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What About The Day Of The Lord?

“The Day Of The Lord”, is a theme which runs throughout the Old as well as the New Testament.

There are different opinions as to the time duration that it covers.

1. Some say it covers only the seven year tribulation.
2. Others say it covers the tribulation till the Second Coming.
3. Still others say it covers the tribulation till the Millennial Kingdom.
4. Last there are those who say it covers the tribulation till the New Heaven and earth.

We must remember the criteria for biblical truth are the Scriptures not human opinion, so our answer must come from the word of God! Acts 17:11; 1Cor. 2:14

We want to look at The Day of The Lord from three vantage points.

- I. The Day of the Lord in the Old and New Testament.
 - II. The Day of the Lord according to Joel.
 - III. The Day of the Lord and the events.
- I. **The Day of the Lord in the Old and New Testament.**

A. The “Day” is known by other names.

1. It is also known as “The Day of Yahweh”, “That Day” and “The Great Day”, appearing more than 75 times in the Old Testament.
 - a. The Jew knew only two ages, the present age of evil and the one to come “the Kingdom Age.
 - b. For this reason the Apostle were always arguing who was the greatest in the Kingdom among them.
 - c. They believer Jesus was going to Jerusalem to set up the Kingdom that is why James and John petitioned the right hand and the left, along with their mom. Mk. 10 35-45; Lk. 19:11
2. It is identified with God’s wrath upon a sinful world, a time of affliction, distress, darkness, indignation, dissolution, punishment and judgment in both Testaments. Is. 2:12; 13:6.9; Ezk. 30:3; Zeph. 1:14-18; Mal. 4:5; Matt. 24:15-28; 2Pet. 3:10, 13
 - a. These Scriptures identify “The day of The Lord” as encompassing the Tribulation, Great Tribulation and the Millennial that will bring in the New Heaven and New Earth, in which righteousness dwells!
 - b. Peter said The day of The Lord would come as a thief in the and includes the time period extended to the New heaven

and Nearth after the Millennial. 2Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21:1-2

3. It is described by Paul as coming as a thief in the night, a time of false peace and safety which will bring upon them sudden destruction as labor pains on a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But the believer is not in darkness, that “this Day” should overtake him as a thief. 1Thess. 5:2-4
 * Paul had just finished telling the Thessalonians the Lord coming for them in the air, the rapture. 1Thess. 4:13-18
4. The obvious conclusion from comparing these Scriptures is as follows.
 - a. The Day of The Lord begins when the rapture of the church takes place, both happen simultaneously, as well as the attack of Russia, Gog and Magog on Israel! Ezk. 38-39
 - 1) God will destroy the Russian army with her confederacy of Islamic nations confirms it is at the beginning by the seven years of burning the weapons, “Then those who dwell in the cities of Israel will go out and set on fire and **burn the weapons**, both the shields and bucklers, the bows and arrows, the javelins and spears; and they will make fires with them for **seven years.**” Ezk. 39:9

- 2) Professional men will put markers on the dead bodies for seven months, as if they are radio active or nuclear active, then buried after seven months. Ezk. 39:11-16
- b. The statement in Matthew that no man knows the day or the hour does not refer to the rapture of the church, but the Day of the LORD. Matt. 24:36
 - 1) The context of Matthew 24-25 is Jewish ground, who will go through the seven year Tribulation.
 - 2) The content of Matthew 24-25 is the wrath of God poured out, culminating in the Second Coming of Christ, this is the context.
 - 3) The prophet Daniel tells us the day of the Second Coming, 1, 290 days from the abomination of desolation. Dan. 12:11; Matt. 24:15
- c. The day to the believer is one of joy, caught up “harpozo” in the air, suddenly, violantly to be with the Lord, The blessed hope. 1Thess. 4:17; Tit. 2:13
 - 1) Paul says God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.” Rom. 5:9; 1Thess. 5:9
 - 2) The promise to the church of Philadelphia is, “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also

will keep you from “the hour” of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” Rev. 3:10

3) Jesus mentioned the rapture for the first time the night before His betrayal. Jn. 14:1-3

c. The day to the unbeliever it is a Day of doom, given over to strong delusion to believe the lie. 2Thess. 2:11-12

B. The Day of the Lord describes a period of time.

1. The Day of the Lord does not describe so much a one time event, though that is certainly true, but it also describes a period of time in that many events will take place.
2. The “Day” will begin at the beginning of the seven year Tribulation and run through the Millennial Kingdom.
3. The rapture of the church is a one time event removing the bride of Christ from the earth before “The Day Of The Lord” that is also described as a thief in the night. 1Thess. 5:2
4. The Day of the Lord is a period of time that encompasses many events as we will see.
 - * The rapture takes place at the beginning of the Day of the Lord, they take place simultaneously to begin the seven years of Tribulation.

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He's an unidentified flying object You will see Him in the air He's an unidentified flying object You will drop your hands and stare You will be afraid to tell your neighbors They might think that it's not true But when they open up the morning papers They will know they've seen Him too

He will come back like He promised With the price already paid He will gather up His followers And take them all away

He's an unidentified flying object He will sweep down from the sky He's an unidentified flying object Some will sleep but will not die He's an unidentified flying object Coming back to take you home He's an unidentified flying object He will roll away your stone

And if there's life on other planets
Then I'm sure that He must know
And He's been there once already
And has died to save their souls

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The Day of the Lord in the Old and New Testament is a clear declaration!

II. The Day of the Lord according to Joel.

* There are five statements that Joel makes regarding “The Day of the Lord.” Joel 1:15; 2:1; 2:11, 31-32; 3:14

A. The prophet Joel.

1. His name means Jehovah is God.
2. He is one of the minor prophets.
3. He ministered to Judah near Jerusalem.
4. He probably knew Elijah and Elisha through the school of the prophets.
5. Many believe Joel coined the phrase and the first to use it, being the earliest prophet.
6. Yet others place Obadiah about 10-20 years earlier (845 B.C.) and he used it once. vs. 15
7. Either way Joel is identified as the prophet of “The Day of the Lord.”
8. Obadiah’s message was prophetic judgment against Edom, God’s wrath.
9. Joel’s message is both historical and prophetic judgment for that day and the future through the plague of locust

B. The first statement reveals its nature and source. Joel 1:15

* “Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.”

1. The nature is destruction. Joel 2:2; Amos 5:18- 20; Zeph. 1:14-18

2. The source is God Almighty. Is. 26:21; Rev. 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:7-8, 10, 19; 15:1, 7; 17:1; 18:10; 19:1-2
3. The instrument is Satan, but it is God’s wrath.
 - a. Satan, the Dragon persecutes the woman Israel in the middle of the seven years. Rev. 12:12-17
 - b. The Dragon is granted to make war with the saints and to overcome them and have authority over the world, the saints are those saved in the tribulation not the church. Rev. 13:7
4. The people involved are the Jews and the ungodly world, with good reason. Matt. 24:21-22; Rev. 3:10
 - a. The Jews for rejecting their Messiah and to prepare them for their Messiah. Matt. 23:37-39; Lk. 19:42
* Zachariah says they shall look upon Him whom they have pierced!
 - b. The Gentiles for their ungodly deeds and blasphemies. 2Thess. 1:6-9
5. The phrase identifies a time of divine intervention to bring judgment to the earth.
6. The phrase is an eschatological term for the end times.

C. The second statement reveals its warning and certainty. Joel 2:1

- * “Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand.”
1. The warning is symbolized by the trumpet to sound an alarm in Zion “My holy mountain”. Num. 10
 - a. God has warned the world since Genesis through Enoch the seventh from Adam. Jude 14-15
 - b. Jesus proclaimed it in the parable of the wheat and tares. Matt. 13:24-30
 - * God never has brought judgment without giving sufficient warning as revealed in the days of Noah, Sodom and Gomorrah, Pharaoh and Nineveh.
 2. The certainty of the day is marked by two things:
 - a. The day is so certain that all the earth should tremble.
 - b. The day is just a matter of God’s time table, it is coming, “it is at hand”.
 - * Paul said it is as a woman with a child, it is inevitable and unavoidable, without escape. 1Thess. 5:3
- D.** The third statement reveals the severity. Joel 2:11
- * “The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. For the day of the

LORD *is* great and very terrible; Who can endure it?”

1. The Lord leads and commands His heavenly army that is very great.
 2. The Lord is strong executing His word or brings it to pass as announced beforehand.
 3. The day is great and terrible, it will be unbearable, who can endure it?
 - * The question is rhetorical with only one correct answer, NO ONE!
 - a. Jesus said it would be a time of spiritual deception and Paul confirms it. Matt. 24:4; 2Thess. 2:9-10
 - b. Jesus said the love of many grow cold. Matt. 24:12
 - c. Jesus said, “tribulation as never before or ever will be, unless the days were shortened, no flesh would be saved.” Matt. 24:21-22
 - d. John tells us it is a time of false peace, famine, pestilence, death and persecution of those who accept Christ. Rev. 6:1-9
 - e. John says men will call on the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of God and the wrath of the lamb. Rev. 6:16-17
 - f. Death will flee from man for five months. Rev. 9:5-6
- E.** The fourth statement reveals the salvation of the Lord. Joel 2:31-32

* “The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.”

1. The upsetting of nature is a sign of the time of God’s wrath and judgment. vs. 31
* Those who reject or not repent will perish!
2. Those who call on the Lord will be saved. vs. 32
* The outpouring of God’s Holy Spirit at Pentecost being a partial fulfillment. vs. 28-32
 - a. There will be Jew and Gentile saved. Rev. 6:9-11, 13-14
 - b. Jews in Mount Zion, the remnant. Rom. 11:25-28; Rev. 7:4-8
 - c. The covenant promise will be remembered by God as they turn to him. Deut. 4:30-31; 2Sam. 7:16
 - d. The Lord said He would re-gather the Jews from all the world and the sign of the nearness of His coming was the fig tree when it began to bud, summer was near. Matt. 24:32
 - 1) The nation of Israel declared its independence for the third time, on May 14, 1948.

- 2) Prior to WW II there were less than 50, 000 Jews living in Palestine but since then they have been returning in numbers of 100, 000 a year and more, millions are now there. (1981)
- 3) Jews have migrated from Africa, afganistan and Russia, etc.

- F. The fifth statement reveals the setting up of the Kingdom. Joel 3:14
* “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD *is* near in the valley of decision.”
1. Multitudes will be in the valley of decision to fight against Jesus. Joel 3:9-11, 13; Ps. 2; Rev. 19:11-16
 2. Multitudes will be in the valley of decision to be judged by the Lord Jesus for the nations. Joel 3:1-2, 12
* He will judge the nations regarding their treatment of Israel, the Jew. Joel 3:3, 5-7; Gen. 12:1-3; Matt. 25:31-46
 3. Israel will occupy the Kingdom. Joel 3:16-18, 20-21; Rev. 20
 4. The boundaries are yet to be fulfilled. Gen. 15:18
 5. The promise of the New Covenant is that God will put His law in their minds and write them in their hearts, as He gathers them from all countries. Jer. 31:33-37

The Day of the Lord according to Joel is prophetic proclamation!

III. The Day of the Lord and the events.

* Not in an exhaustive list, but some important ones!

A. The “Day” of the Lord is an event that takes place at the same time as the rapture of the church simultaneously.

1. The age of grace closes.
2. The time of God’s wrath begins.

B. The “Day” sets the stage for the seven year tribulation and great tribulation.

1. The rapture takes place at the beginning of the Day of the Lord simultaneously to begin the seven years of Tribulation.
 - a. Twenty times the word church and churches appear in Revelation 2-3, the thing that are “the church age”, after this not once is it found.
 - b. The church is raptured to heaven. Rev. 4-5
 - c. The only two women found from chapter 6-18 are the woman “Israel” who gave birth to Jesus, who ascended to heaven and the Babylon the Great Harlot. Rev. 12:1-2, 5; 18:1-23
2. The Anti-Christ appears on a white horse with a bow, but no arrows and goes out

conquering to conquer with diplomacy in the world under false peace for the first three and a half years, called Tribulation. Rev. 6:2

3. The Anti-Christ builds the temple for the Jews and enters it declaring himself God, demanding that all worship him, the key sign of “the abominatin of desolation” given by Jesus and Paul, marking the middle of the seven years, “The Great Tribulation”. Matt. 4:15; 2Thes. 2:3-4
4. The first sixty-nine weeks of Danile’s prophecy have been fulfilled by the command of Artexerxes to Nehemiah to restore and rebuilt the wall of Jerusalem in troublous times. Dan. 9:24-26
5. This is the last week, the 70th of Daniel identifying the seven years of the Day of the Lord and divides it into to halves. Dan. 9:27
 - a. The majority of the church, seminaries and Christian Universities teach God is through with Israel, called “Replacement Theology” and all the promises and blessing are now transferred to the church.
 - b. My question is does this include the curings of Israel? And if no, why not?
 - c. This is so outrageous as this is the sin of spiritualizing the Scripture subjectively, a corruption of the word of God willfully.
 - d. God is not through with Israel, He will keep His promises to her!

- e. He has a remnant and able to graft them in again and we are not to be ignorant about the “blindness in part that has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in”. Rom. 11:15-25
- 6. The two witnesses will witness with signs and wonders, but killed in Jerusalem and after three and a half days God will ascend into heaven before all. Rev. 11:7-12
- 7. The 144, 000 Jews will preach the gospel. Rev. 7:1-8; 14:1-5
- 8. The woman Israel will be persecuted and all who stand for Christ or oppose the mark of the beast will be killed, two of three Jews will be killed. Rev. 12; 13:16-18; Zech. 13:8
- 9. The everlasting gospel is preached by the angel to all nations as Jesus said, not by the church as a prerequisite for the Lord’s return! Matt. 24:14; Rev. 14:6
- 10. The destruction of religious and commercial Babylon by God will be certain. Rev. 17-18
- 11. The return of Christ with His church to the earth for the war of Armageddon takes place immediate after the seven years and all will see Him coming in great power and glory. Matt. 24:29-30; Acts 1:11; Rev. 1:7
- 12. The first thing that takes place after His arrival is the judgment of the nations takes place. Matt. 25:31-32

- 13. The twelve disciples will be sitting on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Matt. 19:28
- 14. The setting up of the Kingdom is fulfill all the promises to Israel and the land.
- C. The “Day” covers the thousand year reign of Christ with His church on the earth.
 - 1. Satan is bound for 1, 000 years with a chain in the bottomless pit, in order that he not deceive the nations till the end of the thousand years. Rev. 20:1-3
 - 2. Those beheaded for their witness of Christ in the tribulation are part of the first resurrection and reign with Christ as priest. Rev. 20:4-6
 - 3. Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire for deceiving the nations at the end of the thousand year along with the beast and false prophet. Rev. 20:7-10
 - 4. The White Throne Judgment for all unbelievers takes place after the Millennial reign. Rev. 20:11-15
 - 5. The New heaven and new earth are brought forth, as the elements will melt with fervent heat. 2Pet. 3:10-13; Rev. 21

The Day of the Lord and the events are the fulfillment of God’s revelation!

Conclusion

This is the Day of The Lord from three vantage points.

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