## Jude – The Survival Handbook, Part 10 "The Day of the Lord" - Jude July 12, 2020 ~ Rev. Roland Smith ~ Central Baptist Church, Crossville, TN

• There is a theme of judgement that flows through Jude. Judgement is mentioned specifically 3 times.

(Jude 6, 12-13, 14-15)

(I Thessalonians 5:1-11). We will think this morning about

• One of my favorite passages on the day of the Lord is

	that day and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ.
I.	A "like a thief in the night" (v. 2)
	A. A "the day of the Lord" (v. 2)
	"Don't weep for me; weep for yourselves" (Luke 23)
	(Revelation 6:15, 16, 17)
	B. A "destruction will come upon them suddenly" (v.3)
	C. A "While they are saying peace & safety" (v. 3)
II.	(v. 4-7)
	<ul> <li>What are we to be like in the darkness?</li> <li>The Bible says we are to:</li> </ul>
	A (v. 4) "You are not in darkness"  B (v. 6) "let us not sleep as other do."  C (v. 8) "breastplate of faith and love; as a helmet, the hope of salvation"
	<ul> <li>God says protect your heart and your head!</li> </ul>
III.	(v. 9, 10)

1. The Great Tribulation is called "the day of God's wrath" and God does not pour out His wrath upon His children.

• I personally believe in a pre-tribulation for several reasons.

- "For God has not destined us for wrath" (v. 9)

Let me mention two today:

- "... Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come" (I Thessalonians 1:10)

2. We are taught to look for Jesus to come at any moment, and if the church is to go through the Great Tribulation, we would be looking for the Anti-Christ!

"To me, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming is the perpetual light upon the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head upon the pillow without thinking that perhaps before the morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned. I never begin my work without thinking that He may interrupt my work and begin His own. This is now His word to all believing souls 'Til I come.' We are not looking for death, we are looking for Him!

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• We're told in (v. 11) to encourage one another. It's not very encouraging to me if I thought the next event on God's calendar was the worst time the world has ever seen!