

~DAY OF Yehowah (412)

.. Times Of Destructive Judgment

- The special period of time, not 24 hours, **when Yehowah actively manifests himself against his enemies and in behalf of his people.** With divine judgment executed against the wicked, Yehowah comes off victorious over his opposers during this day.
- It is also a time of salvation and deliverance for the righteous, the day in which Yehowah himself is highly exalted as the Supreme One. Thus, in a double way it is uniquely and exclusively Yehowah's great day.
- This day is detailed in the Scriptures as a time of battle, a great and fear-inspiring day of darkness and burning anger, a day of fury, distress, anguish, desolation, and alarm. What, then, will the day of Yehowah mean to you people?
- God asked wayward Israel by the mouth of his prophet Amos.
- Woe to those who are craving the **day** of Yehowah! What, then, will the day of Yehowah mean to you people? **It will be darkness, and no light.** (**Amos 5:18**)
- Just as when a man flees because of the lion, and the bear actually meets him, and as when he went into the house and supported his hand against the wall, and the serpent bit him. (**Amos 5:19**)
- Will not the **day of Yehowah** be darkness, and not light, and will it not have gloom, and not brightness? (**Amos 5:20**)
- Look! The **day of Yehowah** itself is coming, cruel both with fury and with burning anger, in order to make the land an object of astonishment, and that it may annihilate the lands sinners out of it. (**Isaiah 13:9**)
- That **day** is a day of fury, a day of distress and of anguish, a day of storm and of desolation, a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick gloom. (**Zephaniah 1:15**)
- Into the streets they will throw their very silver, and an

abhorrent thing their own gold will become. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them in the **day of Yehowah's fury**. Their souls they will not satisfy, and their intestines they will not fill, for it has become a stumbling block causing their error. (**Ezekiel 7:19**)

- Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them in the **day of Yehowah's fury**, but by the fire of his zeal the whole earth will be devoured, because he will make an extermination, indeed a terrible one, of all the inhabitants of the earth. (**Zephaniah 1:18**)
- A sense of urgency is attached to the **day of Yehowah** by the prophets, who repeatedly warned of its nearness.
- The great **day of Yehowah is near**. It is near, and there is a hurrying of it very much. The sound of the day of Yehowah is bitter. There a mighty man is letting out a cry. (**Zephaniah 1:14**)
- Alas for the **day**, because the day of **Yehowah is near**, and like a despoiling from the Almighty One it will come! (**Joel 1:15**)
- Blow a horn in Zion, O men, and shout a war cry in my holy mountain. Let all the inhabitants of the land get agitated, for the **day of Yehowah is coming**, for it is near! (**Joel 2:1**)
- It is a **day** of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick gloom, like light of dawn spread out upon the mountains. There is a people numerous and mighty, one like it has not been made to exist from the indefinite past, and after it there will be none again to the years of generation after generation. (**Joel 2:2**)

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- From certain features of the prophecies, and in view of subsequent events, it appears that the expression, the **day** of Yehowah, at least in a miniature way, referred to different times of destructive judgment that occurred long ago at the hands of the Most High.
- For example, Isaiah envisioned what would befall unfaithful Judah and Jerusalem on the **day** belonging to Yehowah of armies, which was coming upon everyone self-exalted and lofty among them.
- The haughty eyes of earthling man must become low, and the

loftiness of men must bow down, and Yehowah alone must be put on high in that **day**. (**Isaiah 2:11**)

- For it is the **day belonging to Yehowah of armies**. It is upon everyone self-exalted and lofty and upon everyone lifted up or low. (**Isaiah 2:12**)
- And upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are lofty and lifted up and upon all the massive trees of Bashan. (**Isaiah 2:13**)
- And upon all the lofty mountains and upon all the hills that are lifted up. (**Isaiah 2:14**)
- And upon every high tower and upon every fortified wall. (**Isaiah 2:15**)
- And upon all the ships of Tarshish and upon all desirable boats. (**Isaiah 2:16**)
- And the haughtiness of the earthling man must bow down, and the loftiness of men must become low, and Yehowah alone must be put on high in that **day**. (**Isaiah 2:17**)
- Ezekiel addressed himself to the unfaithful prophets of Israel, warning that they would in no way serve to fortify their cities in order to stand in the **battle in the day of Yehowah**.
- You men will certainly not go up into the gaps, neither will you build up a stone wall in behalf of the house of Israel, in order to stand in the **battle in the day of Yehowah**. (**Ezekiel 13:5**)
- By the mouth of his prophet Zephaniah, Yehowah foretold how he was about to stretch out his hand against Judah and Jerusalem, giving special attention so that not even the princes or the sons of the king would escape.
- And I will stretch out my hand against Judah and against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and I will cut off from this place the remaining ones of the Baal, the name of the foreign-god priests along with the priests. (**Zephaniah 1:4**)
- And those who are bowing down upon the roofs to the army of the heavens, and those who are bowing down, making sworn oaths to Yehowah and making sworn oaths by Malcam.

(Zephaniah 1:5)

- And those who are drawing back from following Yehowah and who have not sought Yehowah and have not inquired of him. **(Zephaniah 1:6)**
- Keep silence before the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, for the **day of Yehowah is near**, for Yehowah has prepared a sacrifice. He has sanctified his invited ones. **(Zephaniah 1:7)**
- And it must occur on the **day of Yehowah's sacrifice** that I will give attention to the princes, and to the sons of the king, and to all those wearing foreign attire. **(Zephaniah 1:8)**
- As the facts show, that **day of Yehowah** came upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem in **607 B.C.E.**
- In that distressing time of trouble upon Judah and Jerusalem, her neighboring nations such as Edom showed their hatred for Yehowah and his people, causing the prophet.
- The vision of Obadiah; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said regarding Edom; There is a report that we have heard from Yehowah, and there is an envoy that has been sent among the nations; Rise up, you people, and let us rise up against her in battle. **(Obadiah 1:1)**
- For the **day of Yehowah against all the nations is near**. In the way that you have done, it will be done to you. Your sort of treatment will return upon your own head. **(Obadiah 1:15)**
- To prophesy against them; For the **day of Yehowah** against all the nations is near. In the way that you have done, it will be done to you. Similarly, **the day of Yehowah** and all the fiery destruction embraced within that expression befell Babylon and Egypt just as foretold.
- The pronouncement against Babylon that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw in vision! **(Isaiah 13:1)**
- Howl, you people, for the **day** of Yehowah is near! As a despoiling from the Almighty it will come. **(Isaiah 13:6)**
- This is what occurred as the word of Yehowah to Jeremiah the

prophet concerning the nations. (**Jeremiah 46:1**)

- For Egypt, concerning the military force of Pharaoh Necho the king of Egypt, who happened to be by the river Euphrates at Carchemish, whom Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, the king of Judah. (**Jeremiah 46:2**)
- And that **day** belongs to the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, the day of vengeance for avenging himself upon his adversaries. And the sword will certainly devour and satisfy itself and take its fill of their blood, for the Sovereign Lord, Yehowah of armies, has a sacrifice in the land of the north by the river Euphrates. (**Jeremiah 46:10**)
- Later, through the prophet Malachi, another great and fear-inspiring **day of Yehowah** was foretold, and it was said that it would be preceded by the coming of Elijah the prophet.
- Look! I am sending to you people Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring **day of Yehowah**. (**Malachi 4:5**)
- And he must turn the heart of fathers back toward sons, and the heart of sons back toward fathers, in order, that I may not come and actually strike the earth with a devoting of it to destruction. (**Malachi 4:6**)
- The original Elijah had lived some 500 years before that prophecy was uttered, but in the **First Century C.E.** Jesus indicated that John the Baptizer was the foretold counterpart of Elijah.
- But from the **days** of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of the heavens is the goal toward which men press, and those pressing forward are seizing it. (**Matthew 11:12**)
- For all, the Prophets and the Law, prophesied until John. (**Matthew 11:13**)
- And if you want to accept it, He himself is Elijah who is destined to come. (**Matthew 11:14**)
- And they began to question him, saying; Why do the scribes say that first Elijah must come? (**Mark 9:11**)

- He said to them; Elijah does come first and restore all things. But how is it that it is written respecting the Son of man that he must undergo many sufferings and be treated as of no account? (Mark 9:12)
- But I say to you, Elijah, in fact, has come, and they did to him as many things as they wanted, just as it is written respecting him. (Mark 9:13)
- So at that time a **day of Yehowah** was near at hand. At Pentecost of **33 C.E.**, Peter explained that what was occurring was the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy
- And after that it must occur that I shall pour out my spirit on every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will certainly prophesy. As for your old men, dreams they will dream. As for your young men, visions they will see. (Joel 2:28)
- And even on the menservants and on the maidservants in those **days** I shall pour out my spirit. (Joel 2:29)
- And I will give portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. (Joel 2:30)
- The sun itself will be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and fear-inspiring **day** of Yehowah. (Joel 2:31)
- And it must occur that everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will get away safe, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will prove to be the escaped ones, just as Yehowah has said, and in among the survivors, whom Yehowah is calling. (Joel 2:32)
- Concerning the outpouring of God's spirit and that this too was due to happen before **the great and illustrious day of Yehowah**.
- On the contrary, this is what was said through the prophet Joel. (Acts of Apostles 2:16)
- And in the last **days**, God says, I shall pour out some of my spirit upon every sort of flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy and your young men will see visions and your old men

will dream dreams. (**Acts of Apostles 2:17**)

- And even upon my men slaves and upon my women slaves I will pour out some of my spirit in those **days**, and they will prophesy. (**Acts of Apostles 2:18**)
- And I will give portents in heaven above and signs on earth below, blood and fire and smoke mist. (**Acts of Apostles 2:19**)
- The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and illustrious **day of Yehowah** arrives. (**Acts of Apostles 2:20**)
- And everyone who calls on the name of Yehowah will be saved. (**Acts of Apostles 2:21**)
- That **day of Yehowah** came upon the Jews, first in **70 C.E**, when, in fulfillment of his Word, Yehowah caused the armies of Rome to execute divine judgment upon the nation that had rejected the Son of God and defiantly shouted; We have no king but Caesar.
- However, they shouted; Take him away! Take him away! Impale him! Pilate said to them; Shall I impale your king? The chief priests answered; We have no king, but Caesar. (**John 19:15**)
- There are seventy weeks that have been determined upon your people and upon your holy city, in order to terminate the transgression, and to finish off sin, and to make atonement for error, and to bring in righteousness for times indefinite, and to imprint a seal upon vision and prophet, and to anoint the Holy of Holies. (**Daniel 9:24**)
- And you should know and have the insight that from the going forth of the word to restore and to rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Leader, there will be seven weeks, also sixty-two weeks. She will return and be actually rebuilt, with a public square and moat, but in the straits of the times. (**Daniel 9:25**)
- And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah will be cut off, with nothing for himself. And the city and the holy place the people of a leader that is coming will bring to their ruin. And the end of it will be by the flood. And until the end there will be war, what is decided upon is desolations. (**Daniel 9:26**)

- And he must keep the covenant in force for the many for one week, and at the half of the week he will cause sacrifice and gift offering to cease. And upon the wing of disgusting things there will be the one causing desolation, and until an extermination, the very thing decided upon will go pouring out also upon the one lying desolate. (**Daniel 9:27**)

- However, the Scriptures point forward to yet another **day** of Yehowah. After the restoration of the Jews to Jerusalem following the Babylonian exile, Yehowah caused his prophet.

- Look! There is a day coming, belonging to Yehowah, and the spoil of you will certainly be apportioned out in the midst of you. (**Zechariah 14:1**)

- And I shall certainly gather all the nations against Jerusalem for the war, and the city will actually be captured and the houses be pillaged, and the women themselves will be raped. And half of the city must go forth into the exile, but as for the remaining ones of the people, they will not be cut off from the city. (**Zechariah 14:2**)

- And Yehowah will certainly go forth and war against those nations as in the day of his warring, in the day of fight. (**Zechariah 14:3**)

- To foretell **a day, belonging to Yehowah** when he would gather not merely one nation but all the nations against Jerusalem, at the climax of which day Yehowah will certainly go forth and war against those nations, bringing them to their end. The apostle Paul, under inspiration, associated the coming **day of Yehowah** with the presence of Christ.

- However, brothers, respecting the **presence** of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we request of you (**2 Thessalonians 2:1**)

- Not to be quickly shaken from your reason nor to be excited either through an inspired expression or through a verbal message or through a letter as though from us, to the effect that the **day of Yehowah is here**. (**2 Thessalonians 2:2**)

- And Peter spoke of it in connection with the establishment of new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness is to dwell.
- Yet **Yehowah's day** will come as a **thief**, in which the heavens will pass away with a hissing noise, but the elements being intensely hot will be dissolved, and earth and the works in it will be discovered. (**2 Peter 3:10**)
- Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of persons ought you to be in holy acts of conduct and deeds of godly devotion. (**2 Peter 3:11**)
- Awaiting and keeping close in mind the presence of the **day of Yehowah**, through which the **heavens being on fire will be dissolved and the elements being intensely hot will melt!** (**2 Peter 3:12**)
- But there are new heavens and a new earth that we are awaiting according to his promise, and in these righteousness is to dwell. (**2 Peter 3:13**)
- Security and safety during the great **day of Yehowah** should concern everyone. After asking; Who can hold up under it? Joel says; Yehowah will be a refuge for his people.
- And Yehowah himself will certainly give forth his voice before his military force, for his camp is very numerous. For he who is carrying out his word is mighty, for the **day of Yehowah is great and very fear-inspiring, and who can hold up under it?** (**Joel 2:11**)
- And out of Zion Yehowah himself will roar, and out of Jerusalem he will give forth his voice. And heaven and earth certainly will rock, but Yehowah will be a refuge for his people, and a fortress for the sons of Israel. (**Joel 3:16**)
- The invitation is graciously extended to all, but few avail themselves of this provision of refuge by following Zephaniah's counsel;
- Before the statute gives birth to anything, before the **day** has passed by just like chaff, before there comes upon you people the burning anger of Yehowah, before there comes upon you the **day of Yehowah's anger.** (**Zephaniah 2:2**)

- **Seek Yehowah, all you meek ones of the earth, who have practiced His own judicial decision. Seek righteousness, seek meekness. Probably you may be concealed in the **day of Yehowah's anger**. (Zephaniah 2:3)**