heathen</u> (Gentiles) (Obad. 15)

For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

7) A day of <u>wrath</u> (Zeph. 1:15)

That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

8) A day of <u>no hope</u> (Zeph. 1:17)

And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

The Key SIGN of the Day of the LORD



Joel 2:31 - *"The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, <u>before</u> the great and the terrible day of the LORD come."*

(Other Scriptures which speak of the same cosmic disturbances include: Isaiah 13:9-11; Isaiah 24:23; Isaiah 50:3; Ezekiel 32:7-8; Joel 2:10; Joel 3:15; Amos 5:18, 20; Acts 2:20; Revelation 6:12)

***Believers will not face the wrath of God in "The Day of the LORD"** (I Thes. 5:9, 1:10).

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