

Quick Review of the Day of the Lord

*“For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord
so comes as a thief in the night.”*

I Thess. 5:2

One of the major prophetic events discussed in the Old and New Testaments is the Day of the Lord.

Here is a quote from the book, “Things to Come” by J. Dwight Pentecost:

*“In addition, the phrase, **that day or the day or the great day** occurs more than seventy-five times in the Old Testament.*

It is thus concluded that the Day of the Lord is that extended period of time beginning with God’s dealing with Israel after the rapture at the beginning of the tribulation period and extending through the second advent and the millennial age unto the creation of the new heavens and the new earth after the millennium.”

A review of Old Testament passages reveals that the idea of **judgment** is paramount in all of them.

My note: In the light of the above statements by J.D. Pentecost, this “*Day of the Lord*” therefore includes the crushing of the Satanic rebellion (Rev. 20:7-10) and the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20:11-15.)

II. Where do the Scriptures discuss it?

There are a number of passages in both the Old and New Testaments that discuss it. Examples follow.

Isa. 2:12

Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11b, 2:31, 3:14

Amos 5:18, Zeph. 1:14-16, 18, Obad. 15, Zech. 14:1, Mal. 4:1-5

I Thess. 5:2

II Pet. 3:10

III. When and for how long does it occur?

From H. Ironside: “...when at last the day of grace is ended, the day of the Lord will succeed it...The day of the Lord follows (the rapture).

It will be the time when the judgments of God are poured out upon the earth. It includes the descent of the Lord with all His saints to execute judgment on His foes and to take possession of the kingdom...and to reign in righteousness for a thousand glorious years.”

IV. What events are included in the “Day of the Lord?”

The Day of the Lord includes the following:

- the antichrist treaty with Israel,
- the seal, trumpet and bowl judgments of the tribulation,
- the false prophet and his false religious system,
- the persecution of Israel (Rev. 12:13),
- Armageddon and the 2nd coming of the Lord,
- the resurrection of the martyred saints,
- the destruction of the beast and false prophet,
- the chaining of Satan,
- the judgment of the nations,
- the restoration of Israel,
- the millennial age, and
- the final revolt and defeat of Satan, the crushing of the Satanic rebellion (Rev. 20:7-10)
- the Great White Throne Judgment (Rev. 20: 11-15.)