THE DAY OF THE LORD

Acts 2:16-20

Here we read that the "great and notable *day of the Lord*" shall be preceded by signs: 1) the "sun shall be turned into darkness", and 2) the "moon [turned] into blood." This is significant, because it gives us a *timing* for the *day of the Lord*!

Matthew 24:29

Again, we are given the *same* two signs that we saw in the book of Acts. Only this time we're told that these signs will occur "...immediately *after* the Tribulation." Therefore, we must conclude that the *day of the Lord* will take place AFTER the Tribulation!

(At this point, we've shared with you quite a few events associated with the end times. We spoke to you about the manchild (and their ministry), the mark of the beast, the falling away of the sons of perdition, the death of the witnesses or saints, and even the rise of the antichrist and false prophet. All of these events take place DURING the Tribulation. Today we are introducing another event, the **day of the Lord**, which will take place AFTER the Tribulation.)

It's important that we understand that the *day of Lord* is known by other *names* in Scripture. Let's examine of few of these...

ALTERNATIVE NAMES for the DAY OF THE LORD

THE LORD'S WRATH

Zephaniah 1:7, 18 – Notice, the "day of the Lord" in verse 7 is referred to as "the *Lord's* wrath" in verse 18!

THE DAY OF WRATH

Romans 2:5 – In this verse, the day of the Lord is referred to as "the day of wrath."

THE WRATH OF GOD

Revelation 15:1 – Here, the day of the Lord is called "the wrath of God."

THE DAY OF DESTRUCTION

Job 21:30 – Lastly, Job refers to the day of the Lord as "the day of destruction!"

WHAT WILL TAKE PLACE on the DAY OF THE LORD?

Isaiah 13:9-11

The day of the Lord shall be a DAY OF DESTRUCTION. On this day God will destroy Babylon, which is referred to in **verse 11** as the "world", for its sins!

Revelation 6:9, 10

The day of the Lord shall also be a DAY OF VENGEANCE. God will avenge the blood of the saints and punish everyone who played a role in their death (this includes the FALSE PROPHET)!

Revelation 13:11, 15

According to this passage, the false prophet will "cause the *saints* to be killed" (i.e. turn them over to the authorities). Now, we should also point out that the Bible accuses the 'harlot' of the same offense!

Revelation 17:1, 4, 6

In this passage, 'the woman' (harlot) is said to be responsible for the *blood* of the saints. Therefore, we might conclude that the 'harlot' AND the 'false prophet' is the same group! (It's possible that the reason the Bible compares *false prophets* to *harlots* is because, like harlots, false prophets sell themselves for 'profit.')

Incidentally, the Bible associates false prophets with another woman— Jezebel! Revelation 2:20

Here, Jezebel is accused of "calling herself a prophetess." Thus, she's usurping authority (operating in an office illegally). Besides, "prophetess" is <u>not</u> even a legitimate office in the New Testament. There are only prophets. Furthermore, a person must be an elder to occupy the office of a prophet (this also goes for every other 5-fold ministry gift)!

The act of usurping authority (trying to seize it by force) is a trait that is common among many false prophets. Unfortunately, it's also one thing that will cause a person to receive judgment from God (see Korah/Dathan, or Nadab/Abihu)!

WHAT WILL JUDGMENT LOOK LIKE on the DAY OF THE LORD?

2Peter 3:10

On the day of the Lord, judgment shall come in the form of "fire". Personally, I believe that this *fire* will be the result of "nuclear war!"

Revelation 16:1, 16-17

Armageddon is the place where the FIRST battle will take place of an endtime world war. After the Tribulation, *all* the nations of the earth will gather together at Armageddon (also called Megiddo, or the valley of Jezreel) to destroy Israel. God will then *defend* Israel by "dividing" the nations against themselves!

(This is actually foreshadowed in <u>Judges 7</u>, where Gideon divided his army into 3 groups. After this, God caused their enemies to turn against each other. Incidentally, Gideon's battle was also fought in the valley of Jezreel! – <u>Judges 6:33-7:23</u>)

Revelation 16:18, 19

In this verse, *Babylon* (the "cities of the nations") represents a *one-world* government. In the last days, the nations of the earth will unite together and form a one-world government. This governmental body is referred to in the book of Revelation as the 'dragon', the 'beast' and 'Babylon.'

Shortly after the Tribulation, this one-world government (or *new world order*) will surround Israel on all sides to destroy her. This will provoke God to step in, and He will cause this one-world government to "fall" or be divided into 3 parts. Some nations will join with Russia and its allies in the *north*, some will unite with America and her allies in the *south*, and some will join with China and the muslim countries in the *east*.

Once the nations are divided, God will cause them to turn on each other and start a *nuclear* war! This will bring an end to this present *age*.