

The "Day of the Lord"

- Appears 20-23 times in scripture (depending on version used)
- always associated with judgment
- often connected with the cosmic signs - sun, moon, stars etc.
- Often has dual fulfillment
 - near term partial - historic fulfillment
 - long term complete - still future
- Begins with:
 - final return of Christ - "*the parousia*" (the appearing)
 - Ultimate Salvation, 1 Thess. 4:16-17
 - Resurrection of all saved dead 1 Thess. 4:13-17, 1Cor. 15:51-56
 - Rapture of the church = Tribulation Period Saints
Matt. 24:29-31, 2 Thess. 2:1-12
- Includes judgment on the earth:
 - Battle of Harmageddon Rev. 14:20, 16:16, 19:11-21
 - death of all inhabitants left behind (not raptured) Zeph. 1:14-18;
 - Destruction of heaven and earth - 2 Peter 3:9-10
- Timing - not ambiguous - Primary passages on the subject
 - Matthew 24:29-31 - "*after the tribulation*" (v. 29)
 - 2 Thessalonian 2:1-12 - after:
 - ◆ "*the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction*"
 - ◆ who "*takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God*" (v. 4)

"*Day of the Lord*" = Christ's return (to heavens and earth) - one time - includes:

- His appearing on the clouds - known as "the second coming"
- The last trumpet - seventh trumpet
- The resurrection of all the **saved dead** (from all ages)
- The RAPTURE of the church (including saved Israel)
- the "*day of the Lord's wrath*" on all the unsaved still on the earth
- the complete destruction of the present heavens and earth
- the recreation of the New Heavens and Earth - the Millennial Kingdom of God on earth - a perfect Edenic environment.