

THE WRATH OF GOD

God's wrath is always directed toward **unbelievers not His saints.**

Nahum 1:2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; **the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.**

Whoever believes on Jesus Christ has eternal life.

Whoever does not believe on Christ does not have life but, instead, he will get God's wrath. He is not presently experiencing God's wrath but it is hanging over him like a dark cloud and will get him in the end:

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but **the wrath of God abideth on him.**

In this study, we will consider how other verses use the 'tense' of the verbs for understanding. We are not re-translating our Bible.

We are not finding any fault with the KJV.

We believe it to be the very words of God in the English language.

We are simply looking at other uses of the same word to gain knowledge.

We do not claim to be a scholar but a student who studies (2 Tim 2:15).

The Greek word that is translated 'is revealed' in the next verse we will read (Rom 1:18) is also translated in other verses, like:

- 'it shall be revealed' (1 Cor 3:13)
- 'shall reveal' (Phil 3:15)
- 'to be revealed' (1 Pet 1:15).

Rom 1:18-20 For **the wrath of God is revealed <apokalupto> from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,** who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are **clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

Thus, we recognize that God's wrath **surely will come** on unrighteous men in the future day of judgment. But He is not consuming them now.

Just as Paul explained in the next chapter of Romans. God is long-suffering giving them plenty of time to repent but if they don't when **the day of God's wrath** comes they will get it:

Rom 2:3-11 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt **escape the judgment of God?**

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart

treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and **do not obey the truth, (remember that)** but obey unrighteousness, indignation and **wrath,**

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

The wrath of God will come on the lost when He comes. Until then, saints ought not party with them but warn them of coming judgment:

Eph 5:5-8 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 **Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh <erchomai> the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.** (Just like Rom 2:8 they do not obey the truth.)

7 **Be not ye therefore partakers with them.**

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord:

Eph 5:11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.**

Paul wrote almost the same words admonishing the Colossians:

Col 3:5-7 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

6 For which things' sake **the wrath of God cometh <erchomai> on the children of disobedience:**

7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

During the 70th week of Daniel 9:24's prophecy at the 6th seal judgment the people on earth will realize these happenings are supernatural and that GOD is causing the violent black-out changes in the sky:

Rev 6:12-17 And I beheld when he had opened **the sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and **from the wrath of the Lamb:**

17 For **the great day of his wrath is come; <erchomai>**
and who shall be able to stand?

The Greek word for 'is come' (Rev 6:17) does not have to mean 'is **already** come' as some would suppose.

We have seen it translated 'cometh' twice (Eph 5:6 and Col 3:6).

We will now read several other verses to find how it is also translated:

John 5:28-29 Marvel not at this: for **the hour is coming, <erchomai> in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,**

29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

In this next passage, the same Greek word is translated 'to come.'

Also notice the word 'delivered' is a past tense verb, for an event that has not happened yet though we certainly have the promise of rescue:

1 Thess 1:9-10 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which **delivered** us from **the wrath to come**. **<erchomai>**

A common sense reading of this next verse tells us that the day of the Lord has not **already** come but we know it **will come**:

1 Thess 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that
the day of the Lord so cometh <erchomai>
as a thief in the night.

(Also Rev 3:7, 16:15, 22:7, 22:12, 22:20 do the same thing about a thief.)

During the last half of the 70th week Satan will be cast out of heaven. He will come down to the earth, realizing he has but 3-1/2 years to work his wrath to pursue Israel and kill them:

Rev 12:10-13 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,
Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God,
and the power of his Christ:
for the accuser of our brethren is cast down,
which accused them before our God day and night.

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their testimony;
and **they loved not their lives unto the death.**

12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea!

for **the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath**,
because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

13 And when **the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman** which brought forth the man child.

During the same time frame God will use the wrath of Anti-Christ, who will not even realize that he is accomplishing God's purpose to purge the hypocrites out of Israel, and show up the true believers:

Isa 10:5-7 **O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger,**
and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
6 **I will send him** against **an hypocritical nation,**
and **against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge,**
to take the spoil, and to take the prey,
and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so;
but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

Thus, Israel will experience wrath during the 70th week:

Luke 21:23 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for **there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people.**

This man of sin will be empowered by the devil, Satan:

2 Thess 2:9-10 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

Jesus Christ will take care of him when He returns from heaven:

2 Thess 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

When the 7th angel sounds, that is the last trump (1 Cor 15:51-52), and it will be the day of Christ. Many things will occur 'in that day':

- Christ Himself will descend and call His saints up in the air
- the 1st resurrection
- the 7 vials full of God's wrath will be poured out on the wicked
- the establishment of Christ's kingdom on earth
- the judgment of rewards or punishment:

Rev 11:15-18 And **the seventh angel sounded;**

and there were great voices in heaven, saying,

**The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms
of our Lord, and of his Christ;**

and he shall reign for ever and ever. (*Isa 9:6-7, Dan 2:44*)

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats,
fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty,
which art, and wast, and art to come;

because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18 And the nations were angry,

and **thy wrath is come, <erchomai>**

and the time of the dead, that they should be judged,

and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets,
and to the saints,

and them that fear thy name,

small and great;

and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

**In the context of salvation for God's saints John the Baptist boldly
proclaimed God's impending fiery wrath on unrepentent religious Jews:**

Luke 3:6-9 And **all flesh shall see the salvation of God.**

7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him,

O generation of vipers,

who hath **warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say
within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you,

That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree there-
fore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and **cast into the
fire.**

**After the 7th angel blows the last trump, it will be time for God's direct
vengeance against all that worshipped the beast and took his mark:**

Rev 14:18-20 And another angel came out from the altar, which had
power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle,
saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the
earth; for her grapes are fully ripe.

(Rev 14:) 19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into **the great winepress of the wrath of God.**

20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.

7 angels are the ones who empty the 7 vials of God's wrath

but it is God's wrath not the angel's wrath

Just like the 7 angels who blow the 7 trumpets

they are God's trumps not the angel's trumps:

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having **the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.**

Rev 15:7 And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels **seven golden vials full of the wrath of God**, who liveth for ever and ever.

Rev 16:1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the **seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

The saints have been resurrected and caught up in the air to meet Christ in the clouds (1 Thess 4:16-17) the 7 vials of the wrath of God have been poured out and Jesus Christ will come from heaven in the clouds (Rev 1:7) and every eye will see Him:

Rev 19:11-16 And I saw **heaven opened**, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes were as **a flame of fire**, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

(Rev 19:) 14 And **the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.**

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword,
that with it he should smite the nations:
and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and **he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written,
KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

When the Lord has His day (Isa 65:1-16), His enemies will be killed:

Isa 34:6, 8 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and **a great slaughter** in the land of Idumea.

8 For **it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance,**
and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Jesus Christ will have His way in His day both on His enemies and for His saints:

2 Thess 1:7-10 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be **revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,**

8 **In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: (remember Rom 2:8)**

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

10 **When he shall come to be glorified in his saints,** and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) **in that day.**

The Greek word <erchomai> has been translated various ways. Here are some of them:

"I may come" (Matt 2:8)

"he that cometh" (Matt 3:11)

"came" (Matt 8:2)

"will come" (Matt 8:7)

"was come" (Matt 8:14)

"should come" (John 11:27)

"is coming" (John 5:25)

"to come" (1 Thess 1:10)

"he that shall come" (Heb 10:37)

"there shall come" (2 Pet 3:3)

"shall come" (1 John 2:18)

"I will come" (Rev 2:5)

The wrath of God in the day of the Lord is not directed against

His saints but against His enemies:

1 Thess 5:1-9 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so **cometh <erchomai>** as a thief in the night.

3 For when **they** shall say, Peace and safety;
then sudden destruction cometh upon **them**,
as travail upon a woman with child;
and **they** shall not escape.

4 But **ye, brethren, are not in darkness,**
that that day should overtake you as a thief.

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day:
we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others;
but **let us watch and be sober.**

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night;
and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober,
putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet,
the hope of salvation.

9 For **God hath not appointed us to wrath,**
but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Now personally I do not confuse those 'end-time' events

with God's 'wrath' on Israel throughout the history of their nation:

2 Chron 30:8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that **the fierceness of his wrath** may turn away from you.

Israel continually toggled (back and forth) between serving the true God and worshipping idols. When they went astray they brought on God's wrath and He allowed their enemies (various nations, over thousands of years) to conquer and overpower them.

For example,

God sentenced Israel to 70 years of captivity in Babylon (Jer 25:1-14), under Nebuchadrezzar's reign. God called the king of Babylon, his servant:

Ezra 5:12 But after that our fathers had **provoked the God of heaven unto wrath**, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon.

Another example was God's warning through the prophet Ezekiel:

Ezek 22:31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with **the fire of my wrath**: their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

Personally, I don't see God's 'little' wrath against Israel to be the same thing as His wrath against His enemies at the end of the world:

Isa 54:7-8 **For a small moment have I forsaken thee;**
but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment;
but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer.

Psa 2:12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way,
when his wrath is kindled but a little.

Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

This is David Dowell, saying, "Think about it!"