

The Day of the Lord

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The phrase, "The Day of the Lord," is associated with the final 7 years as described in Daniel and Revelation, with the second half known as the Great Tribulation. Let me start off by saying that ***I am not a date setter***. I am, however, a ***date watcher*** as we are commanded to do by the Lord (Mark 13:37).

Before I begin my explanation as to why I think 2022 could be the beginning of that period, let me give some ground work to those who only quote Matt 24:36 ("No man knows the day or hour...") without rightly dividing the Word of Truth. When Jesus said that, He was on the earth and, though they didn't know then, we now know that there are different days and times (we call them time zones). The scriptures allude to that when they say, two will be working in the field, one will be taken and another left, two will be in bed, one will be taken and another left. The Rapture is a global event that will occur during the day to some and at night to others.

There are many scriptures that suggest the knowledge of a specific day. For example, before Elijah was caught up, the sons of the prophets told Elisha that he was going to be taken that day (2 Kings 2:5). Furthermore, Jesus said, in Luke 12:39, "And this know, that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through." And lastly, Jesus prayed over Jerusalem, crying "...if you had known, on ***this thy day***..." (Luke 19:42). He was referring to the day he road into Jerusalem predicted by Gabriel in the 70 weeks of Daniel, as you will see.

With that in mind, allow me to begin by explaining the 70 weeks of Daniel.

In Daniel chapter 9, we find Daniel, knowing the 70 year captivity was about up, praying for God's direction on himself and his people. He is visited by the angel Gabriel who tells him...

Daniel 9:24 Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

9:25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

9:26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

9:27 And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

So, thanks to Sir Robert Anderson of Scotland Yard, we find an incredible and precise prophetic fulfillment of this passage. The "weeks" referred to, represent a Sabbath of years (or seven years), so 69×7 , or 483 years. More precisely, 173,880 days. (This was computed using the 360 days per year calendar, which was accurate until the pull of Mars changed earth's orbit). The commandment to restore and build Jerusalem was given by Artaxerxes Longimanus on March 14, 445 B.C. Computing the dates is a little tricky because of our Leap Year, etc. but it turns out to fall on April 6, 32 A.D., the day Jesus presented himself as their king, we call it Palm Sunday.

The 70th week, of course, represent the 7 year Tribulation period, which the Bible calls the Day of the Lord. Verse 27 refers to the antichrist, which establishes a covenant for the 7 year period and then breaks it at the mid-point when he sets up an abdominal image in the temple and desecrates it, starting the Great Tribulation period.

Notice that verse 26, positioned between the 69 weeks and 70th week, represent something happening in that interval (that interval is, of course, the church age that we presently are in).

ANOTHER COUNT-DOWN

Verse 26, has a conspicuous hint of that period. It omits seven weeks of years (62 vs 69). As it happens, Sir Isaac Newton, the man who invented Calculus among other things, said in his study of this passage, that the missing seven weeks of years (7 x 7, or 49 years) would point to the second coming. We must begin the countdown from, again, when the Jews were allowed to re-enter Jerusalem. In the Six Day War of June 1967, Israel defeated the combined armies of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, capturing the West Bank, East Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip, the Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula. For Israel, it was a stunning triumph; for Arabs, a humiliating defeat. The actual day that Israel possessed Jerusalem again was June 7, 1967. Using the same 360 days per year calculation, $49 \times 360 = 17,640$, counting those days from June 7, 1967 brings us to September 23, 2015, which happens to be the Day of Atonement.

Clearly that was not the Rapture or the beginning of the final seven years. What did happen that day was alarming.



It was the day the current Pope, came to Washington. He spoke at the U.N. and in his speech, he said, "I come in my own name..." Jesus warned us in John 5:43, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive."

I had taught Daniel 9 for years. I used a clock and took the battery out of it with it pointing to 7 minutes to midnight I would then tell them that the clock stopped and the church age began and when the Rapture happens, God will put the battery back in the clock and the final 70th week of Daniel will begin. As I taught this, in the back of my mind I always wondered why God would point to Palm Sunday and not the Crucifixion or the Resurrection, which seemed to me, more significant.

ANOTHER 7 YEARS

Daniel 9 didn't point to the Crucifixion or Resurrection but to a day that was 7 days before his disciples would see Him in his glorified state. Could that be prophetic in its self? One day while watching a preacher on TV, the Holy Spirit reminded me of Pharaoh's dream. In Genesis Pharaoh had a dream that seven fat cows were eaten by seven skinny cows and that seven full heads of grain were swallowed up by seven skinny heads of grain. This represented seven years of plenty followed by a seven year famine. Could Sir Isaac Newton be correct after all? If so, there will be seven years of plenty on the earth before the Tribulation begins?

I will refrain from printing an exact date and we know the Rapture is an imminent event that can occur at any time, but I'll just say that seven years from the September 2015 date falls in August of 2022 using the 360 days per year calendar.

EZEKIEL 38-39

Ezekiel 38 and 39 point to an invasion of Israel by Russia and a group of Muslim countries (including Iran) and God supernaturally destroys them and they burn the weapons of war for 7 years. In this event God is hallowed all around the world. Additionally there are earthquakes all around the world (earthquakes are sometimes associated with resurrection).

As of the writing of this document, Israel has had a unique relationship with Russia. Russia operates a no-fly zone over Syria and when Iran attempts to smuggle weapons into Syria, Israel informs Russia they are going to take them out and Russia allows that. During the Syrian civil war, President Assad used chemical weapons on his own people. Israel went on record as saying if weapons of mass destruction were used on Israel, they would do the same (Israel is a nuclear power you know). There is an unfulfilled prophecy in Isaiah 17 that describes Damascus being destroyed overnight. If Israel nukes Damascus, could this be the event in Ezekiel 38 known as the fish hook in Magog's mouth that draws Russia into Israel?

The seven year Tribulation begins with the opening of four of the seals known as the four horsemen of the apocalypse. They are as follows:

1st: White Horse, the antichrist makes his appearance and begins his conquest.

2nd: Red Horse, takes peace from the earth.

3rd: Black Horse, famine, a loaf of bread will cost a day's wages.

4th: Pale (green) Horse, death, massive deaths all around the world.

So much has happened in the last year, my personal Facebook account is severely restricted because of information I've shared. Financial institutions have experienced government overreach. The media is controlled by a shadow government and we see all the benchmarks of the four horsemen just on the horizon.

WHAT SHOULD I DO

In Matthew 25, we see the story of Ten Virgins. Five were wise and five foolish. He did not say 5 virgins and 5 harlots...he said 10 virgins. I believe this represents the church today. The foolish ones let their light go out. And when the Bridegroom came, only the wise half was taken in and the door was shut. This should be a wakeup call to any lukewarm Christian who is not spending time in prayer and the word and watching for the Lord's return.

Jesus asked a rhetorical question, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth. As I have talked to people about the urgency of the hour, I have had people laugh and scoff, as the book of James said they would. No one really believes the Lord could come anymore, except a small few.

Where are you at in this category? Which of the ten virgins are you? Perhaps you call yourself a Christian, but have never been genuinely Born Again (John 3).

All sin and fall short of God's glory and the wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God in hell). But God has provided a way of escape, if you confess with your mouth Jesus Christ (is your Messiah—savior) and believe in your heart He died on the cross for your sins and rose again on the third day, you too can be saved—Don't wait, time is running out.

In His Service,

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