



Three Rivers Fellowship

An Introduction to the Day of the Lord

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1. Abstract

This session provides an introduction into the grand topic of the Day of the Lord (DOL). The DOL is defined, and an overview is provided as to its time, duration, and constituent parts. It will be shown that the Day of the Lord, the great topic of the Old Testament and Non-Pauline New Testament finishes God's programs for both Israel and the Gentile Nations. This session shows that the Day of the Lord comprises all of future redemptive history after the Rapture event including (1) Israel's 3rd Generation, (2) The Millennial Kingdom, (3) The "Little Season", the condemnation of Satan, the Great White Throne Judgment, and the Eternal Kingdom. Not summarized in this session is the Body's relationship to the Day of the Lord. It is however "hinted to" at various places throughout this outline [see sections 3.2 and 4.2].

2. Introduction

The Day of the Lord (DOL) is a rich, vital, and plentiful theme throughout the Old Testament and non-Pauline New Testament. It is the time when God is actively and publicly operating in the affairs of men bringing about His judgment and salvation. The following figure provides a graphical illustration of the Day of the Lord along with its major constituents: (1) Its Beginning (the Rapture), (2) Israel's 3rd Generation (and the Judgment of God), (4) the Millennial Kingdom, (3) The "Little" Season and the Loosing of Satan, (4) The condemnation of Satan and the Great White Throne Judgment [not explicitly shown in the figure below], (5) the Renovation of the Heavens and Earth, and finally (6) the Eternal Kingdom.

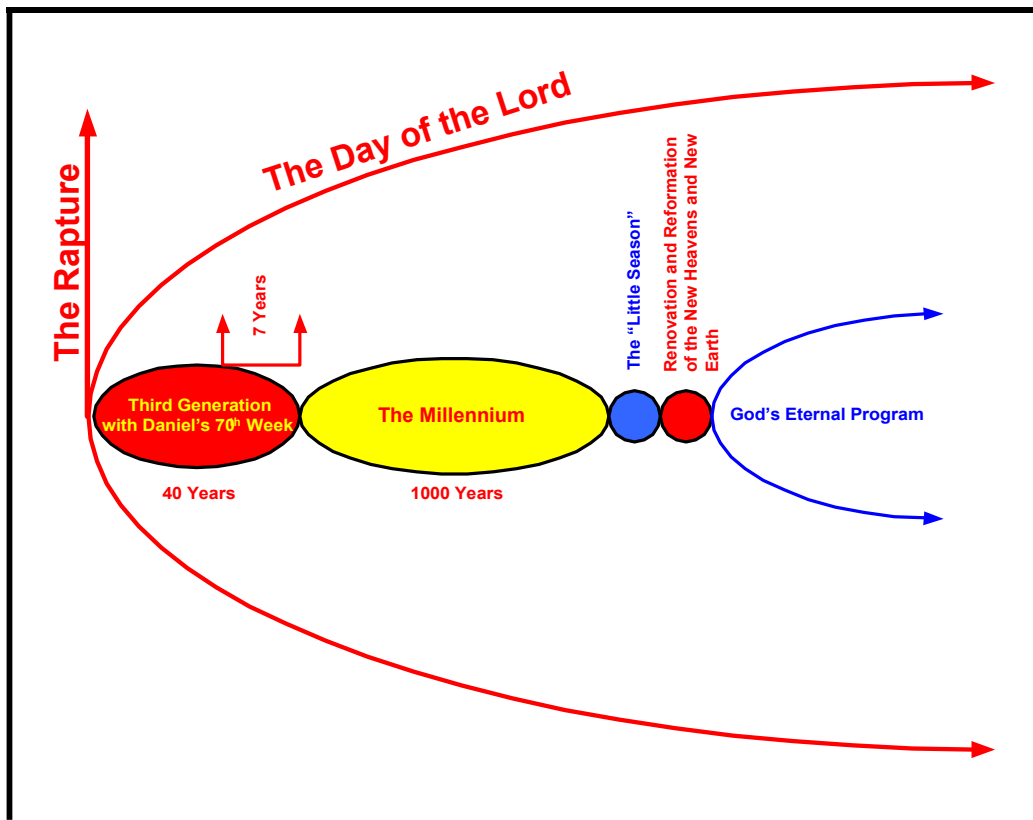


Figure 1. The Day of the Lord

The phrase "Day of the Lord" occurs 23 times in the pages of the Bible and identified with comments in the table below.

The Day of the Lord Occurrences		
Family	Scripture Addresses	Contextual Comments
1	Isa 2:12	The judgment of God as contained within the 3rd Generation
2	Isa 13:6, 9	The judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation including astronomical and astro-geological catastrophes of judgment.
3	Ez 13:5	Armageddon and the judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation
4	Ez 30:5	The judgment of God upon the surrounding gentile nations (Egypt, Ethiopia, and Libya) ¹ . Nebuchadnezzar's human judgment used as a historical link for God's future judgment.
5	Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14	The judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation, including the "ministry" of the 144K, as God's Priestly "Terminators" ² , God's human element used in cleansing the Land as they are led by Shekinah. Along with this is the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom as Israel repents (2:17-19) and God send them corn, wine, and oil (prosperity).
6	Amos 5:18(2), 20	The judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation.
7	Oba 15	The judgment of God on the nations on behalf of God's elect of Israel. Includes the "ministry" of the 144K (vs. 21=Saviors).
8	Zeph 1:7, 14(2)	The judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation.
9	Zech 14:1	The coming of Shekinah at the beginning of Daniel's 70th Week (requires additional correlation for proof) ³
10	Mal 4:5	There is much discussed in the context of chapter 4 as small as it is. It includes the judgment of God during Israel's 3rd Generation, the Millennial Kingdom, the DOL's Terminus a quo, and the prelude of John the Baptist (Elijah the Prophet).
11	Acts 2:20	Peter's inspired commentary on Joel 2. Here it is clear that the last days of Israel includes the 2nd Generation (vs.17), but the DOL does not start until Israel's 3rd Generation. Thus, the "last days" of Israel begin before the start of the Day of the Lord.
12	1 Thes 5:2	The Day of the Lord begins precisely with the pre-3rd Generation Rapture.
13	2 Thes 2:2	The "man of sin" (AntiChrist) is not revealed until after the Rapture - the DOL's Terminus a quo .
14	2 Pet 3:10	The renovation of heavens and earth.

Table 1. Biblical Occurrences of the Phrase "Day of the Lord"

Other terms used for this great Biblical theme include "that day", "the day", "the great day", "those days", and more. These terms occur more than 100 times throughout the Old Testament and non-Pauline New Testament, where the amount of Scripture devoted to the "Day of the Lord" theme is astounding. Some of the passages are enumerated below⁴ for the reader's own study. The author strongly encourages the reader to study the Old Testament Prophets and identify their DOL discussions - the reader will be surprised at the amount of discussion devoted to this awesome theme! Furthermore, there are many verse sets that do not use these terms, but also discuss the great theme of the DOL.

¹ Note that these are all Hamitic Nations being judged by Nebuchadnezzar in the past. God will judge them AND Assyrio-Babylon in the future.

² While on one-hand the author is being "cute" in calling the 144K, "Terminators" (after the Schwazeneggar characters), the description of the 144K's escapades is similar to those of the movie characters. See Joel 2:1-10a.

³ For this correlation, see TGF Eldership, **A Working Study on the Book of Revelation**, Trinity Grace Fellowship, Pittsburgh, and PA 1995.

⁴ The author has made an attempt to "weed out" references that clearly do not apply to the DOL or some element within the DOL. The reader should verify these references for himself.

"That Day" References

- Isa 2:11; 2:17; 2:20; 3:7; 3:18; 4:1; 4:2; 5:30; 7:18; 7:21; 7:23; 10:20; 10:27; 10:32; 11:10; 11:11; 12:1; 12:4; 17:4; 17:7; 17:9; 19:16; 19:18; 19:19; 19:21; 19:23; 19:24; 20:6; 22:8; 22:12; 22:20; 22:25; 23:15; 24:21; 25:9; 26:1; 27:1; 27:2; 27:12; 27:13; 28:5; 29:18; 30:23; 31:7; 52:6
- Jer. 4:9; 25:33; 30:7; 30:8; 39:16; 39:17; 48:41; 49:22; 49:26; 50:30
- Ezek. 24:26; 24:27; 29:21; 30:9; 38:14; 38:19; 39:11; 39:22; 45:22; 48:35
- Hos. 1:5; 2:16; 2:18; 2:21
- Joel 3:18
- Amos 2:16; 8:3; 8:9; 8:13; 9:11
- Obad. 1:8
- Mic. 2:4; 4:6; 5:10; 7:11; 7:12
- Zeph. 1:10; 1:15; 3:11; 3:16
- Hag. 2:23
- Zech. 2:11; 3:10; 9:16; 11:11; 12:3; 12:4; 12:6; 12:8; 12:9; 12:11; 13:1; 13:2; 13:4; 14:4; 14:6; 14:8; 14:9; 14:13; 14:20; 14:21
- Mal. 3:17
- Matt. 7:22; 24:36; 26:29
- Mk. 13:32; 14:25
- Lk. 6:23; 10:12; 17:31; 21:34

"The Day" References

- Isa. 2:12; 10:3; 11:16; 13:6; 13:9; 13:13; 14:3; 17:11; 30:25; 30:26; 34:8; 61:2; 63:4; 65:5
- Jer. 1 12:3; 16:19; 17:17; 17:18; 18:17; 20:14; 32:31; 33:20; 34:13; 46:10; 46:21; 47:4; 51:2; 52:34
- Lam. 2:1; 2:16
- Ezek. 7:7; 7:10; 7:12; 7:19; 13:5; 22:24; 24:25; 26:18; 27:27; 30:2; 30:3; 30:18; 33:12; 36:33; 39:8; 39:13; 43:18; 44:27; 46:1; 46:6
- Hos. 1:11; 4:5; 5:9; 9:5; 10:14
- Joel 1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 3:14
- Amos 1:14; 3:14; 5:8; 5:18; 5:20
- Obad. 1:11; 1:12; 1:13; 1:14; 1:15
- Mic. 3:6
- Mic. 7:4; 7:11
- Nah. 1:7; 2:3
- Hab. 3:16
- Zeph. 1:7; 1:8; 1:14; 1:18; 2:2; 2:3; 3:8
- Zech. 14:1; 14:3
- Mal. 3:2; 4:1; 4:3
- Matt. 10:15; 11:22; 11:24; 12:36; 25:13
- Mk. 6:11
- Lk. 1:80; 17:30; 22:7; 24:29
- 1 Pet. 2:12
- 2 Pet. 2:9; 3:7; 3:10; 3:12
- 1 Jn. 4:17
- Rev 8:12

"The Great Day" References

- Zeph. 1:14
- Jude 1:6
- Rev. 6:17

"The Great and Terrible Day" References

- Joel 2:31

"The Time of Jacob's Trouble" References

- Jer 30:7

An examination of these passages will show that the Biblical concept of the Day of the Lord is defined to be a period of time whereby God is publicly active in the affairs of men, bringing about the salvation of Israel and the Nations. Its view is earthly and its time is eternal.

3. Day of the Lord

This section provides very brief overviews of the major constituents of the Day of the Lord. Details as to each of these constituents can be found in the other sessions of this Conference.

3.1. Terminus a quo: The Rapture

To pinpoint the "relative" location in time when the Rapture occurs, we only need look at one Biblical reference: 1 Thes 5:1-11 not only shows the "relative" location in time of the Rapture, but it also shows that the Rapture is the starting event of the Day of the Lord. We provide a summary of these passages.⁵

- 1 Thess 5:1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.
- 2 For yourselves know perfectly that **the day of the Lord** so **cometh** as a thief in **the night**.
- 3 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.
- 4 But ye, brethren, are not **in darkness**, that that **day** should overtake you as a **thief**.
- 5 Ye are all the children of **light**, and the children of **the day**: we are not of **the night**, nor of **darkness**.
- 6 Therefore let us not **sleep**, as *do* others; but let us **watch and be sober**.
- 7 For they that **sleep** sleep in **the night**; and they that be **drunken** are drunken in **the night**.
- 8 But let us, who are of **the day**, be **sober**, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For **God hath not appointed us to wrath**, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 Who died for us, **that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him**.
- 11 **Wherefore comfort yourselves together**, and edify one another, even as also ye do. {comfort: or, exhort}

A careful examination of the passages above, show that Paul is performing a "word play" as enumerated below:

Night == Darkness == Day of the Lord
Light == Day == *Body-age*

Verse 1-3:

Paul states that the Thessalonians need no further help regarding their knowledge of end time events because he has already covered these things with them in detail. Paul says that they know these things *perfectly* (or precisely, just as an acrobat must walk precisely on the tight rope not to fall). Paul begins the first "word play" in verse 2 by equating the "**Day of the Lord**" with "**the night**", and the **coming** of the Day of the Lord as a "**thief in the night**". It is in the Night when the "travail" occurs. This usage of "travail" has been previously well established to refer to the experience of Israel during the 3rd Generation.⁶

Verse 4:

Next Paul clearly states the "you all" (the Body saints of Thessalonica) are categorically NOT in the darkness (night) - that "THAT DAY" (Day of the Lord) should over take them.

Verse 5:

Again Paul categorically states that "you all" (the Body saints of Thessalonica) are children of light indeed children of day; and continues by categorically stating that we are **NOT** (Greek emphatic) of the night **NOR** the darkness.

Verse 6:

Since "sleeping" is normally done at night, Body saints ought to be awake (perfectly sober and of sound mind).

Verse 7-9:

Let those that sleep, sleep in the night, and let us who are of the day be sober. For true Body saints have put on the breastplate (thorax) of faith and love and the helmet of salvation's hope (the hope of the Body). Thus, while we are in the day we are to put on the breastplate and helmet of salvation which are detailed for us in Ephesians 6 as part of the armor by which the Body saint today prepares himself for the obtaining of salvation (verse 9) [the appropriation of the Hope as detailed in the Rapture-Battle - Eph 6]).

Verse 10&11:

Christ's death has appropriated our success and salvation, and as a result we should forever live together with Him. It is in this context that we are to build each other up in doctrine, faith, and practice. This edification of each other is the true manner in which saints demonstrate their love for one another.

⁵ Walsh, R.E., **The Hope of the Body of Christ II: The Rapture Battle**, *The Pauline Bootcamp*, Trinity Grace Fellowship, Pittsburgh, PA, 1995, rev. 2005, pp. 11, 12

⁶ Recall that Messiah is born **before** the travail, and that the entire nation is born **via** the travail.

Summary of the Terminus a quo

When the Rapture occurs the Day of the Lord begins and as we have seen in other studies and outlines, the Rapture precedes the entire 3rd Generation of Israel, and is therefore more correctly called the "Pre Third Generation Rapture" or "Pre Day of the Lord Rapture".

3.2. Third Generation

The most Biblically detailed portion of the DOL is Israel's 3rd Generation. What follows is a very brief discussion identifying several key elements within the DOL as they relate to Israel's 3rd Generation. To help visualize the 3rd Generation, the following graphic is provided.

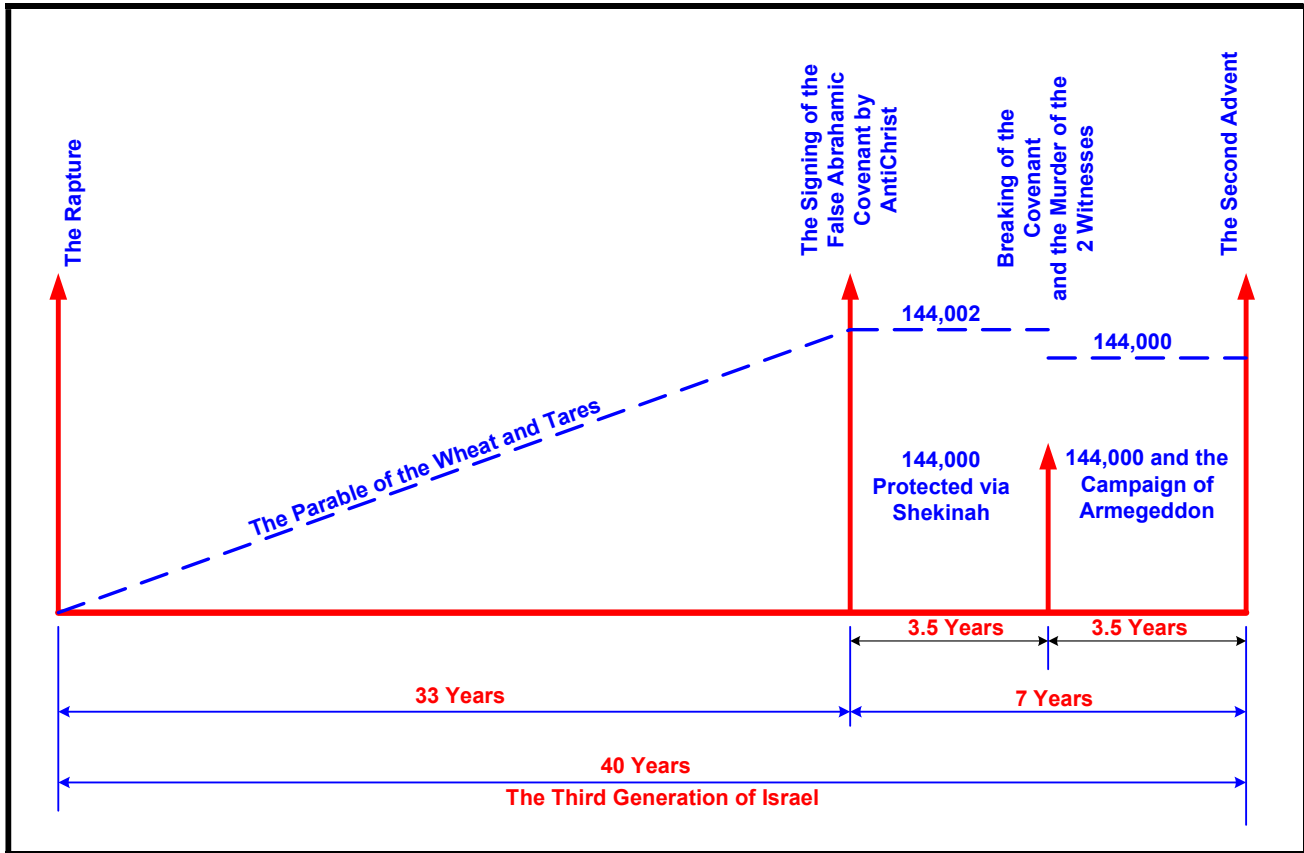


Figure 2. Israel's 3rd Generation

The First 33 Years

The first 33 years of Israel's 3rd Generation corresponds to the time outlined in the Parable of the Wheat and Tares.

Mat 13:24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

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36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked *one*;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; {things...: or, scandals}

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Correlating the Parable of the Wheat and Tares⁷ to the 3rd Generation bears much fruit. It explicitly illustrates the nature of the time - human-Israel growing up with nephilimic-Israel, growing up side-by-side, unable to be distinguished from each other until the Tares (nephilimic-Israel) manifest themselves (the Harvest) as AntiChrist comes on the scene. Note that all of "Wheat and Tares" are 33 years old or younger, so it can be said that both Elect of God and the Reprobates of Israel represent movements of "youth". Correlating to this period are the first 6 Seals of Revelation, where it is seen that the 6th Seal begins with the 70th Week of Daniel; "the mother of all earthquakes" occurs (comp. Zech 14:4,5 & Rev 6:12-14), and Shekinah comes down to the Mount of Olives protecting the 144K.

Zech 14:1 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.

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine. {A measure: the word choenix signifieth a measure containing one wine quart, and the twelfth part of a quart}

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. {unto them: or, to him}

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

12 And 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;

13 And 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. {untimely figs: or, green figs}

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Daniel's 70th Week

Daniel's 70th Week is a period of 7 years determined upon the nation of Israel, cleansing the Land, destroying all of nephilimic-Israel, and bringing Israel back into the Land. Also, the temple is violated, AntiChrist is destroyed, and the 2 Witness perform their ministry and eventually martyred.

Dan 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.

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.

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.

⁷ See. Walsh, R.E., **The Parables of Christ**, 2002 TGF Bible Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, 2002

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.

AntiChrist makes a covenant with Reprobate Israel to secure the Land and establish the Kingdom. This of course is the false fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant, which promises the Land (the Palestinian Covenant), a righteous King (the Davidic Covenant), and national Regeneration (the New Covenant). By the end of the 7 years, God has destroyed the evil doers and sets up His Millennial kingdom.

First Half (3 1/2 Years) of Daniel's 70th Week

As seen above the 70th Week of Daniel begins by Antichrist making his covenant with reprobate-Israel. The first 3 1/2 years of this period include:

(1) The Ministry of the Two Witnesses

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a **thousand two hundred and threescore days**⁸, clothed in sackcloth.

4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

8 And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

(2) The "Training" of the 144K

AntiChrist's covenant with reprobate-Israel is the cue for the 144K to go into hiding, for the purpose of training, and preparation for the Campaign of the Great Day - they are nourished and trained for 3 1/2 years, corresponding to the time of the Ministry of the 2 Witnesses.

Zech 14:5 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.

Rev 12:6 And the woman (144K) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there **a thousand two hundred and threescore days**.⁹

Rev 14:3b ...no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, *being* the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

(3) The Casting out of Satan from Heaven

Michael as the great Archangel is given permission to fight against Satan and his band. Michael is victorious and "kicks" Satan out of Heaven forever, never to return. As we have seen in many studies, the Body of Christ rules the entire created order with Christ from the Father's Throne. The Elect angels take their orders from Christ through His extended non-Incarnate Body (the church). With this in mind, the Body of Christ, has been sitting on the Father's Throne (with Christ) for the first 33 years of Israel's 3rd Generation and has listened to the "old drip" - Satan, as the "Accuser of the Brethren", accuse elect Israel of their sin. At the end of the 33-year period, God's patience is finally ended and Christ through His Body gives Michael the order to attack.

⁸ The 1260 days corresponds to the first 3 1/2 years of Daniel's 70th Week [the first half]

⁹ This refers to the same period for the ministry of the 2 Witnesses. As the 2 Witnesses are performing their ministry in the Temple, the 144K are preparing for their heroic military campaign.

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Rev 12:7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,
8 And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.
9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down**, which accused them before our God day and night.

(4) A Period of great geological and astronomical cataclysm

During the first 3 1/2 years of Daniel's 70th Week God shakes the earth and cosmos in judgment of man.

Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.
8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;
9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.
10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.
12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Actually, throughout the entire 3rd Generation geological and astronomical catastrophes are occurring. The geological events especially provide the mechanism for the reformation of "Pangaea". During this time, God is reforming the continental structure of the earth to conform to the Antediluvian setup. There are a host of implications to this, some of which are:

1. A new hydrological cycle in the Millennial Kingdom
2. A way in which the righteous Gentiles bring the Diaspora of Israel back to their Land
3. A new environment, providing for a longer lifespan for man
4. Due to their ignorance of Scripture, reprobate man fears to the point of death, because as far as they are concerned they are "seeing the end of the world"

Second Half (3 1/2 Years) of Daniel's 70th Week

The 2nd half of Daniel's 70th Week begins with the martyrdom of the 2 Witnesses. Their demise is the cue for the 144k to go on their rampage taking back the land as they follow Shekinah. It is time of great and terrible trouble for the entire globe, and is in fact specifically the time of Jacob's trouble - the Great Tribulation Period, a time that "should it be longer no flesh would be saved". It ends with the triumph of Christ, through Shekinah and the 144K.

(1) The Ministry of the 144K

Armageddon is erroneously thought of as a "battle", but in fact, it is a "campaign" that lasts 3 1/2 years and correlates to the 144K taking back the Land.

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;
2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.
3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land *is* as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.
4 The appearance of them *is* as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.
5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.
6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.
7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:
8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.
9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.
10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:
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?

Oba 1:21 And **saviours** shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

(2) The "Campaign" of Armageddon

The Battle of the Great Day, culminates in the Plain of Megiddo otherwise known as Armageddon.

Rev 16:13 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**.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

All too often, Evangelicals talk of Armageddon as if it were a single "battle" or "skirmish". The Greek word for "battle" in Rev 16:14 is (τὸν πόλεμον) and means "campaign" or "war" and not limited to a mere "battle". While the Greek word for battle or skirmish is (μαχη). πολεμος occurs 16 times in the Testament and always means war, while μαχη occurs 4 times and always means "battle" or a "fight" and never means "war". The KJV translators have done us a great disservice by translating πολεμος in Rev 16:14 as "battle".

Summary of the 3rd Generation

The 3rd Generation is that Generation, which sees

1. The Rise of the Wheat and Tares
2. The Rise, Career, and fall of Antichrist and False Prophet
3. Daniel's 70th Week
4. The Ministry of the 2 Witnesses
5. The "Terminating" Ministry of the 144K
6. The Reformation of Pangaea
7. The Victorious War of Christ ending in Armageddon

3.3. Millennial Kingdom

The Millennial Kingdom is the first phase of the Eternal Kingdom for Israel. It is setup upon the completion of Armageddon, the cleansing of the temple, and the judgment of the Nations. It is a reformation of the Antediluvian World, whereby the lion will lay down with the lamb and a little boy will harmlessly play with snakes. The "nature of nature" is restored to its "Antediluvian" condition.

Joel 2:17 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

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:

20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.

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 fats 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.

Isa 11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD;

3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign 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.

13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

The Millennial Kingdom is the first phase of the Eternal Kingdom. Included in the Millennium are (not an inclusive list by any count):

1. The national resurrection of Israel (Ez 37)
2. The cleansing of the Temple (Dan 8:14)
3. The reconstruction of Land
4. National regeneration (Jer 31:29-31)

The duration of the millennial phase is explicitly 1000 years.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but **they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

3.4. The Little Season and the Battle of Gog and Magog

After the 1000-year Millennial Kingdom, Satan is loosed from his Tartaro-prison only to stir up the nations again against the nation of Israel. He is loosed for a "little season" to perform his final plans of bringing Gog out of the North to pounce upon Israel. His "final solution" utterly fails.

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

3.5. The Final Demise of Satan

Upon the failure of his "final solution", Satan is taken and cast into the Lake of Fire, where the AntiChrist and FalseProphet already are.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

3.6. The White Throne Judgment

Immediately upon the demise of Satan, God takes up the Great White Throne Judgment, the assessment and condemnation of all reprobates of every age.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. {hell: or, the grave}

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

3.7. Renovation of the Heavens and Earth

Upon the completion of the eternal judgment, sentencing, and condemnation of the reprobate, the heavens and earth are created a new, where all the righteous saints of the Earthly Program spend eternity.

2 Pet 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.

11 *Seeing* then *that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the **day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new

3.8. Terminus ad quem: The Eternal Kingdom

In geometric terms, "time" is like a "ray". A ray has a beginning, but no ending - it continues on forever.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Luke 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

4. "Days" Related to the Day of the Lord

Two very important phrases related to the Day of the Lord are:

1. The Day of Man
2. The Day of Christ

These are briefly discussed in the sub-sections below.

4.1. Day of Man

Paul; refers to "man's day" or "the day of man" in 1 Cor 4:3.

1 Cor 4:3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of **man's judgment**: yea, I judge not mine own self.

1 Cor 4:3 ἐμοὶ δὲ εἰς ἐλάχιστόν ἐστιν, ἵνα ὑφ' ὑμῶν ἀνακριθῶ ἢ ὑπὸ ἀνθρωπίνης ἡμέρας· ἀλλ' οὐδὲ ἑμαυτὸν ἀνακρίνω

While poorly translated by the KJV translators, the context indicates that Body-age is defined as "man's day", when man "seems" to be in control and God "seems" not to be active in the affairs of men. This aspect of the "Pauline-Age" has fundamental implications for understanding the nature and history of the Body-age and is the Pauline answer to "Deism".¹⁰ It also explains why the "scientific method" was not systematized until the Body-age and why man's "interest" into the "systematic and predictable" operation of the universe came about only in the 16th Century (Francis Bacon).¹¹

The "Day of Man" is equated with the "church-age" or the "Body-age".

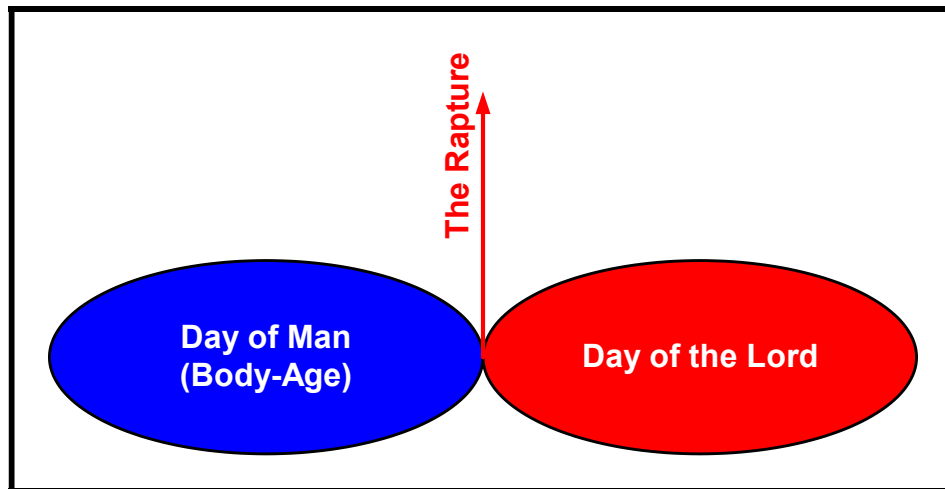


Figure 3. A Comparison of the Day of Man and the Day of the Lord

Interested Party	Day of Man	Day of the Lord
Man	"Seems" to be in control	Hides under the rocks
God	"Seems" to be silent "Silent-Sovereignty" "Stealth-Sovereignty"	Overtly manifested Sovereignty

Table 2. The Apparent Character of God & Man in the Days of the Lord and Man

¹⁰ "Deism" is idea that God originally created the cosmos, then left, and is now allowing the universe to run by itself (as expressed through mathematical laws) - similar to "Elvis leaving the building". However, God has not left, rather He has modified the nature of His cosmic control. Outside of the Body-age, God overtly operates in the affairs of men, while during the Body-age God has chosen to operate in the affairs of men in a stealthy manner. The reason for cosmic-stealth is necessitated because of the very nature of salvation today. During the Body-age, salvation is non-ceremonially expressed and private in nature. So is God's rule today!

¹¹ The Greeks notwithstanding, it took 16 centuries to rid western culture sufficiently of neo-Platonism and other non-Pauline doctrines [recall the apostasy outlined in 2 Tim 1:15]. This "mini-recovery" enabled a "little" of the Pauline Worldview to "shine though" and with just a "smidgen" of light, the cultural epistemology gave birth to Modern Science. Modern Science, the brainchild of a Biblical Worldview has been since abandoned in many respects.

4.2. Day of Christ

Another term related to the "Day of the Lord" is the "Day of Christ". It occurs 6 times in the New Testament and only in Paul.

(A) 1 Cor 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in **the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

(a) 1 Cor 1:8 ὅς καὶ βεβαιώσει ὑμᾶς ἕως τέλους ἀνεγκλήτους ἐν **τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ κυρίου ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦ [Χριστοῦ]**.

In 1 Cor 1:8, the reference to "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" can only refer to the "heavenly program" to which the Body is saved. In verse 7, the Body is said to be "waiting" for the "revealing" of our Lord Jesus Christ. The context demands that we understand this "revealing" as Christ coming in His humanity for His Body. Christ revealed as "the Head", receiving His extended Body to Himself. This is the Rapture event! The texts are not all agreed as to the occurrence of "Christ" in the verse. Moreover, verse 9 discusses the Body's "fellowship" (κοινωνία) with Christ in that we have been "called" to this awesome relationship. This relationship is consummated at the Rapture and continues for eternity.

(B) 1 Cor 5:5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

(b) 1 Cor 5:5 παραδοῦναι τὸν τοιοῦτον τῷ Σατανᾷ εἰς ὄλεθρον τῆς σαρκός, ἵνα τὸ πνεῦμα σωθῆ ἐν **τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ κυρίου. [Ἰησοῦ]**

The context of 1 Cor 5:5, is that of a Corinthian brother entering into an adulterous relationship with his stepmother. Paul exhorts the Corinthian Eldership to send this guy away, out of the assembly so that he might manifest himself as a "regenerated" individual who will be successful in the Day of the Lord Jesus. This refers to the Rapture, since it makes no sense to speak of success for the Body in the Day of the Lord. The texts and authorities are mixed as to the inclusion of the word "Jesus". However, the context seems to favor its usage here, favoring the "Majority" view.

(C) 2 Cor 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are* ours in **the day of the Lord Jesus**.

(c) 2 Cor 1:14 καθὼς καὶ ἐπέγνωτε ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ μέρους, ὅτι καύχημα ὑμῶν ἐσμεν καθάπερ καὶ ὑμεῖς ἡμῶν ἐν **τῇ ἡμέρᾳ τοῦ κυρίου [ἡμῶν] Ἰησοῦ**.

Here in 2 Cor 1:14, Paul is discussing the "manifesting" of oneself through progressing in "ἐπιγνωσις" until the end of the Body-age - the Rapture.

(D) Philp 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until **the day of Jesus Christ**:

(d) Philp 1:6 πεποιθὼς αὐτὸ τοῦτο, ὅτι ὁ ἐναρξάμενος ἐν ὑμῖν ἔργον ἀγαθὸν ἐπιτελέσει ἄχρι **ἡμέρας Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ**.

Paul discusses our "sanctification" and having it continue until the "Day of Christ Jesus" which in context refers to the Rapture.

(E) Philp 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till **the day of Christ**

(e) Philp 1:10 εἰς τὸ δοκιμάζειν ὑμᾶς τὰ διαφέροντα, ἵνα ᾗτε εἰλικρινεῖς καὶ ἀπρόσκοποι εἰς **ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ**,

Similar to verse 6 above, Paul is discussing the "manifestation" of the Philippian saints until the Rapture event.

(F) Philp 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in **the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain.

(f) Philp 2:16 λόγον ζωῆς ἐπέχοντες, εἰς καύχημα ἐμοὶ εἰς **ἡμέραν Χριστοῦ**, ὅτι οὐκ εἰς κενὸν ἔδραμον οὐδὲ εἰς κενὸν ἔκοπίασα.

Paul is discussing the "manifestation" of the Philippian saints at the Rapture event so that Paul's ministry to them is not in vain.

Summary Comments on the Day of Christ (Jesus, or Christ Jesus)

In each of the occurrences discussed above, the "Day of Christ" refers to the event whereby Christ in His Humanity takes His extended Body to Himself. It refers to event whereby (1) Christ is completed, in that, He has taken on His non-incarnate extended humanity, and (2) the Body enters its hope by being jointly and equally glorified and "throned" with Christ. Specifically, the term "Day of Christ" refers to the Rapture event, and or extension it refers to the eternal relationship between Christ and His Body. The following figures illustrate differing relationships between the Day of Christ and the Day of the Lord.

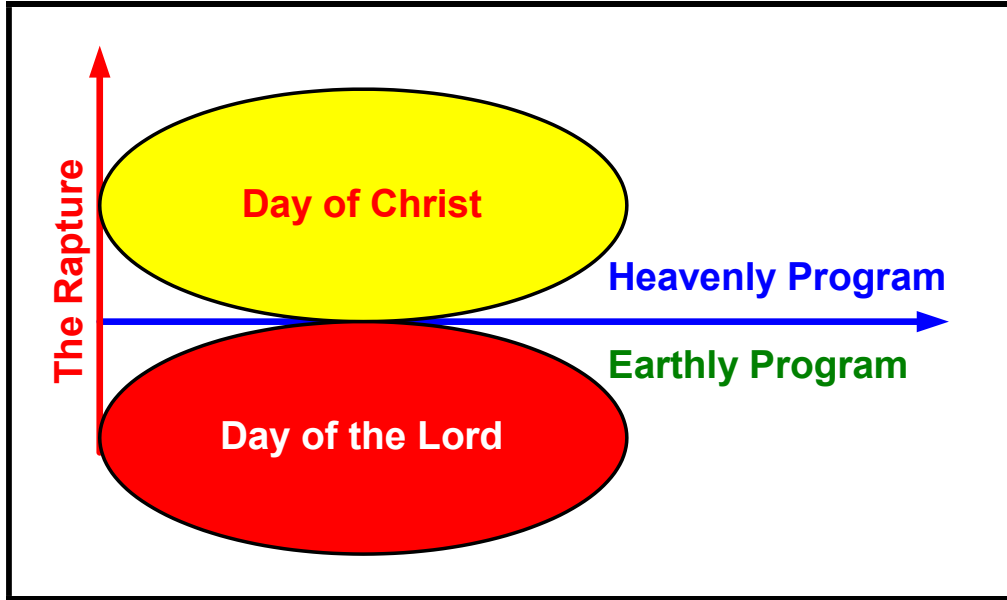


Figure 4. A Comparison of the Day of Christ and the Day of the Lord

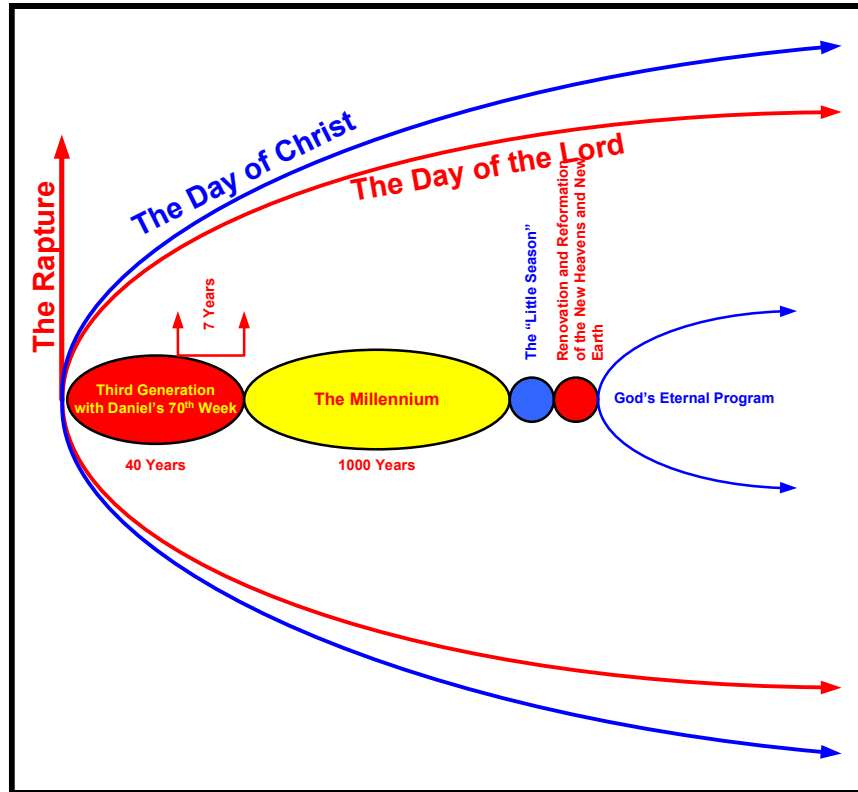


Figure 5. Another Comparison of the Day of Christ with the Day of the Lord