

The Day of the Lord (a brief summary as described in the New and Old Testaments)

Prophet	Passage	What the Prophet Saw and Described
John	Rev 1:10, 19	John was told to “write ...the things that shall be hereafter” (1:10). “Show thee things which shall be hereafter.” (4:1) In 5:1, Jesus receives the title deed of the earth. As the seals are opened, waves of judgment come on the earth and it is cleansed of filthy inhabitants. Climatic scenarios that sound like the end of the world are described in Rev 6:13-17; 11:15-19; 14:18-20; 16:14-21; 19:17-21
Peter	2Pet 3:2, 10, 12	v2 Be mindful of the words of the “holy prophets”. The “day of the Lord” has not come yet, but it will come. In that time the OT prophets words will be fulfilled. The end results is a total remodel/redo of the heavens and the earth
Paul	2Th 2:1-12	v1 Coming of Christ = comfort. Day of the Lord = terror. Day of the Lord cannot come until after the “off-standing” and the revelation of the Antichrist; he will sit in a rebuilt temple, as God. V10 all who are not ready, received not the love of the truth will be damned.
Paul	1Th 4:13-5:11	1. Paul needed to tell them about the coming of Jesus for the church and how the dead and living will be caught up. Ch4:13-18. But he did not need to tell them about the day of the Lord 5:1-11. Ch 4, new information. Ch 5 old facts. 2. Pronouns shift, ch 4 refers to saints, living and dead, resurrected and caught up to Christ. Ch 5 is all about the wicked being brought to judgment.
Peter	Acts 2:17-21	Quotes Joel’s prophecy and maintains the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and natural signs they saw at Jesus’ death as prophecy fulfilled.
Malachi	Mal 4:5-6	Malachi prophesied that Elijah (who Jesus said was John the Baptist in Matt 11:14) would come before that great and dreadful Day of the Lord. (Is there another Elias Matt 17:10-13?) And that the prophet would lay a platform that would unite fathers and sons hearts.
Zechariah	Zech 12-14	All nations will come fight Israel, but Israel will call out for Jesus and He will come to deliver them and establish His kingdom. Jews saved as described in Romans 11:25-29
Zephaniah	Zeph 1:7-18	Day of noise, howling, a great crashing, day of wrath, trouble, distress, wasteness and desolation, whole land devoured by his jealousy...
Zephaniah	Zeph 2:1-3	Righteous hid in the days of the Lord’s anger.
Obadiah	Ob 1:15-21	Heathen punished, Mount Zion has deliverance
Amos	Am 5:18-20, 8:8-10	Darkness. not light. A man flees from a lion, meets bear, goes into house and a serpent bites him. The sun goes down at noon, baldness on every man’s head...bitter day
Joel	Joel 2-3	Joel prophesies natural signs in heavens before the Spirit is poured out and before the great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. Israel will be restored to their land, and God will plead with them to accept their Messiah
Ezekiel	Eze 13:3-8, 30:2-3	Ezekiel condemns the prophets for not speaking truth to the people while they claim to speak the word of the Lord. A cloudy day.
Jeremiah	Jer 4:23, 46:10	Jeremiah saw the day when the entire earth would be made desolate without man or beast and yet not brought to a full end.
Isaiah	Isa 34:8-10	The whole land is like pitch and on fire, not quenched night or day, the smoke goes up from generation to generation.
	13:6-13, 24:17-23	“to lay the land desolate, and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven...shall not give their light...sun dark...”
	Isa 2:10-21, 4:1-5	The haughtiness of man will be bowed down, and the Lord will be exalted. Man will throw away his false securities, be made holy.

The Apostle John was banished to the island of Patmos. While he was there, he was shown the reality of Jesus' present state, what messages Jesus had for His Churches, and then events that would come in the "hereafter". In Rev 1:10 John says he was in the Spirit "on the Lord's day." Many Greek scholars agree this is properly interpreted as being "in the Day of the Lord." When John begins to share what he saw when he was called up hither, these things are part of the "hereafter". Thus chapters 6-19 may be understood as being part of the sufferings of the Day of the Lord.

Peter believed this day was coming too. He instructs us to "be mindful" of what the Prophets teach (2Pe 3:2). This informs us that what the Old Testament prophets foretold as catastrophic events for this earth and heavens will yet take place. Peter goes on to inform us that the renovation for our heaven (natural) and earth will be so thorough that afterwards they will be a new heaven and earth.

It is Paul who describes in vivid detail the change in events that are about to come in his writing to the church at Thessalonica.

It is obvious that Thessalonian brothers had studied the OT prophets writings. Paul affirms that they knew perfectly what was going to transpire in the Day of the Lord (1Th 5:2). But before writing this, Paul is constrained to share about Jesus coming for His saints, something they knew nothing about. His explanation is for both those who had already died and would be resurrected and those who have not yet experienced death but who would be changed and caught up.

When Paul writes about Jesus' imminent return, he uses pronouns that describe the righteous, both the physically dead (them) and the physically alive (us, we). When he shifts over to describe those impacted by the Day of the Lord, his pronouns all change to "they". As Paul compares their terrible distress, he comes back from time to

time assure the "brethren". We are "children of light" and are not in darkness that we should be overtaken by that day.

In 2Th 2 Paul further explains the difference between Christ coming for the church and the terrible Day of the Lord that will feature the time of the Antichrist. In v1-2 he refers to the security we as Christians have in knowing that Christ is coming for us. He assures us that the Day of the Lord is not here yet, and that the Day of the Lord cannot come until at least two things happen.

One of these events is the "*apo-stasis*" This word literally means "off standing". Is this a reference to the Christian's departure when Christ comes to catch us up? Or does it mean the falling away of those who are careless and indifferent about Jesus' coming?

The other event that has to take place before people will know they are in the day of the Lord is that the Antichrist will be revealed.

Paul goes on to describe some identifying activities of the Antichrist.

- He will present himself as being God and above all other gods.
- He will sit in the temple of God.
- He will work the works of Satan, and will be given all power, signs and lying wonders.

Along with this, God will send strong delusions and deceptions to those who knew truth but didn't love it.

The early church strongly believed they were very near to these days. Sadly, Paul speaks of needing to discipline Hymenaeus and Philetus because they taught the resurrection had already passed and overthrew believer's faith (2Tim 2:18)

The best assurance the Christian can have today is to know that he is ready for the return of the Lord Jesus. God has promised that He has not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation through Christ.

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so Cometh..."*

In these days of uncertainty, the Christian needs to know what God's Word teaches about the future. Here are a few highlights summarized.

- Jesus' coming for the Church is imminent. He may come at any moment and every person on this earth needs to be prepared to meet Him.
- Jesus' coming is presented as a comfort to Saints. While Christians may experience persecution and difficulties in their earth life, they will not experience God's wrath.
- There is an era of catastrophic judgment coming to the earth. The "wrath" of this day will be after the saints are taken out. The "Day of the Lord" appears to be Jesus exercising lordship/dominion over the earth.
- Those who know the Truth but do not accept it and become Christians will not have a "second chance". Today is the day to prepare for Jesus' coming.
- Present pandemics, storms, evidences of climate change etc are all warnings of the awful travail that will soon fall upon this earth.

Inside this pamphlet you will find the summary of verses that describe the Day of the Lord. We will begin with teachings found near the end of the Bible, and then move backwards through the canon.