

SALVATION, NOT WRATH

In **1 Thessalonians 5:9**, Church Age believers are told that "YHWH hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by **Yahushua**." Thus as we look to the future we should expect.

What did Paul mean when he spoke of WRATH and what did he mean when he spoke of SALVATION?

(1) WRATH: Believers are not appointed unto wrath. We have been delivered from the wrath that is coming (**1 Thessalonians 1:10**). Although it is true that believers are delivered from the wrath of YHWH, which the ungodly will forever face in the lake of fire, Paul's focus in **1 Thessalonians 5** is upon the "day of **Yahushua**" (**verse 2-3**), a very specific time when YAH's wrath will be poured out upon earth dwellers. This period of wrath is also described in **Revelation 6-19**.

It is also known as the greatest time of trouble or tribulation the world has ever known (**Matthew 24:21**). YAH has not appointed us to face this time of wrath. Instead we have an appointment to meet **Yahushua** in the air prior to the unleashing of YAH's fury upon the earth.

(2) SALVATION: People obtain salvation the moment they believe on the **Yahushua (Acts 16:31)**, but the SALVATION spoken of by Paul in **1 Thessalonians 5:9** refers to the believer's final salvation when **Yahushua** comes for us to complete the great salvation which He began! Thus, instead of facing YAH's wrath being poured out on the earth, we will enjoy the consummation of our great salvation. What a comforting hope!