

1 Thessalonians

Chapter 5

Introduction

- This section of the book begins with the word “*But*” because Paul is separating in distinction this section from the previous section. 4:13-18
- The former section dealt with the body of Christ and new revelation that had previously been a _____ (kept secret). This section will deal with prophetic truths that have been revealed for years.

Verse 1

- The phrase “times and seasons” is also used in Acts 1:7. The context has to do with the time period before and during Christ’s coming to earth to _____ the kingdom to Israel.

Verse 2

- Paul discusses the “*day of the Lord.*” What is the Day of the Lord? From the Scriptures, we see that it entails two key principles:
 - It involves a time of persecution, _____, and chastisement for Israel and the entire earth.
 - It culminates with the _____ of Jesus Christ to earth to deliver a remnant of believing Jews and set up their glorious kingdom on earth, with Christ ruling on the Davidic throne.
 - Scriptures to read: Isaiah 2:11-4:6, 13:6-14:3; Jeremiah 30:7-11; Zephaniah 1:7-18; Joel 1:15-3:21

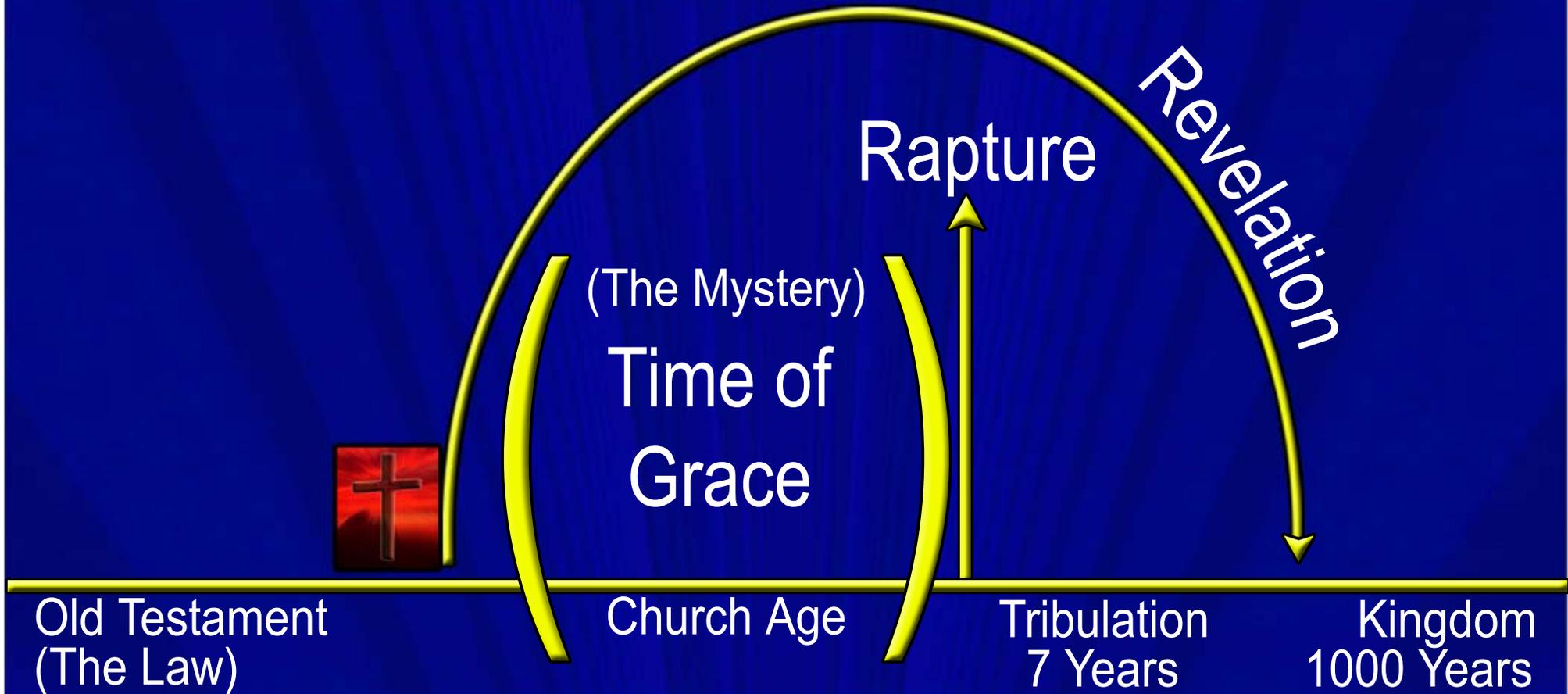
Verse 3

1. In describing the Day of the Lord, Paul uses the analogy of a “_____ *in the night.*” Why is this? It is used to depict unexpectedness.

2. Over and over again, the Old Testament prophets used the illustration of a woman travailing with _____ to illustrate Israel's chastisement in the last days and their rebirth as a nation. Isaiah 66 is an illustration of this. Isaiah 66:1-16
3. When Paul speaks of the Day of the Lord, he not only includes Christ's Second Coming (the rebirth of Israel), but also Israel's time of travail _____ her rebirth (Daniel's 70th Week).
4. The Day of the Lord is the time in which the Lord Jesus Christ takes _____ and begins to unleash the judgments contained in the seven-sealed book of Revelation 5.
5. This means a time of travail for Israel, and they will not escape it. The Lord's Day will last for seven years, culminating with His return to earth.
 - The first 3 ½ years will be lighter _____ pains (beginning of sorrows).
Matthew 24:8
 - The last 3 ½ years, the birth pains will _____ (great tribulation).
Matthew 24:21

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BASIC TIMELINE



THE RAPTURE

A MYSTERY REVEALED THROUGH PAUL

