Week 2 The Day of The Lord

Old Testament to New Testament

The key to properly understanding the entire bible is what's called a

"Proper Hermeneutic"

What is Hermentic???

Hermeneutic-

Hermeneutikos- interpretation

- Simply put: What does the bible say about what the bible says...?
- Interpret scripture 3 ways. Literally, historically, grammatically.
- While always considering the three most important rules of scriptural interpretation, which are...

CONTEXT CONTEXT CONTEXT!

WHAT IS "THE DAY OF THE LORD" AND WHERE DO WE BEGIN?

WESTART AT THE BEGINNING...

WHAT IS THE DAY OF THE LORD?

The phrase "day of the Lord" usually identifies events that take place at the end of history and is often closely associated with the phrase "that day."

One key to understanding these phrases is to note that they always identify a **span of time** during which God personally intervenes in history, directly or indirectly, to accomplish some specific aspect of His plan.

Most people associate the day of the Lord with a period of time or a special day that will occur when God's will and purpose for His world and for mankind will be fulfilled.

Simply put

- The Lords final judgement of the wicked,
- those who reject Him and His word, and
- those who trouble His people.
- But also a day to bless His people.

THE DAY OF THE LORD

- New Testament will call it: day of wrath, or "That day"
- Day of visitation (1 Peter 2:12)
- Day of The Lord (2nd Peter 3:10)
- The Great Day of God Almighty (Rev 16:14)
- Day of Christ (2 Thess 2:2)
- Day of The Lord Jesus (1 Cor 5:5)

THE DAY OF THE LORD IN THE O.T.

- Most often times The Day of The Lord in the OT had both a "Near" and "Far" interpretation.
- "Foreshortening" or "Telescoping"- Where the prophet would allow for current fulfillment of their prophecy, and a future eschatological fulfillment.
- We see the phrase mentioned 19 times by 8 different OT authors.

- · Isaiah 2:12,/ 13:6,9
- Ezekiel 13:5,/ 30:3
- · Joel 1:15,/ 2:1, 11, 31,/ 3:14
- · Amos 5:18, 20
- Obadiah vs 15
- Zephaniah 1:7, 14
- Zechariah 14:1
- Malachi 4:5

Joel and the Day of The Lord

- After the locust invasion weakens Israel, they are now defenseless against the looming invasion of Assyria and Babylon.
- 1) A call for God's people to repent: Joel 2:11-13
- 2) A promise of restoration: 2:25
- 3) A precursor of the "Last Days": 2:28-29
- 4) Ominous celestial disturbances: 2:30-31

- **5)** A promise of salvation for ALL who want it, and the promise of a REMNANT: 2:32 (Romans 9,10,11,)
- 6) Finally, divine decisive judgement on all the nations who tormented God's people. Chapter 3
- 7) What will that Judgement look like? Joel 2:1-2 Zephaniah1:7, 14-16 (Between Habakkuk, Haggai)

Fast forward...

What does the NT ACTUALLY say about The Day of The Lord's wrath, and what events trigger it?

First of all, BELIEVERS ARE NOT APPOINTED TO GOD'S WRATH!

- ROMANS 5:9 "Much more now having been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through HIM."
- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 " For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- If there is one thing that all students of the end times can agree on is this.

Why won't we experience God's wrath?

- The Father has already poured out His wrath on The Son!!!
- Galatians 3:13- "Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree')"
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 "For he made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the very righteousness of God IN HIM."
- Many, many others: Isa 53, 1st John 2:2, Matt 27:46 "MY God, My God...", Revelation 5:6 "..Lamb as slain"
- Matthew 26:39 "...if its possible let this cup pass from me..."

So we know Who, What, Where, and Why...

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What **WEDON'T KNOW!** (hermeneutics)

• THE ONLY THING WE **DON'T** KNOW IS THE "DAY OR THE HOUR" OF "THAT DAY"!!! (Mat 24:36, Mark 13:32)

What we DO KNOW!

- Biblically speaking the "Rapture" of the church does
 NOT announce The Day of The Lord.
- In **EVERY** scriptural reference (OT and NT) the Day is announced by seismic activity and **cosmic disturbance**.
- In EVERY biblical instance, the harbinger of "The Day" is NO sun, NO moon, NO stars, and the sky opens up to heaven.
- We know the "times and seasons". (Days of noah)
 Everything leading up to that day is a signal.

But what about the "Thief"???

- Matt 24:43
- 1 Thess 5:2, 4
- 2 Pete 3:10
- Rev 16:15
- **CONTEXT CONTEXT CONTEXT**!!! Be Watchful!

The Day and the Parousia

- His coming is called The Day of The Lord.
- greek word *Parousia* presence, arrival, advent.
- Parousia is an extended period of "PRESENCE".
- So since parousia means PRESENCE, it also means that many things can occur in that PRESENCE, just like the Lord first PAROUSIA...

The ARRIVAL is a complex whole

- This means that within the Day of The Lord or the PAROUSIA you can have:
- The resurrection, rapture, wrath, the Kingdom, the final battle, and final judgement.
- Just like The Lord's first coming; most of the messianic prophecies were fulfilled over the course of years, not one day, or even one week or one YEAR.