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The Death of the Mid-Tribulation Rapture Theory: Part 1

Many have tried to place the church in part or all of the Tribulation-70th Week-12th and final and final day of the Lord-Wrath of the Lamb for various reasons. Those who place the church in the First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation are called "Mid-Tribulation Rapturists." This position holds that the church will be raptured in the middle of the seven year period. Those who place the church in the entire Tribulation are called "Post-Tribulation Rapturists." They hold that the church will be raptured at the very end of the seven years.

The "Mid-Tribulation Rapture" position rests on two wobbly legs. Actually, it perches precariously upon one leg, but that one leg is so weak, they have to bring in another, even weaker leg, to support their first one. The first leg is this; those who are "Mid-Tribulation Rapturists" greatly misunderstand what the Bible has to say about the 12 days of the Lord.

Because of this great misunderstanding, they bring in the second leg of support which is this; they are forced to "juggle" the God given chronology of the book of Revelation. When they do this they foul up both Matthew 24 and Mark 13, but this isn't all. They must now attempt to *overlap in various ways* the seven seals, the seven trumpets and the seven vials. They leave themselves a mass of even more confusion.

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Some of the misunderstandings the *Mid-Trib* followers have concerning the day of the Lord, which make them believe the church will go through the First 3 ½ Years of the 70th Week-Tribulation-12th and final and final day of the Lord-wrath of the Lamb, are as follows:

- The word "wrath" is not used in the first six seals of the book of Revelation and therefore the First 3 ½ Years of the tribulation is not a time of wrath. Consequently, the church will be in the First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation and be raptured out in the middle of it. In other words, The day of the Lord is a time of wrath and since the word "wrath" is not used in the first part of the book of Revelation, then, either the First 3 ½ Years is not really "wrath" or the 12th and final day of the Lord does not start until the last half of the Tribulation. Consequently, the church will be in the First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation and be raptured out in the middle of it.

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- The wrath in the First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation is not dished out by "angels" as it is in the last half. Since the wrath of God is administered by angels in the last half it must be in the First 3 ½ Years also. Since it is not, then the First 3 ½ Years is not really God's wrath of the day of the Lord. Therefore the church must go through the First 3 ½ Years and be raptured out in the middle of it etc.

- Since the word "judgment" is not used in the First 3 ½ Years, then this is not really the time of God's judgment and therefore cannot be the day of the Lord yet. Consequently, the day of the Lord must start in the last half of the Tribulation. Therefore, the church will be in the First 3 ½ Years to be raptured out in the middle of it. (By their own rules, if the First 3 ½ Years is not "wrath" because the word *wrath* is not used to describe it, then the "church" is not in the First 3 ½ Years because that word *church* is not used there either. They will, however, not admit to this. Consequently, they don't even play by the rules of their own game.)

- In the First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation, Jesus only opens the seals, he does not cause the war, famine, slaughter and devastation which results from it. Therefore, the First 3 ½ Years is not really the "wrath and judgment" of the 12th and final day of the Lord. But, as we look at all 12 days of the Lord, this argument will collapse because we shall see that in only 4 of the first 11 days of the Lord does God inflict the wrath and judgment himself. Yet, it will be obvious to you that they are still days of the Lord and God himself is responsible for all the wrath and judgment that happens within each and every one of them. Therefore, the same thing will show itself to be true concerning the First 3 ½ Years of the 12th and final day of the Lord also.

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These well-meaning arguments are all based on a misunderstanding of two things. First, they misunderstand the difference between the First 3 ½ Years of 12th and final day of the Lord and the "**Great and Terrible**" Second 3 ½ Years of it. In the last chapter we showed this difference. Second, they misunderstand the complete teaching of the Bible doctrine of all 12 days of the Lord. In the next three chapters, we shall give the reader in outline form what the Bible has to say about all 12 days of the Lord. Then, we provide a chart showing the things discussed about all 12 days of the Lord. These chapters plus the chart will show you that all the arguments listed above will absolutely not place the church in any part of the Tribulation period.

We shall list the 12 days of the Lord shown to us in the Old and New Testaments in chronological order as they occurred in time. You will see that each of them occurred in time separated from each other by many years. In other words, the first day of the Lord is separated from the 12th and final day of the Lord by thousands of years. However, there are common denominators all twelve of them share. the 12th and final day of the Lord is the only one in the New Testament.

To analyze these 12 days of the Lord, we shall use a simple outline so the reader will have a complete, total grasp of this subject. The reader can use this analysis as a handy reference tool for years to come any time someone wants to persuade him/her the rapture will occur in the

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middle of the Tribulation. All the scriptures you will ever need to understand what the Bible says about each and every one of the 12 days of the Lord are printed out for you below in its proper, logical order. The basic outline we shall use follows below.

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- Day of the Lord #.
- The Prophet who gives us the detail of it and the date of his prophecy.
- Scripture reference.
- The subjects of God's wrath and judgment during it.
- The purpose or reason of it.
- The instrument God used to minister His wrath and judgment. (Watch and see how many of the 12 days of the Lord has *no angels* as the instruments of judgment.)
- Is the term "wrath" used in the passage? (Watch and see how many times the word "wrath is *not used* in the 12 days of the Lord.)
- Are the terms "judge" or "judgment" used in the passage? (Watch and see how many times the words "judge-judgment" are *not used* concerning the 12 days of the Lord.)
- What are the results of it on the land and people?
- Are there "Cosmic Upheavals" (supernatural happenings in the heavens and on the earth outside of natural laws) recorded in it and, if so, do any of them (Cosmic Upheavals) occur "before" the 12th and final day of the Lord as a sign which precedes it or do they occur within it? (One godly brother has written a book, The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church in which he absolutely insists that cosmic upheavals occur as a "sign" before the 12th and final day of the Lord. We shall see that this is a great mistake on his part.)
- Is the word "angels" used as the instrument of it? (Watch and see how many times the word "angels" is *not used* concerning the 12 days of the Lord.)
- Is the expression "*Great and/or Terrible*" in it?
- Is a time of "peace and rest", or the Millennium, mentioned in connection with it? Most, if not all, of the references to the "peace and rest" connected with the day of the Lord passages swell beyond the borders of the local, Old Testament situation and reach far into the future and prophecy of the final millennium described in Revelation 20. (Watch and see how many times

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the Millennium is mentioned in connection with the 12 days of the Lord. Some Mid and Post-Trib writers try desperately to maintain that the 12th and final day of the Lord does not include the millennium.)

- In this chapter we look at the first four days of the Lord. In the following two chapters we look at the other eight of them.

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Those parts that are not for the prophet's own day require a far application. They reach forward to the book of Revelation for a literal fulfillment. As we progress through this chapter, we will alert you to those instances where the far interpretation is obvious. We will **underline, make bold and italicize** those scriptures that have an **obvious** fulfillment in the book Revelation.

In the last paragraph, we used the word **obvious**. In other words, we will only **underline, make bold and italicize** those places in the scriptures that are obviously Cosmic Upheavals that have not happened yet but will be actually *fulfilled during the Tribulation etc.* Or statements that describe things that have not happened yet, *but will be completely fulfilled in the Millennium.*

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In Chapters Five, Six and Seven, we **underline, bold and italicize** only the scriptures that will find their complete fulfillment in the book of Revelation. Watch closely for them. This will help you see the scripture to scripture truth contained here. Watch for the **underlined scriptures!**

Day of the Lord #1.

- Prophet and Date: Joel - 835-796 B. C.
- Scripture Reference: Joel chapters 1-3

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- Subjects on whom God's judgment and wrath are directed: the Southern Kingdom of Judah.
- Purpose of God's judgment and wrath: to call the people back to God.

Joel 2:12-13

12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

- Instrument of God's wrath and judgment: Locusts, palmerworms, cankerworms, and caterpillars. God calls them "my great army." Notice that "angels" are not instruments here. The argument that they have to be God's instruments of judgment is mistaken.

Joel 1:4

4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

Joel 2:25

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.

- Is the term "wrath" used to describe God's attitude during it? No. And yet, this is a day of the Lord. The argument that it must contain the word "wrath" to be a day of the Lord is mistaken.
- Are the terms "judge" or "judgment" used in the passage? Yes in Joel 3:12.

Joel 3:12

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

- Results upon the land and people.

Joel 1:1-20

1 The word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers?

3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.

4 That which the palmerworm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine, for it is cut off from your mouth.

6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meat offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn.

10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted: the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.

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11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.

12 The vine is dried up, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple trees, even all the trees of the field, are withered: because joy is withered away from the sons of men.

13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests: howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meat offering and the drink offering is withholden from the house of your God.

14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD.

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

16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is withered.

18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.

19 O LORD, to thee will I cry: for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee: for the rivers of waters are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

Joel 2:1-32

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 everyone 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?

12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

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14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:

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.

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?

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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 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.
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.

See the underlined verses above. These have their literal fulfillment in the book of Revelation. We know this because the Jerusalem Post was silent about it and the Evening News failed to carry it. ***This is the far interpretation and application.***

See also Joel 3:1-21.

- Are Cosmic Upheavals mentioned and do they occur as a "sign" preceding it or do they occur within the First day of the Lord? Yes, but they occur "within" it and not "before" it as a sign. Joel is very definite. He places the Cosmic Upheavals as the beginning point of the "***Great and Terrible***" part of the day of the Lord which we determined in the previous chapter occurs in the middle of it.

Below, we underline those places which will be fulfilled in the book of Revelation. Obviously they were not fulfilled in Joel's day for they were never reported in the *Jerusalem Post*. Had the earth quaked, the heavens trembled, the sun and moon be dark and the stars withdraw their shining, the first page of the Jerusalem Post would still be reporting it. The *6:00 News* would have covered it and would still be covering this story. They did not cover this breaking news because these Cosmic Upheavals required a future fulfillment in the book of Revelation. They did not happen in Joel's day.

See the 12th and final day of the Lord in Chapter Seven.

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Joel 2:10-11

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?

Joel 2:30-31

30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

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Joel 3:15-16

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.

• Are "angels" mentioned as God's instrument of wrath and judgment? No. Although they are not God's instrument of judgment, this is still a day of the Lord. To require angels to do it is a mistake that the Mid-Trib people cannot support.

• Does Joel distinguish between the day of the Lord and the "*Great and Terrible*" part of it? Yes.

Also, did the Jerusalem Post and the Evening News say anything about the following scriptures? Why not? They remained silent because Joel was carried by the Holy Ghost into the future. Why did Joel get transported? They were silent because these events were meant for that future time in the book of Revelation to be made real.

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• Does Joel include a time of peace and rest (the Millennium) within the time frame of this first day of the Lord and does he specifically say that it will occur "in that day"? Yes. Specifically, Joel uses "in that day" in chapter 3 verse 18. Here is a day of the Lord which includes "peace and rest" within its borders.

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Below you will find both near and far. I have underlined some obvious scriptures that will be fulfilled in the book of Revelation. See if you can find some more. Notice again the absence of the Jerusalem Post and Evening News.

Joel 2:18

18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

Joel 2:21-27

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.

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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.

Joel 2:32

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.

Joel 3:17-21

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.

19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

20 But Judah shall dwell forever and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

The underlined scriptures above will be literally fulfilled in the 12th and final day of the lord in the book of Revelation.

Day of the Lord #2.

Remember the underlined scriptures below must wait for their literal fulfillment in the 12th and final day of the Lord in the book of Revelation.

- Prophet and Date: Amos who lived in 780-755 B. C.
- Scripture Reference: Amos 3-9.
- Subjects: Northern Kingdom of Israel.

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- Purpose or reason for the judgment and wrath in this Second day of the Lord: During a time of extreme prosperity in Israel, the people oppressed the poor, worshipped idols, broke God's covenant and defiled God's name. Hypocrisy, greed, and injustice prevailed. Worship of God had degenerated to mechanical ritualism and was mingled with, if not replaced by, dependence upon pagan idols. In addition, they thought the day of the Lord was to be a time of blessing and not judgment and wrath.
- Instrument God used to bring the wrath and judgment of this Second day of the Lord: The Assyrian Army. This prediction of judgment by this army was fulfilled 40 years later. Again, angels are not used here as God's instrument of wrath and judgment as the Mid-Trib people declare.

Amos 7:17

17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou shalt die in a polluted land: and Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

Amos 7:11

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land.

Amos 7:9

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

Amos 9:4

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

Amos 9:6

6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

- Is the term "wrath" used to describe God's attitude? No. And yet, this is also a day of the Lord. The argument that "wrath" must be used or it is not really a day of the Lord is mistaken.
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- Results upon the land and/or people:

Amos 3:11-15

11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; An adversary there shall be even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.

12 Thus saith the LORD; As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out that dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.

13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of hosts,

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14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him I will also visit the altars of Bethel: and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

15 And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

Amos 5:16-20

16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Lord, saith thus; Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.

17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.

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.

19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

20 Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

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Amos 8:2

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

Amos 8:3

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: there shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them forth with silence.

Amos 8:8-13

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? and it shall rise up wholly as a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

9 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.

13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.

Amos 9:1-10

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1 I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down:

3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them:

4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.

5 And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.

6 It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name.

7 Are ye not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir?

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.

9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.

10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.

- Are Cosmic Upheavals mentioned and are they given as "signs" which precede this Second day of the Lord or do they occur "within" it? Yes, but they are "within" it. They are not a "sign" which precedes it.

Amos 8:9

9 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:**

- Are angels mentioned as God's instrument of wrath and judgment? No. However, this is still a time of wrath and judgment and still a day of the Lord. To insist that angels must inflict the punishment or else it is not really a part of the real day of the Lord wrath is mistaken.
- Does Amos distinguish between the day of the Lord and the "***Great and Terrible***" last half of it? No.
- Is the Millennium mentioned and if so does Amos link it to "in that day"? Yes to both. He uses the statement "in that day" in Amos 9:11. To argue that the millennium is not a part of any of the days of the Lord is mistaken.

The scriptures below are both near and far. I shall be conservative here and only underline those obvious statements that will have their complete fulfillment in the book of Revelation. See the 12th and final day of the Lord in Chapter Seven.

Oh yes! I almost forgot to mention the absence of the Jerusalem Post and the Evening News.

Amos 9:11-15

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:

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12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.

14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Day of the Lord #3.

- Isaiah who lived from 740-680 B. C.
- Scripture References: Isaiah chapters 2-5.
- Subjects: The Southern Kingdom of Judah and specifically Jerusalem.
- Purpose or reason: they had cast away the law of the Lord and despised his word.

Isaiah 5:24

24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

- Instrument God used to bring about the wrath and judgment during this Second day of the Lord: The Assyrian Army. Notice again that angels are not the instruments here.
- Is the term "wrath" used in the passage? No. But it is still a day of the Lord. To require "wrath" to be used is a mistake.
- Are the term's "judge" or "judgment" used in the passage? Yes.

Isaiah 2:4

4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Isaiah 3:13-14

13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.

14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof: for ye have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

Isaiah 4:4

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.

- Results upon land and/or people of this Third day of the Lord:

Isaiah 1:7-9

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7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Isaiah 1:28-31

28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.

30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

Isaiah 2:10-12

10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

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:

Isaiah 2:17-21

17 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.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Isaiah 3:1

1 For, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water.

Isaiah 3:7-8

7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

Isaiah 3:16-18

16 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17 Therefore the Lord will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

Isaiah 3:24-26

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24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

Isaiah 5:5-7

5 And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6 And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Isaiah 5:13-15

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

- Are Cosmic Upheavals mentioned and if so when do they occur? Do they occur before it as a prophesied "sign"? Yes, they occur "within" it but not as a "sign" which precedes it.

Isaiah 2:19-21

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.

20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

- Are angels mentioned as God's instrument of judgment? No. To require angels to do it is a mistake since this is still a day of the Lord.
- Does Isaiah distinguish between this Third day of the Lord and the "Great and Terrible" last half of it? Yes. He uses the word "terribly" in verses 19 and 21 shown above in chapter 2. The above (Isaiah 2:19-21) is exactly what happens in the middle of the 12th and final day of the Lord-Tribulation-70th Week as we saw in the last chapter. This is what happens immediately following the opening of the 6th seal in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 6:12-17

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.

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

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

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16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

- Is the Millennium mentioned and linked to this Third day of the Lord? Yes. The expression "in that day" is used in Isaiah 4:2. To declare that the day of the Lord does not include the millennium is a mistake.

We underlined the scriptures below signifying a far interpretation and application. Nevertheless, some of it could have happened during Isaiah's day. This is common. Many of the scriptures we look at in Chapters Five, Six and Seven have a double application. Some are both near and far to varying degrees.

Isaiah 4:2-6

2 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.

Look at me again. I forgot to mention the Jerusalem Post and the Evening News.

Day of the Lord #4.

- Prophet and Date: Isaiah who lived from 740-680 B. C.
- Scripture Reference: Isaiah chapters 13-14.
- Subject of this judgment: Babylon.
- Purpose or Reason for this 4th day of the Lord: The abusive way they treated the Jews.
- Instrument God used to deal in judgment with Babylon: The Army of the Medes. To require angels to do it won't wash.

Isaiah 13:17-18

17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

- Is "wrath" used in the passage? Yes.

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Isaiah 13:9

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.

Isaiah 13:13

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 14:6

6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

- Are the terms "judge" or "judgment" used in this passage? No. Again, to require these terms is a mistake. This is still a day of the Lord.
- Results of this judgment upon Babylon:

Isaiah 13:6-16

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

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travailed: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

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.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

- Are Cosmic Upheavals mentioned in this 4th day of the Lord? Yes. They are in chapter 13 verses 10 and 13. They are not "signs" which precede it. They occur "within" it.

Isaiah 13:10

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Isaiah 13:13

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

- Are angels mentioned as God's instruments of affliction? No. To require them is a mistake. The Mid-Trib group does not have a leg to stand on.

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- Does Isaiah use the term "*Great and Terrible*"? No.
- Is the peace and rest of the Millennium mentioned here? Yes, in 14:1-3. Also, Isaiah used the expression "in that day" in 14:3, definitely linking the Millennium to that time in history known as the 12th and final day of the Lord. It is a mistake to say that the millennium is not a part of the day of the Lord.

Isaiah 14:1-3

1 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

3 And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

Didn't see any news people sneaking up on us did you?

Summary Concerning the First Four days of the Lord

- The word "wrath" is only used in one of these Four days.
- The requirement of the Mid-Tribulation view that "wrath" be used is a great mistake.
- In addition, the word "judgment" is only used in one of them. The requirement that it be used is also a great mistake.
- Cosmic upheavals are included in all four of them, but in no case are they said to be a "sign" which precedes any one of them. They all occur within the day itself. To maintain they are a "sign" which precedes the days of the Lord as does the author of *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of the Church* is a mistake.
- Neither do angels minister God's wrath in any of them. To demand that angels minister it or it is not really a time of wrath or judgment just won't fly. In the first one, locusts do it. In the next three, armies do it.
- Furthermore, "great and/or terrible" is mentioned in three of the four.
- Finally, the millennium (the time of peace and rest) is included in all four. To say that the day of the Lord does not include the millennium (time of rest) is also a great mistake.