

## **The Day of the Lord**

Scripture reference and study guide

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Scripture verses for reference and cross reference:

### **Old Testament Major and Minor Prophets:**

Joel 2:28-32

Amos 5:18-20

Micah 4

Obadiah 15

Zephaniah 1:14

Zechariah 14

Malachi 4

### **New Testament:**

Words of Jesus: Mathew 24 & 25

Mark 13

Luke 12:35-53, 17:20-35, 21:5-38

John 15 & 16

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:24

2 Thessalonians 2 - 3

2 Peter 3:1-17

2 Timothy 3

### **Prophecy of End Times, The Tribulation Timeline, The Wrath of God and Final Judgment:**

Isaiah 2:6-22

Isaiah 60

Daniel 12

### **Revelation**

Chapter 1:7,

Chapter 6 (The 6 Seals),

Chapter 8 - 11 (the 7<sup>th</sup> seal and the 7 trumpets of God's Wrath)

Chapter 11 (the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet),

Chapter 13 (the description of the beast and the mark),

Chapter 14 (the harvest of the wicked from the earth begins the wrath of God)

Chapter 15 (7 angels with 7 plagues)

Chapter 16 (7 bowls of God's wrath)

Chapter 20 (Christ 1000 year reign with the saints - Satan bound during this time then released to meet in Armageddon)

Chapter 20:11 Finally all are judged – great and small, only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life are forgiven, and covered from their sin, and are

spared from being thrown into the lake of fire (which is the “second death” where there is eternal suffering)

Chapter 21- 22 New Heaven and New Earth created – the saints live with God forever – what most consider “heaven”

### **Broad view:**

From the beginning the Lord has had a plan to: 1. Redeem fallen man and 2. Judge an unbelieving world. This plan has been revealed through the prophets of the Old Testament, confirmed by Jesus and reaffirmed through the writings of the disciples and the apostle Paul in the New Testament.

The best way to study this is to read the entire Bible – start to finish once, the King James Version is my version of choice because it is one of the closest translations from the original texts.

The second time I would read a *chronological bible* – this is scripture in order based on the historic timeline. It is a great read to understand the timing of everything.

And finally, I would read according to discerning the meaning of key phrases, events and prophecies. This helps you narrow down what is relevant to the question you are asking. But to do this first without context of the entire picture is misleading. It is best to have read the entire bible first, then ask specific questions.

Most important is to pray before you read. The Lord said he would send the Holy Spirit to teach us and lead us into all wisdom. According to the book of Proverbs, it is the fear of the Lord that is the beginning of wisdom (Proverbs 9:10). So if we seek wisdom, we must seek him first and we have a guide – the Holy Spirit (John 14:15, 14:25). False spirits abound and have been sent into the world to confuse, divide, and deceive (2 Thessalonians 2:9). We must read the Bible with the help of the Holy Spirit. AND THEN compare it to the times we are living in.

After this, we can seek other believers for correction, confirmation and expansion of what we are being shown.

The Lord said in the latter days he would pour out his spirit on all people, sons and daughters would prophesy, old men would dream dreams and young men would have visions. This was to happen in the days when we approach the great tribulation (or the Day of the Lord) Joel 2: 28-32.

In recent times – at least the last 5 years this has been happening in greater number, with confirming visions among believers around the world. Same message – prepare for the Kingdom of God is at hand, the great harvest is soon upon us and the Day of the Lord will shortly follow. As this message echoes, believers are sent into the Bible

to seek confirmation in the Word - our plumb line of truth. As we confirm the dreams, visions, and modern day prophetic words with scripture we are prompted to “watch.” Watch what?

Well Jesus said we would know the season of his return and we are not to be taken by surprise as unbelievers will be. We are to **watch** for the signs that have been revealed in the scripture. While this is not meant to be a riddle, it is meant for those who are willing to seek and not quit until they find the answers they seek. Ask and keep asking, seek and keep seeking, knock and keep knocking - this is the actual translation of what Jesus said in Matthew 7:7-8.

There is also a great parable that Jesus tells about ten virgins. Matthew 25. This parable comes immediately after he discusses the signs of his coming and the end of the age. Read the parable.

The meaning of it is this: We will all (believers) become tired waiting for the signs and we will all fall “sleep.” The trumpet will sound and we will be roused – but only some will be prepared for what comes next. Who are those who are prepared? Those who had the foresight to prepare before the trumpet sounded. In the parable the virgins have lamps filled with oil. So those who had oil in their lamps were prepared, those who did not were shut out. Biblical meaning: oil equals the Holy Spirit.

How do we have “oil in our lamps”? We are in relationship with the Lord. We are in communication. We pray. We know the Word. We allow the Holy Spirit access into our lives. We are submitted to the Lord, obedient even when it makes no earthly sense. Without these things in place, we will not recognize the signs and as a result we will not be prepared for what comes next.

The trumpet has sounded. Those who are waking up are discovering there is little time left. If you do not know the word, you will have a hard time understanding what is happening and if you do not have the Holy Spirit in your life you will not be able to perceive it. Deception is like a fog hovering over the minds of everyone. The only way to see through this fog is with the light of the Gospel of Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:11, Isaiah 60:2-3,

There is a lot here – I know. I am trying to answer questions as I believe they will arise in your mind. However, you are welcome to bring me any questions I may have missed. If I don't know it, we will seek it together.

Back to the season we are in - it is the “beginning of sorrows” leading to the “day of the Lord” which will bring the Lord back – literally in the clouds - to gather his elect (comprised of those who truly believe and have not rejected him through the persecution that is to come upon the entire church). The scriptures that I have highlighted speak of this season and this day. The book of Revelation goes into detail regarding how this will happen and what we can expect. It can be confusing

unless you understand how it fits with the rest of scripture – this is why reading the entire bible first is necessary to have a full understanding and even that requires the Holy Spirit’s guidance. But alas, we are not left here as orphans... we have the Lord and we have each other so we are not lost.

The Lord has been unlocking the mystery of the book of Revelation in this season. We are living in an age where it finally makes sense. Press into prayer regarding its meaning.

When reading the Gospels, pay close attention to the Parables - the talents, the virgins, the sheep and goats, the good steward. These all describe what Jesus expects from those who are his. From there, read the entire New Testament (books and chapters) that speak of the end of the age, and signs of the times. From there go back and re-read the old testament prophets which will confirm much of what you read.

There is much to digest here – dig in and see what you discover. Don’t be intimidated. The Lord may speak to you in ways that jump start all of this. He will catch you up to where you need to be. Your most important decision is whether or not you will submit to what the Lord asks of you. When you say yes to that – the rest is provided.

*Even so, come Lord Jesus.*