

The Day of the LORD: Some Key Passages

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Zephaniah 1:14-15, 18; 2:1-3, 10-11

1:14Near is the great day of the LORD, Near and coming very quickly; Listen, the day of the LORD! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.

15A day of wrath is that day, A day of trouble and distress, A day of destruction and desolation, A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness,

18Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them On the day of the LORD's wrath; And all the earth will be devoured In the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

2:1Gather yourselves together, yes, gather, O nation without shame,

2Before the decree takes effect— The day passes like the chaff— Before the burning anger of the LORD comes upon you, Before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you.

3Seek the LORD, All you humble of the earth Who have carried out His ordinances; Seek righteousness, seek humility. Perhaps you will be hidden In the day of the LORD's anger.

10This they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the LORD of hosts.

11The LORD will be terrifying to them, for He will starve all the gods of the earth; and all the coastlands of the nations will bow down to Him, everyone from his own place.

Obadiah 15-17

15“For the day of the LORD draws near on all the nations. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.

16“Because just as you drank on My holy mountain, All the nations will drink continually. They will drink and swallow And become as if they had never existed.

17“But on Mount Zion there will be those who escape, And it will be holy. And the house of Jacob will possess their possessions.

Ezekiel 38:23; 39:21-22

38:23“I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the LORD.”

39:21“And I will set My glory among the nations; and all the nations will see My judgment which I have executed and My hand which I have laid on them.

22“And the house of Israel will know that I am the LORD their God from that day onward.

Malachi 3:1-2; 4:1-2

3:1“Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the LORD of hosts.

2“But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.

4:1“For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

2“But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

Zechariah 2:10-11; 14:7-9, 20-21

2:10“Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst,” declares the LORD.

11“Many nations will join themselves to the LORD in that day and will become My people. Then I will dwell in your midst, and you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

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14:7For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

8And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

9And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

20In that day there will be *inscribed* on the bells of the horses, "HOLY TO THE LORD." And the cooking pots in the LORD's house will be like the bowls before the altar.

21Every cooking pot in Jerusalem and in Judah will be holy to the LORD of hosts; and all who sacrifice will come and take of them and boil in them. And there will no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts in that day.

Romans 2:5-10, 16

5But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

6who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:

7to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life;

8but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

9There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,

10but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

16on the day when, according to my gospel, God will judge the secrets of men through Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

6For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire,

8dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

10when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

2 Timothy 4:8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Peter 3:9-15a

9The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

11Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

13But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

14Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless,

15and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation;

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Joel 1:14-15; 2:1-2, 11-14; 3:14-21

14Consecrate a fast,

 Proclaim a solemn assembly;
 Gather the elders
 And all the inhabitants of the land
 To the house of the LORD your God,
 And cry out to the LORD.

15Alas for the day!

 For the day of the LORD is near,
 And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

1Blow a trumpet in Zion,

 And sound an alarm on My holy mountain!
 Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
 For the day of the LORD is coming;
 Surely it is near,

2A day of darkness and gloom,

 A day of clouds and thick darkness.
 As the dawn is spread over the mountains,
 So there is a great and mighty people;
 There has never been anything like it,
 Nor will there be again after it
 To the years of many generations.

11The LORD utters His voice before His army;

 Surely His camp is very great,
 For strong is he who carries out His word.
 The day of the LORD is indeed great and very awesome,
 And who can endure it?

12"Yet even now," declares the LORD,

 "Return to Me with all your heart,
 And with fasting, weeping and mourning;

13And rend your heart and not your garments."

 Now return to the LORD your God,
 For He is gracious and compassionate,
 Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness
 And relenting of evil.

14Who knows whether He will *not* turn and relent

 And leave a blessing behind Him,
 Even a grain offering and a drink offering
 For the LORD your God?

14Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision!

 For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15The sun and moon grow dark

 And the stars lose their brightness.

16The LORD roars from Zion

 And utters His voice from Jerusalem,
 And the heavens and the earth tremble.
 But the LORD is a refuge for His people
 And a stronghold to the sons of Israel.

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17Then you will know that I am the LORD your God,
Dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain.
So Jerusalem will be holy,
And strangers will pass through it no more.

18And in that day

The mountains will drip with sweet wine,
And the hills will flow with milk,
And all the brooks of Judah will flow with water;
And a spring will go out from the house of the LORD
To water the valley of Shittim.

19Egypt will become a waste,

And Edom will become a desolate wilderness,
Because of the violence done to the sons of Judah,
In whose land they have shed innocent blood.

20But Judah will be inhabited forever

And Jerusalem for all generations.

21And I will avenge their blood which I have not avenged,

For the LORD dwells in Zion.

1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:19; 3:13; 4:15-17; 5:1-4, 23-24

1:10and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, *that is* Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

2:19For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?

3:13so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

4:15For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

16For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

5:1Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

2For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

3While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

4But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;

23Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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