

BBC – Wed, 4/02/25 – Biblical End Times Study #8 – “The DAY of the LORD” (DOL)

To properly understand the events related to the End-Times, it's essential to Biblically (*not traditionally*) define the **DOL**. Sadly, the Christian Church has defined the “Day of the LORD” in a variety of ways:

- Bible teachers have by denominational traditions erroneously conflated the Day of the LORD with: The “70th Week,” a “7-yr Tribulation,” the “Great-Tribulation,” the single-day night-thief “Rapture,” Israel’s punishment, and even comprising the “Millennium” as a ‘Day’ of *both* judgment & blessing.
- **10 OT prophets** refer to the DOL 20+ times. **5 NT writers** similarly refer to it over a dozen times.
 - **OT:** Job (though technically not listed as a prophet, he did prophesy of the DOL; [Job 21:30](#)), Isaiah, Jeremiah (Jer. & Lam.), Ezekiel, Joel, Obadiah, Amos, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Malachi
 - **NT:** Luke (Acts), Paul (Romans, 1 Corinthians, 1&2 Thessalonians, Philippians, 2 Timothy); Peter; John (1 John, Revelation), Jude.

WHAT is the “Day of the LORD”?

What it is not: [Rev 1:10](#) This is **NOT** a reference to **Sunday** (*Resurrection Day / 1st day of the week*)

It is referred to in the Bible as: A Day of destruction, doom, wrath, anger, trouble, darkness, distress, desolation, the trumpet, justice, cosmic disruption, the day of God or of Christ, or at times simply “that Day,” but it is *always* in the context of **God’s** ultimate end-time vindication, judgment, and **wrath**.

- Other than the final result of it, there is no “blessing” *within* the DOL. It is all punishment & wrath!
- **The DOL** = the the 7-Trumpets, 7-Thunders, & 7-Vial wrath-judgment contents of the Book that’s opened in God’s throne room after the 7th Seal is removed by the Lamb of God ([Rev. 5:1; 8:1,6](#)):
 - Various Antichrist-caused world events occur as each of the first **5 Seals** are removed – this is the **Antichrist’s** last gasp of wrath ([Rev 12:12,17](#)), it is **NOT YET** God’s Wrath;
 - God’s DOL’s Wrath is **NOT** in the 7 Seals that keep the Book closed. It is the Book’s internal contents that contain judgments that cannot be released until the Book is able to be opened.
 - Before the Book is opened, the Church is raptured during the 6th Seal ([Matt 24:29-31](#); [Rev 7:9](#))
 - Therefore, the **DOL** is the time period in the latter part of the 70th Week, when **God** pours out His unprecedented 7-fold trumpet, thunder & vial wrath judgments upon the earth, after the 7th Seal is removed so that the Book can be opened. The Church will have been removed during the 6th Seal period because the Wrath of God is **NOT** intended for His Church ([1 Thes 5:9](#)).
 - However, the Church **IS** subject to tribulation ([Matt 24:21-22](#); [Jn 16:33](#)) & afflictions ([1 Thes 3:3](#)).

WHEN is the “Day of the LORD”?

The DOL serves as a useful and accurate time-marker for the sequence of end-time events!

Cosmic disruption is the final sign to the Church that the Rapture followed by the DOL are **imminent** ([Matt 24:3,29-31](#); [Lk 21:28](#); [Rev 6:12-7:1,9-17](#)).

- What will happen just **BEFORE the DOL**:
 - [Malachi 4:5](#) - (*2 Witnesses*)
I will send you the prophet Elijah before the coming of the great & dreadful DOL
 - [Joel 2:31](#) & [Acts 2:20](#) - (*Cosmic disruption*):
...the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the coming of the great and awesome DOL
 - [Matt 24:21-22, 29-31](#) – (*Great Tribulation*)
Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven...coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect...
- From all we’ve studied thus far, a clear 70th Week timeline emerges:
1) Beginning of sorrows; 2) Great tribulation; 3) Cosmic disruption; 4) 144K; 5) Rapture; 6) DOL

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(“*Day of the LORD*,” also referred to in various ways, such as: the Day of destruction /doom /wrath /anger /trouble /the trumpet /of God /of Christ, or simply “that Day.” – Important DOL **descriptions** & **timelines** are in bold with highlights)

[Rev 1:10](#) - I was in the Spirit on **the Lord's day**, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet

[Job 21:30](#) - For the wicked are reserved for the **day of doom**; ...brought out on the **day of wrath**.

[Psalms 110:5,6](#) - The Lord *is* at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the **day of His wrath**.

¶He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries.

[Isaiah 2:12-21](#) - The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the LORD alone shall be exalted in **that day**. ¹²For the **day of the LORD** of hosts *Shall come* upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up— And it shall be brought low— ¹³Upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan; ¹⁴Upon all the high mountains, And upon all the hills *that are* lifted up; ¹⁵Upon every high tower, And upon every fortified wall; ¹⁶Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And upon all the beautiful sloops. ¹⁷The 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**, ¹⁸But the idols He shall utterly abolish. ¹⁹They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, From the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily. ²⁰In **that day** a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, *each* for himself to worship, to the moles and bats, ²¹To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, when He arises to **shake** the earth mightily. (see also [Matt 24:30](#); [Lk 21:26](#); [Rev 6:15-17](#))

[Isaiah 13:6-13](#) - Wail, for the **day of the LORD** *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. ⁷Therefore all hands will be limp, every man's heart will melt, ⁸And 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. ⁹Behold, 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. ¹⁰For the **stars of heaven** and their **constellations will not give their light**; The **sun will be darkened** in its going forth, and the **moon will not cause its light to shine**. ¹¹I 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. ¹²I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. ¹³Therefore 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**.

(see also [Isa 34:1-8](#); [Jer 4:5-10](#))

[Jeremiah 30:7](#) Alas! For **that day** *is* great, so that none *is* like it; And it *is* the time of Jacob's **trouble**, But he shall be saved out of it.

[Jeremiah 46:10](#) 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.

[Lamentations 2:22](#) You have invited as to a feast day The terrors that surround me. In the **day of the LORD's anger** There was no refugee or survivor. Those whom I have borne and brought up My enemies have destroyed.

[Ezekiel 7:19](#) They will throw their silver into the streets, And their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them In the **day of the wrath of the LORD**; They will not satisfy their souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

[Joel 1:15](#) Alas for **the day!** For the **day of the LORD** is at hand; It shall come as **destruction** from the Almighty.

[Joel 2:1-2](#) 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: A day of **darkness** and **gloominess**, A day of **clouds** and **thick darkness**, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains. A people *come*, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any *such* after them, even for many successive generations.

[Joel 2:10-11](#) The **earth quakes** before them, The heavens tremble; The **sun and moon grow dark**, and the **stars diminish their brightness**. ¹¹The 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? (see [Matt. 24:29-31](#) & **6th Seal** of [Rev. 6:12-7:1-17](#))

***Joel 2:30-31** And I will show **wonders in the heavens and in the earth**: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The **sun shall be turned into darkness**, And the **moon into blood**, **Before** the coming of the great & awesome **day of the LORD**. (also [Joel 3:14-16](#); [Amos 5:18-20](#); [Mt 24:29-31*](#); [Rev 6:12-14](#))

[Zephaniah 1:14-18](#) The great **day of the LORD** is near; *It is near and hastens quickly*. The **noise** of the **day of the LORD** is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.¹⁵That day is a **day of wrath**, A **day of trouble and distress**, A **day of devastation and desolation**, A **day of darkness and gloominess**, A **day of clouds and thick darkness**, ¹⁶A **day of trumpet** and **alarm** Against the fortified cities And against the high towers. ¹⁷"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."¹⁸Neither 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. (See also [Zeph 1:7-11](#))

[Zechariah 14:1-2](#) Behold, the **day of the LORD** is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ²For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into **captivity**, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

***Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you **Elijah the prophet** **Before** the coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD**.

***Matt 24:29-31** Immediately **After** the **tribulation** of those days: **sun & moon darken**; **stars fall**; **shaking**

***Acts 2:19-20** I will show **wonders in heaven above** And **signs in the earth beneath**: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The **sun shall be turned into darkness**, And the **moon into blood**, **Before** the coming of the great and awesome **day of the LORD**. (See also: [2 Pet 3:10-12](#))

[Romans 2:5](#) But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the **day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous **judgment** of God.

***2 Thessalonians 2:1-4** Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ²not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the **day of Christ** had come. ³Let no one deceive you by any means; for **that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed**, the son of perdition, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as Godⁱⁿ in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

(* = these verses provide critical clues concerning the **timing** of the Day of the LORD)