



### **INTRODUCTION:**

- Today we are going to be looking at one of the most prominent subjects in the Book of Isaiah... The Day of the Lord
- There are over 70 references to the Day of the Lord in the Book of Isaiah alone and it is the next most significant event on the prophetic calendar for Israel as a nation
- When we began this journey through the Book of Isaiah, we started with the Prophetic Timeline in Daniel
- We've been working through the events prophesied by Isaiah
- The Birth of Israel as a nation
- The world stage being set for the final battle
- The signs in the heavens and the Rapture of the Church
- All of these events are really leading up to the culminating event in history... The Day of the Lord

### **Today we are going to look at three questions concerning the Day of the Lord**

- What is God's plan for the Day of the Lord?
- What is God's purpose of the Day of the Lord?
- Who will be present at the Day of the Lord?

### **Let's begin by looking at what is God's plan for the day of the Lord**

Isaiah 2:12–18 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> For the day of the LORD of hosts *Shall come* upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up— And it shall be brought low— <sup>13</sup> Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan; <sup>14</sup> Upon all the high mountains, And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up; <sup>15</sup> Upon every high tower, And upon every fortified wall; <sup>16</sup> Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And upon all the beautiful sloops. <sup>17</sup> The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; The LORD alone will be exalted in that day, <sup>18</sup> But the idols He shall utterly abolish.

### **The majority of the prophets of the Old Testament prophesied about the Day of the Lord**

- Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Zephaniah, Zechariah and Malachi... all prophesied about this day that would come upon the earth
- A day of darkness and destruction
- A day when all the nations of the earth would experience God's fierce anger and His inescapable wrath



- First of all, we need to understand what the Day of the Lord is
- The Day of the Lord is a term that is used to describe a period of time when God will judge the world and set up His literal Kingdom on earth
- It is considered the climax of human history
- During this time, God will personally intervene in human history in a way that will be unprecedented

***Isaiah tells us that God Himself will judge the earth - personally***

Isaiah 13:6-8, 11–13 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. <sup>7</sup> Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, <sup>8</sup> And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames.

<sup>11</sup> "I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. <sup>12</sup> I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. <sup>13</sup> Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

***Both Jew and Gentile will come under judgment***

Ezekiel 30:3–4 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> For the day *is* near, Even the day of the LORD *is* near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles. <sup>4</sup> The sword shall come upon Egypt, And great anguish shall be in Ethiopia, When the slain fall in Egypt, And they take away her wealth, And her foundations are broken down.

***It will be a time of massive worldwide famine***

Joel 1:15–20 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty. <sup>16</sup> Is not the food cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God? <sup>17</sup> The seed shrivels under the clods, Storehouses are in shambles; Barns are broken down, For the grain has withered. <sup>18</sup> How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, Because they have no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment. <sup>19</sup> O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the field. <sup>20</sup> The beasts of



the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has devoured the open pastures.

***Nothing will be able to deliver mankind from the Day of the Lord***

Zephaniah 1:17–18 (NKJV)

<sup>17</sup> “I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse.” <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the LORD’s wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, For He will make speedy riddance Of all those who dwell in the land.

- It is referred to as the time of Jacob’s Sorrow and it begins when a 7year peace treaty is signed promising peace in the Middle East
- After 3 ½ years, Daniel tells us the Peace Treaty will be broken, the temple sacrifices stopped and the temple itself desecrated by the Abomination which brings Desolation

***Jesus warned and said when you see this happen, run for the hills***

Matthew 24:15–22 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> “Therefore when you see the ‘*abomination of desolation*,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), <sup>16</sup> “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. <sup>17</sup> Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. <sup>18</sup> And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. <sup>19</sup> But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! <sup>20</sup> And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. <sup>21</sup> For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. <sup>22</sup> And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.

***The events of the Day of the Lord are found in Revelation 8-18***

- We are told that 1/3 of all trees and grass will be burned by hail, fire and blood cast upon the earth... describing a nuclear attack
- 1/3 of all the creatures of the sea will die when the sea becomes poisoned... most likely by nuclear contamination like Fukushima
- A meteor will crash into the earth resulting in the death of millions of people



- The ash that fills the sky will cover 1/3 of the earth blocking out the sun, moon and stars
- A plague will break out on the earth that doesn't kill people, but tortures them so badly that they will seek death and not find it
- An army of 200 million horsemen will kill 1/3 of the people between the 40<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> month of the Tribulation
- By the time the Tribulation is finished, 75% of the population will die
- So you can see why Jesus said... unless those days were shorted, no flesh would be saved

***Now, what is the purpose of the Day of the Lord?***

- The purpose of the Day of the Lord is first to restore Israel to a right relationship with God
- God said that through Israel salvation would come to the world and it has... through Jesus a descendent of David, from the tribe of Judah
- But Israel rejected her Messiah and is estranged from God
- One of the purposes of the Day of the Lord is to restore this broken relationship...

***Zechariah prophecies***

Zechariah 12:10 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

- When Jesus returns with His Church, Israel will look upon Jesus and realize that He truly was the Messiah and they will return to the Lord

***The second purpose of the Day of the Lord is to judge all who oppressed Israel***

- It will be a time of vengeance against the nations against Israel

Isaiah 1:24 (NKJV)

<sup>24</sup> Therefore the Lord says, The LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies.

Jeremiah 46:10 (NKJV)



<sup>10</sup> For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.

Obadiah 15–16 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> “For the day of the LORD upon all the nations *is* near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head. <sup>16</sup> For as you drank on My holy mountain, So shall all the nations drink continually; Yes, they shall drink, and swallow, And they shall be as though they had never been.

- All the Gentile Nations who came against Israel will be punished

***The third purpose of the Day of the Lord is to liberate Israel from Idolatry***

Isaiah 27:7–9 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> Has He struck Israel as He struck those who struck him? Or has He been slain according to the slaughter of those who were slain by Him? <sup>8</sup> In measure, by sending it away, You contended with it. He removes *it* by His rough wind In the day of the east wind. <sup>9</sup> Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob will be covered; And this *is* all the fruit of taking away his sin: When he makes all the stones of the altar Like chalkstones that are beaten to dust, Wooden images and incense altars shall not stand.

- When God said to Israel, I am a jealous God... he meant it
- God doesn't share His beloved with anyone
- There will be a day when God will remove from Israel all the other false gods, the other lovers in her life and she will be His alone

***So we see the purposes of the Day of the Lord, but the question that concerns you and I today is really this... who is going to be there?***

- We know from the scriptures we've read that Israel is going to be there
- The Gentile nations who have oppressed Israel will be there
- We know that sinners will be there – those who have not received Christ

Isaiah 13:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.



***If you're one of those who believe you're a sinner saved by grace... be careful***

- Because either you're in Christ or you're not and if you're in Christ God calls you righteous
- But if you want to be a sinner, I suppose that's your business but your future doesn't look so bright according to Isaiah
- What is interesting is who isn't going to be there... believers in Jesus will not be there

***Paul, writing to the Thessalonians about the end times said this concerning believers...***

1 Thessalonians 5:9 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- believers won't be on earth during the Day of the Lord

***So if we aren't here, where will we be? John tells us in Revelation 19***

Revelation 19:6–9 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!" <sup>7</sup> Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." <sup>8</sup> And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."

- We are going to be in heaven with Jesus at the marriage supper of the Lamb
- Now people will often ask... will there be Christians in the Great Tribulation and the answer is yes
- I believe there will be many who come to Christ after the Rapture happens
- After the Church is taken up, many who are left will turn to the Lord
- But it will be too late for them... What about you?