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The Latter Times

Revelations 1:10 – The day of the Lord, when the Lord does the judging – wrath, resurrection, judgment, great battle, devils destruction, final destruction and Jesus Christ comes with the saints.

The focus of Revelations is the Lord's Day; it also covers some of the preceding and succeeding events.

Isaiah 2:11, 12 – God will be exalted

13:1 – Babylon – whoredom started here with Nimrod – the burden of Babylon

13:6-13 – the wrath of God on the day of the Lord is outlined.

Zephaniah 1:14-18 – more details of the day of the Lord.

Joel 1:14,15 – Joel exhorts Israel to cry unto the Lord before the day of the Lord.

Tishri 15th –22nd – Last day of the Lord (Numb. 22:95, Lev. 23:36) the Feast of the Tabernacle is called the Solomon assembly. The Tabernacle is the final harvest, which represents the imagery of the Lords day as the day of final judgment.

Joel 2:1-11, 15, 16 – Blow the trumpet. Tishri 1st only fast day was the Day of Atonement on Tishri 10th

Acts 2:16-21 – Pentecost is the Feast of the Passover and First fruits.

The church is the first feast; The Day of the Lord is the last feast.

Romans 16:25 – Pentecost was a mystery. Acts 2 uses a metaphor. Joel talks about something that is even more in the future.

Ephesians 3:2-11 – The mystery was made known unto Paul and the apostles and the Prophets after being hid in God throughout the ages.

I Thessalonians 5:1-9 – The time of the Day of the Lord is hid just as the mystery once was, but we are not to be ignorant or asleep. We are to put on the armor of believing, love and hope and wait for the hour that comes.

5:10 – **No matter what; we will be with him.**

This people, is the essence of the hope.

II Thessalonians 2:1 – This begins by discussing the gathering together and then moves down to the Day of the Lord.

2:2-6 – The preceding events are outlined, these are events that will occur before the saints have been gathered together.

2:7 – letteth – holds down

We believers are the ones that hold him (the son of perdition) down we are in the middle we keep him in check. Our departure as saints must come before he can be revealed. We must be taken out of his way. It is our belief in the one true God that hinders his revealing; he could not do anything in light of his ministry if he were revealed before our departure.

II Thessalonians 2:8 – The son of perdition is revealed because the gathering occurred.

His returning with the saints is what starts the Day of the Lord.

Matthew 24:3-8 – After the gathering together of the saints is a period of time where the beginning is set, before we return with the Lord.

Matthew sets the events of the Day of the Lord very nicely after the church is taken out of the middle. All the events in Matt 24 occur after the gathering together. This documents the time span that occurs between the gathering and the Lords return with his saints. (i.e. between the Day of Christ and the Day of the Lord)

Matthew 24:9-14 – Lots of things have to occur before the end, including the gospel being preached in all the world.

24:15 – This is a quote from Daniel 12:11.

24:16-21 – There will be incredibly great pressure on people.

24:22-27 – His coming shall be unmistakable no one will have to tell you that he is here.

24:29 – Pay attention! Now...immediately after the tribulation.

After the tribulation the lights go out and the stars fall from the sky then...

24:30 – The Son of Man appears in the heavens, they shall see him coming in the clouds of heaven in power and great glory.

Matthew 24:30 and 31 these verses document the Day of the Lord.

II Peter 3:5,6 – Reference to Gen 1:2 concerning the first earth.

3:7,8 – God doesn't have a watch. He isn't concerned with time as we are. Our life spans truly are only drops of water in a sea of time as far as God is concerned.

3:9-12 – This documents the closing of the Day of the Lord or the final events the final end of the second earth and the destruction of the heavens.

3:13 – The third earth and new heavens wherein dwells righteousness.

Presently we live in the second earth.

Philippians 1:6, 10 – **The day of the Lord pertains to the judgment of Israel.**
The day of Christ refers to the gathering together.

2:16 – Rejoice because you held forth the Word and didn't run in vain, there is an award for running the race. Don't quit, don't poop out on the race because you are rewarded for just running in it, but remember that you can lose rewards so don't you poop out!! You hurt yourself as well as others.

II Thessalonians 3:5 – Stay in the love of God and remain patient in waiting for Christ. Love will keep you patient, because love energizes believing and you need to believe in the hope to keep running in that race. The hope is our strength. When all seems lost we KNOW that we are going to heaven and all hell can't stop us. THAT'S SOME SERIOUS MOTIVATION PEOPLE!! With the hope in your gas tank you can't possibly run out of gas.

The Day of the Lord Jesus Christ the emphasis is on his Lordship when used for those in left field. (In the context of the hope)

II Corinthians 1:14 – We are each others rejoicing, when he returns.

I Thessalonians 1:3 – This is in the context of the hope, the return, that's why "Lord Jesus Christ" is used here; it is in anticipation of the rewards that come with the return.

You see here once again "believing, love and hope". The three work together.

2:19 – "Lord Jesus Christ" is used here once again anticipating the crown that is to be received at his coming.

5: 9 – Our salvation is obtained at his coming.

II Thessalonians 2:1 – Emphasis on Lordship when he is passing out the rewards.

2:14 – The "obtaining of the glory..." here is where we actually receive the rewards. The phrase "Lord Jesus Christ" once again refers to his coming with his saints.

II Thessalonians 1:7 – He is offering us rest not just rest from labor but a relaxation from endurance and expectation, a loosening of chords that had been stretched tight, true rest will be ours when the Lord comes.

2:8 – Omit "Christ" it is not in the texts. It is the "Lord Jesus" which means it is with his saints.

I Thessalonians 3:13 – Omit "Christ" it is not in the texts. Here it shows clearly that

“Lord Jesus” means with his saints.
Establish...blameless – refers to the rewards that you earn today.

So here it is people, the chain of events in order:

1. Day of Christ, the gathering together of the saints; I Thess. 4:13-18 and II Thess 2:2,3
2. The beginning of sorrows; Matt 24:3-8
3. Abomination and Desolation; Matt 24:15 and Daniel 12:11
4. Great tribulation, pressure like they have never seen it before; Matt 24:16-21
5. The moon and sun go dark; Matt 24:29
6. Day of the Lord, Jesus Christ returns with the saints; Matt 24:30 and I Thess 5:2.3

We can't have true rest from our long wait until he returns but we can have comfort in the knowledge that he is returning and we are going with him into the clouds to live forever with the Lord.