

B.O.S.S. Study Guide
“The Coming Ages”
Week of January 25, 2010

On Sunday the 17th we spent the morning discussing the topic of the Tribulation. This term is used by Jesus in Matthew 24 - translated so in the King James Version.

From your outline, **what are some of the other names for this event?**

Jacob's Trouble; Daniel's Seventieth Week, Day of Wrath etc...

What do we know about it's time table? (length, start, finish etc.)

Lasts for 7 years; ends with Christ's return and Kingdom, Peace Treaty and Treaty broken...

What do we know of it's severity?

Unequaled in its devastation, trials, judgment – to the point of total annihilation of the human race if not limited in time

In all, it is clear that this time is one of tremendous judgment and the wrath of God being poured out on mankind – particularly the Nation of Israel and the World System of mankind, that is controlled by Satan.

Because of this fact, many believe that this time period is not for New Testament believers. Within the pages of the New Testament we find the following passages that teach that New Testament believers will be spared from God's wrath as described as The Tribulation.

One such passage is 1 Thessalonians 5:9. **Let's look at it.**

It seems crystal clear that God, who has provided us salvation through Christ, has not appointed us to suffer His wrath. Some claim that this is His eternal wrath of hell but not necessarily the time of the Tribulation. The problem with that is the context of the chapter. **Read together 5:1-3.** It is no accident that this sounds exactly like Matthew 24 and Jesus' teaching on the Tribulation. Paul calls it “The Day of the Lord”. They are one in the same and from that context Paul makes this comment in **verse 9** – “God has not appointed us to suffer the wrath of The Day of the Lord.”

I think we will see in our study of Revelation that there are two times of judgment. One is the Tribulation which is intended as a punishment to the world system and its agenda. The Great White Throne judgment is the time He examines individually and personally each and every human being. The Tribulation is to judge His enemies, the Throne to judge the individuals.

Romans 5:9, 10 is placed within the judgment of God's enemies, described as His wrath. New Testament believers who have been justified by faith, (**read verse 1**), who are covered by His grace and rejoicing in the hope we have in Him, (**verse 2**), though we go through trials and suffering, (**verses 3,4**) are saved from God's what? (**verse 9**)

These verses, along with other passages of scripture in the New Testament, may indicate that God has another plan for New Testament believers, a subject we will cover in more depth as we begin our study into the writing of Paul, the Apostle to New Testament believers, in the month of February.

Stay tuned.

If believers escape the wrath of God poured out during the Tribulation, what does that mean to us as believers?

What does it tell us about the extent of our salvation?

How would that knowledge affect your life today?

Praise and Prayer Time