

## THE LORD'S DAY

Many religious people think the Lord's day comes every week on Sunday. Well, quite frankly, that is NOT what the Bible teaches about the Lord's day. The only time that phrase was ever used in scripture, John wrote from the island of Patmos:

**Rev 1:10-19** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; **(These next 4 verses describe what the Lord looked like:)**

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. **(Now remember, this is about 'HIS day.')**

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last:

18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ .... is exactly that .... it is about the day when Jesus Christ will be revealed from heaven.

Here's a simple grammar rule: To make a noun possessive, you add ' (apostrophe) S.

For example: the day of the Lord .... is the Lord's day.

Now let's look through the scriptures .... about the day of the Lord. It is foretold in nearly every book of the prophets.

The first mention of the Lord's day is in the prophet **Isaiah's** writings. Right from the start, it sounds like a devastating time:

**Isa 2:12** For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

When the Lord has 'His day' .... only He will be lifted up:

**Isa 2:17-21** And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

It'll be doom and gloom for the Lord's enemies .... but for the Lord Himself and His people, it'll be magnificent:

**Isa 4:2-6** In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

For the Lord's remnant, it will also be a time of regathering:

**Isa 11:10-12** And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, (He was King David's father) which shall stand for an ensign (like a symbol, badge, emblem, banner, flag, or pennant) of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

The Lord's day will be a time of screaming when He pours out His holy wrath on His enemies:

**Isa 13:6** Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

**Isa 13:9** Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Death will be conquered. When the Lord brings His salvation to Israel, then His people won't cry anymore:

**Isa 25:8-9** He will swallow up death in victory;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;  
and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth:  
for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

There will be singing in the Lord's day. Israel will be lifted up:

**Isa 26:1-3** In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah;  
We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.  
2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.  
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. (Ever read that verse on a wall plaque in a 'Christian' bookstore? It is set in the context of the Lord's day .... NOT today!)

The devil will get his fixins' in that day:

**Isa 27:1** In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

The Lord will be worshipped in His day:

**Isa 27:13** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

The Lord will be the 'crowning beauty' of Israel then:

**Isa 28:5** In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,

Not only will the Lord be that to Israel ... but likewise ... Israel will be that in God's hand:

**Isa 62:1-4** For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.

3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

Yes, in that day, Israel will rise and shine .... and folks will know it:

**Isa 60:1-3** Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.

2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

We know through the apostle Paul's writings, that the Gentiles are coming to God NOW .... not through Israel's RISE ---- but through their FALL. Romans chapter 11 tells us that God welcomes us now ..... not because of Israel ---- but in spite of them.

Their rise will occur in a future day from now .... in the Lord's day.

When the Lord's day comes, Israel will rule the earth:

**Isa 60:12** For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

Jerusalem will be honored then. Everybody better bend over and get down:

**Isa 60:14** The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

### What a day that will be:

**Isa 60:18-21** Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.

20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

### The prophet **Jeremiah** also writes about the day of the Lord's slaughter:

**Jer 25:32-33** Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.

### A 'well-known' name for the day of the Lord .... is the time of Jacob's trouble:

**Jer 30:7-10** Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it:

it is even **the time of Jacob's trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.

8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

### God is silent in heaven now, but He will retaliate in His day:

**Jer 46:10** For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood:

for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

The prophet **Ezekiel** predicted **WAR** in the Lord's day:

**Ezek 13:5** Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in [the day of the LORD](#).

Idol worshippers will be dealt with then:

**Ezek 30:3** For the day is near, even [the day of the LORD](#) is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

There will be a whole lot of shakin' going on. Insurance companies refer to storms, floods, tornados, hurricanes, and such .... as 'acts of God.' Well, that day, God really will send the forces of nature:

**Ezek 38:19-23** For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;  
 20 So that the fishes of the sea,  
 and the fowls of the heaven,  
 and the beasts of the field,  
 and all creeping things that creep upon the earth,  
 and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence,  
 and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.  
 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.  
 22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.  
 23 **Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.**

The prophet **Hosea** wrote of the Lord's day, when He will cause Israel to live safely. We already read where Isaiah said the land would be called Beulah (that is, married). During betrothal, a woman is regarded as a lawful wife of a man:

**Hosea 2:18-20** And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.

19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

The prophet **Joel** foretold the Lord's day:

**Joel 1:15** Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Joel issues a call to arms (loud, warning noises):

**Joel 2:1** Blow ye 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 cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

The Lord's great army is put on alert, ready for the fight:

**Joel 2:11** And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

More than once, the Lord makes catastrophic changes in the sky-lights:

**Joel 2:31** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

The apostle Peter foretold that same event at Pentecost, when quoting Joel:

**Acts 2:19-20** And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

Lots of people will be gathered for the day of the final show-down:

**Joel 3:14-18** Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim

The prophet **Amos** wrote about the Lord's day:

**Amos 5:18** Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! to what end is it for you? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

'Weird' things will happen in the sky. Israel will be chastened before being restored:

**Amos 8:9-12** And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:

10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.

11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD:

12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.

The Lord will rebuild David's tabernacle:

**Amos 9:11** In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

The prophet **Obediah** wrote about the Lord's day when God will judge idol worshippers:

**Obed 1:15** For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. (Sounds like the 'golden rule' will be enforced ... not optional then.)

The prophet **Zephaniah** wrote about a terrible time of God's wrath:

**Zeph 1:14-18** The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.

17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither 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 shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Zephaniah also prophesied about the meek escaping God's anger in His day.

**Zeph 2:3** Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.

That verse relates to this next passage in the Psalms:

**Psa 76:7-9** Thou, even thou, art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?

8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven; the earth feared, and was still,  
9 When God arose to judgment, to save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

When Jesus was on the earth, He taught His disciples that too:

**Matt 5:5** Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

The Lord's day will also be a time of jubilation:

**Zeph 3:16-17** In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not:  
and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

The prophet **Zechariah** wrote alot about the Lord's day. God's sheep Israel will be comforted by their great Shepherd:

**Zech 9:16** And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

The Lord will pay back Israel's enemies then:

**Zech 12:9-11** And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications:  
and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

The prophet **John** refers to this same day:

**Rev 16:13-16** And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The fountain we already read about in Joel is mentioned in this next verse also:

**Zech 13:1-2** In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.

We get quite a few details in Zechariah chapter 14 about the Lord's day:

**Zech 14:1-9** Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

2 For **I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle**; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 **Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle**.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

8 And it shall be in that day, that **living waters shall go out from Jerusalem**; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And **the LORD shall be king over all the earth**: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

There was an instance when Jesus told His disciples that He needed to travel through Samaria. While He was there at the well, a Samaritan woman came to draw water. He told her to give Him a drink. She wondered why He even spoke to her:

**John 4:10, 13-14** Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

Joh 4:13 Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:

14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

Here's another mention of the living waters:

**Rev 7:17** For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them (These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb), and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

The day of the Lord will also be a time of holiness and sacrifice:

**Zech 14:20-21** In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.

21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe (or boil) therein: and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

The prophet **Malachi** foretold that Elijah would appear again:

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

John prophesied that two witnesses would come for half of Daniel's 70th week:

**Rev 11:2-3** But the court which is without the temple leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. (42 months = 3-1/2 years)

3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. (A score is 20 .... so it is 1,260 days ... which divided by a 30-day prophetic month = 42 months ... which is 3-1/2 years)

These 2 witnesses could possibly be Moses and Elijah, since they were the two on the mountain in the glory cloud with Jesus:

**Matt 17:1-3** And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,  
 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.  
 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Remember that when Michael and the devil were arguing over Moses dead body, the Lord intervened and took it:

**Jude 1:9** Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Also remember that Elijah never died. God picked him up in a 'personal passenger vehicle' and swooshed him up in the sky:

**2 Kings 2:11** And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

When we move into the earthly ministry of Christ, He told His disciples that He wouldn't drink again of the vine's fruit until God's kingdom came:

**Matt 26:27-29** And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;  
 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.  
 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Jesus cautioned His disciples about the day of the Lord catching them by surprise. Obviously, this next passage has a future meaning, since they died before it happened:

**Luke 21:34-36** And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting (**excessiveness, gluttony, over-doing-it**), and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.  
 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.  
 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

We'll skip over the apostle **Paul**'s references to the day of the Lord until next week. That is the subject of next week's message, as 'Part Two' to this one.

Peter also warns of the coming Lord's day:

**2 Peter 3:10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Tonight, we've seen many things that will occur in the Lord's day.

It will be a day of great wrath, anger, and vengeance.

It will also be a day of blessing, rest, and holiness.

The day of the Lord is basically ....

first of all, when He makes war on His enemies ....

and secondly, when He rules in righteousness from Jerusalem ....

when Jesus return to the earth.

This is David Dowell, saying "Think about it!"







