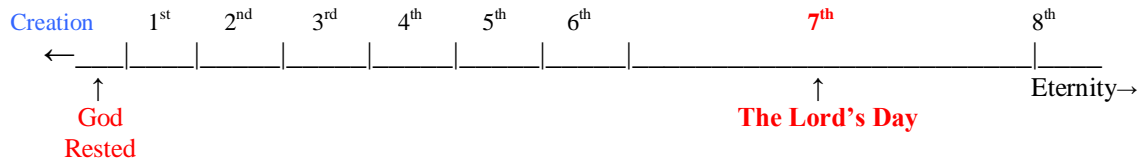


The Day of the Lord

This term is used many times in the Bible. It is also referred to as the Lord's Day, the day of Christ, the Last Day, the great day, the great and terrible day, the day of God's wrath, the day of Rest, "that day", et cetera. Using the scriptures, just what is this "day", how long is it, and when could it possibly have begun?



The first six days of creation were a type of the 6 prophetic "days" that mankind would be given before the **7th prophetic "day"** began. Within that 7th "day" Sabbath of rest, God will bring in His "rest," which is the Millennial kingdom.

Of the first six days of the creation week, each had an evening and morning, and the corresponding 6 prophetic "days" that followed (6000 years of mankind's history) were periods of 1000 years each according to Psalm 90:4 & 2nd Peter 3:8.

The 7th day of Creation had **NO** evening or morning however. Its prophetic type (**the Lord's Day**) is a period of time that can contain **more** than 1000 years! For **within** that 7th day (the Lord's Day) the 70th week of Daniel must occur, followed by the 2nd Advent and the one thousand year Millennial reign. Following the Millennial kingdom, Satan is "*loosed*" to tempt man one last time. All these events must take place before the "8th day" when the Eternal Kingdom is to begin.

As you can see, "**that DAY is GREAT, so that NONE is LIKE IT**" (Jeremiah 30:7), and this is why the Lord's Day is not restricted by time or the parameters of time (i.e. evening and morning)! **The 7th day is the "last day" (John 6:44, John 11:24). The "last day" is when all resurrections occur AND NOT BEFORE (John 11:24)! The phrase "last day" occurs exactly SEVEN times in the New Testament.**

Rosh Hashanah 2000 ended the 6000 years (called the "Year of the Mikvah") and the Jewish Rabbis declared the beginning of the "time of Jacob's trouble". Soon after (2001) the Jewish Sanhedrin was reformed, having been absent in Israel and Jerusalem since 70 AD.

Christ had previously told the Jewish leaders of the Sanhedrin "*For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord*" (Matthew 23:39). The Jewish leaders (Sanhedrin) of Jesus' day rejected Him the first time He came.

In order for the Second Coming to occur, the Jewish Sanhedrin must be in existence in order to both accept the Messiah and to crown Him as their King, for that is the purpose of the Sanhedrin. After God gets through with Israel (putting them through the period of "*great tribulation*" and "*the time of Jacob's trouble*") they will most definitely welcome Him and say "*Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord*" (cross reference Zechariah 12:10 and Psalm 2:12).

Jesus said "*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day*" (John 6:44).

The “*last day*” is the 7th day, the “*day of the Lord*,” which began on Rosh Hashanah 2000. Jesus will return in that 7th and “***last day***”, completing all resurrections and judgments, as well as establishing His Millennial Kingdom.

The Lord's Day (the “*day of the Lord*”, the day of Christ, et cetera) MUST be seen scripturally as being without constraints or time limitations so that every reference to the Lord's Day can be fulfilled literally and without contradiction! This is why His Day is without the restrictions of time as given in the creation account. It is so that the 1,000 year reign of Christ can be in it, so also it is said to be a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of rejoicing, a day of REST, a day of God's wrath upon the unbelieving wicked, and also a day where there is no light in it. All of these references to the condition of the Lord's Day (at that time of it), can only be true if the Lord's Day is greater than just 1,000 years.

Now the big question arises: DID the Lord's Day (the 7th “day” from creation) begin as the Jews and even the Gentile world celebrated as the beginning of the 7th Millennium in the year 2000? And if it did, there will be seen more than one scripture of prophecy that surrounds the beginning of this Day as having been fulfilled literally!

The 2nd chapter of Joel is a good example of the many facets of the “*day of the Lord*”! Through the prophet Joel, does the Lord indicate to us when this “day” will begin?

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*”

Is it an indication that the “*day of the Lord*” will begin with the “blowing of Trumpets” or at the Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah? The Lord does say that it is coming and it is nigh at hand, and then goes on to describe this “day”!

Joel 2:2-“*A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains*”

The description is that of great spiritual darkness, etc, and following with it is that of war and unrest. But yet in this same “day” the Lord says it will be of:

Joel 2:16-“*Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?*”

Here we see the 2nd Coming of Christ (the bridegroom) with His Bride (the believers from the ages past to then) at a time when Israel is crying unto the Lord for their salvation and savior/Messiah!

What then comes because of the 2nd Coming of Christ as the Messiah/King of Kings and Lord of Lords to the world through Israel?

Joel 2:18-“*Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. 19: Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen*”

Joel 2:21-“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things. 22: Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23: Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. 24: And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. 25: And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. 26: And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. 27: And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed”.

These scriptures are all describing the conditions of the "day of the Lord" after the 2nd Coming and establishing of Christ's Millennial Kingdom!

Now in the following, the Lord says (in a "summary"), from the pouring out of His Spirit (empowering of His people) from Pentecost to the 2nd Coming of Christ, the means of His salvation! For whomever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered/saved!

Joel 2:28-“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30: **And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.** 31: **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.** 32: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call”.

However the Lord does say that there will be "signs" **BEFORE** this GREAT (it is “great” in that of the restoring of which sin has eaten/destroyed- the Millennial Kingdom is established, etc.) and TERRIBLE (that of the description of the time of "Great Tribulation" above) DAY OF THE LORD COME. Yes, there will be these "signs" which MUST be seen as fulfillment of them BEFORE this “day” comes!

In other words, there had better have been seen signs in the heavens (in general) and in the earth (unusual volcanic activity-the blood, fire and pillars of smoke), and to the specificity of the signs in the heavens (the sun darkened-total eclipse-but to the unusual) and the moon turned to blood (again total lunar eclipse to the unusual) BEFORE the "Feast of Trumpets/Rosh Hashanah" of 2000 **IF** the Lord's Day did indeed begin at that time!

And you can find more on these fulfilled scriptures concerning the "signs of the times", the "feast and famine years" of Joseph, and "the Time of Jacob's Trouble" that are directly related to the beginning of the Lord's Day at www.godstimeline.net.

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