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Descriptive Names For The Day Of The Lord

Introduction

The phrase “the Day of the LORD”, as used in the Old Testament, may indicate several different elements concerning that future time of divine judgment upon the world. Sometimes it is used to indicate the beginning point of the Day of the LORD and at other times it refers to a specific event that takes place within that time period. We must understand that this phrase does not refer to a 24-hour day but an extended time period that will encompass many events and will be characterized by God's judgment and wrath.

God's Descriptive Terms Describing the Day of The LORD

- 1) The Day of the Lord of Hosts:
 - a) “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” (Isa. 2:12)
- 2) The day of the Lord GOD of hosts:
 - a) “For this *is* the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates” (Jer. 46:10)
- 3) The day of the LORD'S sacrifice:
 - a) “And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with strange apparel” (Zeph. 1:8)
- 4) The Lord is seen as the leader of His army:
 - a) “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 2:11)
- 5) The day of the Son of Man:
 - a) “For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day”. It effects man and creation. (Lk. 17:24)
 - b) “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” (Isa. 13:9)
 - c) “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” (2 Pet. 3:10). There are many passages in the Old Testament that give us a vivid description of the Day of the Lord.
 - d) “Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty . . . 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. . . I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity . . . 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” (Isa. 13:6-13).
 - e) “The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole

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land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy; for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land” (Zeph. 1:14-18).

- f) From these descriptions and the other passages that illustrate it, it is clear that the Day of the LORD is a time when God's patience will be over and His divine wrath will be poured out on wicked mankind. It is the time of God's judgment when the wicked are recompensed for their evil. It is also a time when God will humble the proud and abase the lofty. Isaiah tells us that, “the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day” (Isa. 2:11, 17).

6) The indignation:

- a) “Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast” (Isa. 26:20; 34:2)

7) The day of God's vengeance:

- a) “It is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion” (Isa. 34:8; 63:1-6)

8) The great day of His wrath:

- a) “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: For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?” (Rev. 6:16-17)

9) The hour of His judgement:

- a) “Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to Him; for the hour of His judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of water” (Rev. 14:7)

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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