

DAY OF THE LORD TIMING & CHARACTERISTICS

Jesus spoke of the “abomination of desolation (Mt.24:15) as the beginning of the Tribulation (Mt.24:21). The Day of the Lord will be preceded and initiated by celestial signs (Jl.2:30-31; Mt.24:29; Lk.21:25; Rv.6:12), but follows the Tribulation (Mt.24:29). Prior to the Day of the Lord the unbelievers following the Beast system (receiving the mark, Rv.13) will have a sense of peace and security (1Th.5:3). But like a thief, sudden destruction will come upon them.

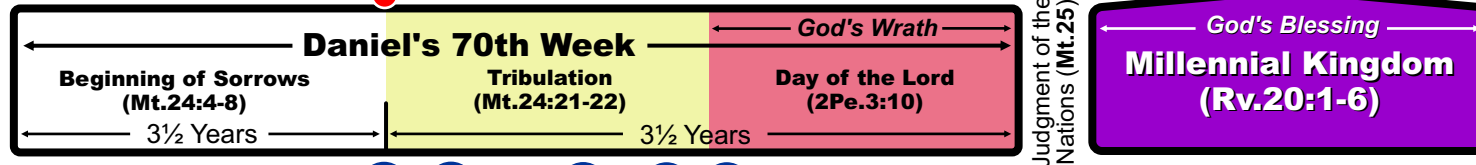
❖ TIMING

“Abomination of Desolation” (Da.11:31; 12:11; Mt.24:15; Mk.13:14; Lk.21:20; 2Th.2:1-5; Rv.13:14-18)



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- DOTL: God, not the antichrist, will be exalted (Is.2:11, 17)
- DOTL: The wrath will last at least 5 months (locusts, Rv.9:1-6)



- 1 Man of Sin Revealed (2Th.2:2-3)
- 2 The “Falling away” (2Th.2:2-3)
- 3 Peace & Safety (1Th.5:3)
- 4 Cosmic Signs (Jl.2:30-31; Mt.24:29; Lk.21:25; Ac.2:17-21; Rv.6:12)
- 5 Tribulation “cut short” (Mt.24:22)

BIBLE REFERENCES

- “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.” (1Th.5:3)
- ³⁰And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come” (Jl.2:30-31)
- “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken” (Mt.24:29)
- ¹²And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; ¹³And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.” (Rv.6:12-13)



❖ CHARACTERISTICS

- 1 The man of sin will reveal himself as he breaks his covenant with Israel and commits abominations at the Temple in Jerusalem. He will proclaim himself to be God (2Th.2:3-4). Jesus also spoke of this event as the beginning of Tribulation (Mt.24:15-21).
- 2 The Greek word for “falling away” is *apostasia* which means ‘to stand away from [something]’, or ‘a departure’. Paul provides a clue as to what this departure is by encouraging them to hold on to what they were taught (2Th.2:15). This will occur BEFORE the “coming” and “gathering” rapture (2Th.2:1-3).
- 3 The unbelieving world, because they are following the Beast system, have a sense of peace and safety (1Th.5:3). However, “like a thief in the night” they are completely unaware that God’s wrath (“sudden destruction”) is about to be poured out upon them. They have material security (Mt.24:27-29, “as the days of Noah”).
- 4 The cosmic signs referred to, from the OT prophets, Jesus Himself, and the Book of Revelation immediately PRECEDE the Day of the Lord (Jl.2:30-31; Mt.24:29; Lk.21:25; Ac.2:17-21; Rv.6:12-13).
- 5 The period of Tribulation (Mt.24:21-22) will be so difficult for believers (“elects sake”), that it will be “cut short” (Mt.24:22). Because it is shortened, we do not know how long this period of Tribulation will last.