

STANDING FOR TRUTH

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LESSON SEVEN

VERSE FOR THE JOURNEY

- **2 Corinthians 6:4-8...**but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, in the **word of truth**, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers and yet true;
- Truth: *aletheia*: certain beyond any doubt

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

TIMES AND SEASONS

- **Daniel 2:21-22 (ESV)** He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.
- **Acts 1:6-7 (ESV)** So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 (ESV)** Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

DAY OF THE LORD

- **Amos 5:18-19** Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose *will* the day of the LORD *be* to you? It *will be* darkness and not light; as when a man flees from a lion and a bear meets him, or goes home, leans his hand against the wall and a snake bites him.
- **Joel 2:1-2** Blow a trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; surely it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness. As the dawn is spread over the mountains, *so* there is a great and mighty people; there has never been *anything* like it, nor will there be again after it to the years of many generations.

IMMEDIATE FULFILLMENT

- ❑ **Isaiah 36:1** Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.
- ❑ Isaiah 37:14-20 records Hezekiah's prayer
- ❑ **Isaiah 37:33-36** "Therefore, thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, 'He will not come to this city or shoot an arrow there; and he will not come before it with a shield, or throw up a siege ramp against it. 'By the way that he came, by the same he will return, and he will not come to this city,' declares the LORD. 'For I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'" Then the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, all of these were dead.

STILL COMING "DAY"

□ **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

GOD'S WRATH

- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 5:2-3** For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape
- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 1:10** ...to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.
- ❑ **1 Thessalonians 5:8-10** But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

COMING JUDGMENTS ON EARTH

- ❑ Judgment is begun by Jesus; His authority to do so is based on His purchase with His blood
- ❑ **Revelation 5:9-10** ...they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them *to be* a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."
- ❑ The judgments that follow:
 1. Seven seals are broken
 2. Seven trumpets are blown
 3. Seven bowls are emptied

} the rapture occurs somewhere in this series of events
- ❑ Following the rapture, there are rewards, then wedding supper of the Lamb in heaven and the 2nd coming of Christ

THE SEALS

- ❑ Seal #1: **Revelation 6:2** I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.
- ❑ Seal #2: **Revelation 6:4** ...a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that *men* would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.
- ❑ Seal #3: **Revelation 6:5-6**...a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard *something* like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.

SEALS CONTINUED

- ❑ Seal #4: **Revelation 6:8** I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth. (1/4 of people die)
- ❑ Seal #5: Martyrs shown under the altar in heaven
- ❑ Seal #6: **Revelation 6:12-13** ...there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.
- ❑ Interlude and sealing of the 144,000

7th SEAL AND TRUMPETS

- ❑ People who came out of the tribulation are pictured in white robes
- ❑ Seal #7... there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.
- ❑ Trumpet #1:**Revelation 8:7**...hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.
- ❑ Trumpet #2:**Revelation 8:8-9** ...*something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

TRUMPETS CONTINUED

- ❑ Trumpet #3: **Revelation 8:10-11**...a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.
- ❑ Trumpet #4: **Revelation 8:12**...a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way
- ❑ WOES ANNOUNCED FOR LAST 3 TRUMPETS
- ❑ Trumpet #5: **Revelation 9:1-3** I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace;

OUT OF THE ABYSS

- Something like locusts comes from the abyss
- **Revelation 9:7-11** The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.
- Trumpet #6: 200 million horsemen; plagues caused by them; 1/3 of men die

LAST TRUMPET

- ❑ An angel declares there is no more delay
- ❑ **Revelation 10:7...** in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished Two witnesses; killed; resurrected after 3½ days
- ❑ 7th Trumpet: **Revelation 11:15-18** Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

AN INTERLUDE

- ❑ Michael and his angels battle Satan and his; Satan thrown down to earth
- ❑ **Revelation 12:10-11** Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death."
- ❑ Israel persecuted; the antichrist rises; false trinity
- ❑ The seven bowl judgments are introduced

SEVEN BOWLS

- ❑ Bowl #1: loathsome malignant sores
- ❑ Bowl #2: sea becomes blood; everything in it dies
- ❑ Bowl #3: rivers and streams become blood; people only have blood to drink
- ❑ Bowl #4: sun scorched people
- ❑ Bowl #5: beast's kingdom becomes dark/painful'
- ❑ Bowl #6: Euphrates dries up/makes way for invasion
- ❑ Bowl #7: Armageddon/second coming of Christ
- ❑ Satan bound in abyss; antichrist/false prophet go to lake of fire
- ❑ Millennial reign of Christ
- ❑ Great white throne judgment/Satan released, sent to lake of fire/new heaven and new earth