

# *“A Bad Camping Trip”*

*The Biblical Doctrine  
of the Day of the Lord*

# A Definition

“The “Day of the Lord” is a technical term pointing to the special interventions of God in human history for judgment, and ultimately refers to God’s future judgment on the wicked earth at the end of the Tribulation and again at the end of the Millennial Kingdom period; at which time He officially and finally ends this present evil world system.”

# Old Testament Background

## 19 references by 8 authors:

Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5; 30:3;  
Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18  
(twice), 20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7, 14  
(twice); Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5

“that day, the day, the great day” 75x

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## Near

Obadiah 1-14

Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11

Isaiah 13:6

Zephaniah 1:7

## Far

Obadiah 15-21

Joel 2:31; 3:14

Isaiah 13:9

Zephaniah 1:18

# OT Day of the Lord Fulfillments

1. Assyria & Israel;
2. Assyria & Judah;
3. Babylon & Judah;
4. Babylon & Egypt;
5. Demise of Edom;
6. Tribulation judgments.

# Judgment is Paramount

“The prominent theme of every Day of the Lord prophecy is God’s judgment of sin.”

Hebrews 9:27-28;

2 Peter 2:4, 9; 3:7

# Four NT “Days of the Lord”

Acts 2:20 - A sneak peak into the future

1 Thessalonians 5:2 – for unbelievers

2 Thessalonians 2:2 – still future

2 Peter 3:10 – devastating final cleansing!

# What Are We Waiting For?

1. Elijah-like forerunner before Christ at DOL; like John Baptist earlier;
2. Great rebellion (apostasy) against God by earth's people before DOL;

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3. Revealing of Antichrist in middle of Tribulation in Jerusalem Temple before DOL;
4. Nations assemble in Valley of Decision; called Armageddon before DOL;

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5. Unmistakable signs in sun, moon, stars right before DOL;
6. Son of Man appears coming in the clouds to rescue Israel and usher in Millennial Kingdom!

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7. Satan-led rebellion against Christ's kingship at end of Millennial Kingdom;
8. Great White Throne Judgment;
9. Old earth/heavens burned up; new earth/heavens created;
10. Eternity begins!

# In the Meantime

1. Don't doubt it – repent & be saved!  
2 Peter 3:3-9
2. Get ready by being like Jesus now!  
1 John 3:1-3
3. No regrets before it comes!  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 1; 1 Timothy 6:14