

Day of the LORD

Watchman on the Wall

Written on Monday, 02 January 2012

The Day of the LORD is coming and drawing near.

Ezekiel 7 (Holman Christian Standard Bible, HCSB):

Announcement of the End

1 And the word of the Lord came to me: 2 "Son of man, this is what the Lord God says to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come on the four corners of the land. 3 The end is now on you; I will send My anger against you and judge you according to your ways. I will punish you for all your abominations. 4 I will not look on you with pity or spare [you], but I will punish you for your ways and for your abominations within you. Then you will know that I am the Lord." 5 This is what the Lord God says: Look, one disaster after another is coming! 6 An end has come; the end has come! It has awakened against you. Look, it is coming! 7 Doom has come on you, inhabitants of the land. The time has come; the day is near. There will be panic on the mountains and not celebration. 8 I will pour out My wrath on you very soon; I will exhaust My anger against you and judge you according to your ways. I will punish you for all your abominations. 9 I will not look on [you] with pity or spare [you]. I will punish you for your ways and for your abominations within you. Then you will know that it is I, the Lord, who strikes.

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"Babylon represented cultural arrogance and human self-reliance." (HCSB, notes on Isaiah 13:1, page 1148). The cultural arrogance and human self-reliance is echoing today in our country, the USA, and around the world.

What is the Day of the LORD?

Zephaniah 1 (HCSB):

14 The great Day of the Lord is near, near and rapidly approaching. Listen, the Day of the Lord- there the warrior's cry is bitter. 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness, 16 a day of trumpet [blast] and battle cry against the fortified cities, and against the high corner towers.

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- j. Day of trumpet blast
- k. Day of battle cry against fortified cities
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What will the LORD do on the Day of the LORD?

Zephaniah 1:17 – 18 (HCSB):

I will bring distress on mankind, and they will walk like the blind because they have sinned against the Lord. Their blood will be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung. 18 Their silver and their gold will not be able to rescue them on the day of the Lord's wrath. The whole earth will be consumed by the fire of His jealousy. For He will make a complete, yes, a horrifying end of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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Isaiah 24 – (entire chapter) <http://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/isaiah/24.html>

Zephaniah 2:3 (English Standard Version, ESV)- *Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands; seek righteousness; seek humility; perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of the LORD.*

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/zephaniah/2.html>

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2 Thessalonians 2:1 (ESV) - *Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, 2 not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.*

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/2-thessalonians/2.html>

2 Peter 3 (ESV):

The Day of the Lord Will Come

1 This is now the second letter that I am writing to you, beloved. In both of them I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But

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according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. <http://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/2-peter/3.html>

1 Thessalonians 5 (ESV):

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1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. <http://www.biblestudytools.com/esv/1-thessalonians/5.html>

The Day of the LORD will come as a '*thief in the night*' to people not prepared or ready, which those are living in spiritual darkness and practicing unrepentant lifestyles.

Nevertheless, '*children of light, children of the day*' will be living a lifestyle of humbly, seeking GOD and His righteousness, with repentant hearts, trusting with faith in the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, and with sagacity of preparedness and readiness for the coming return of the Messiah Yeshua / Jesus Christ and the Day of the LORD.