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CONFUSION ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

THREE COMPETING VIEWS

- The DOL is the tribulation
- The DOL is the 2nd coming
- The DOL is 2nd coming and millennium

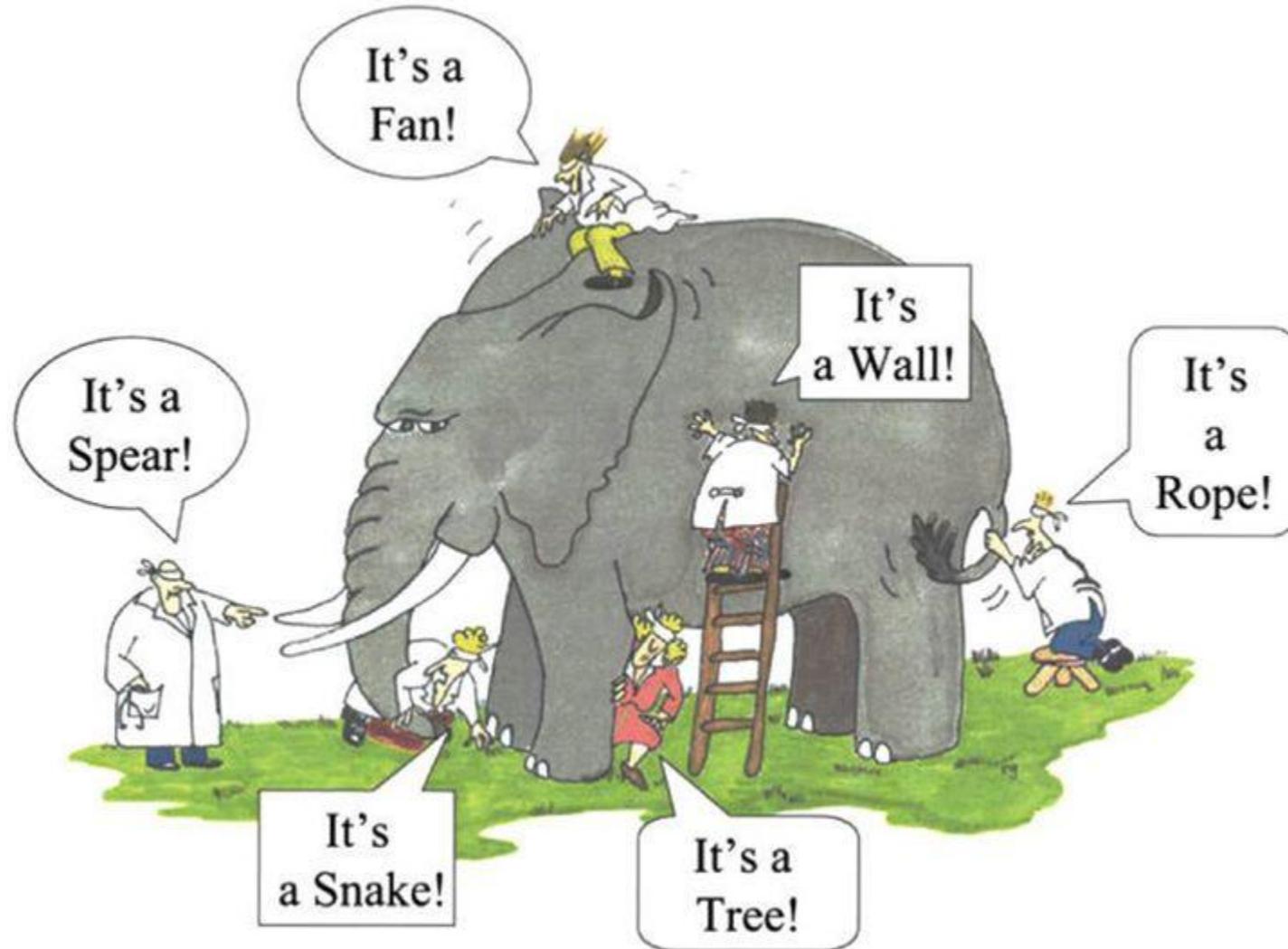
DILEMMA

- Each view advocated by well-known names.
- Each view defended with reasonable evidence.

HOW IS THIS?

- Because each view is true in part.
 - Because each view is a partial picture of the whole.

THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT



THE DAY OF THE LORD MIRRORS A NORMAL DAY

- Both feature a **morning star**.
- Both feature a time of **dawning**.
 - Both feature a **sunrise**.
 - Both feature a **day proper**.

FOUR ASPECTS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

- The rapture is the **morning star**.
- The tribulation is the **dawning of the day**.
- The second coming is the **sunrise of the day**.
 - The kingdom is the **day proper**.

TYOLOGY OF THE DAY OF THE LORD



MORNING STAR

- Crack of dawn of Day of the Lord
- first hint of the approaching day
 - Rev. 2:28, Rev. 22:16, 2 Pet. 1:19
 - comes as a thief in the night

unobtrusive sign

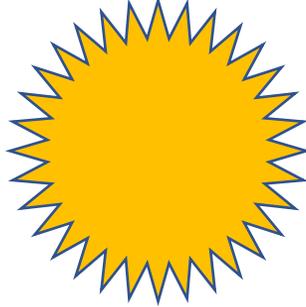
RAPTURE



SUNRISE

Arrival of Day of Lord
(Mal. 4:1-3. Jam. 1:9-11)
(legal start of day)

**terrifying signs
in the heavens**



DAWNING

TRIBULATION

Dawning of the Day of the Lord
(1 Thess. 5, 2 Thess. 2)

signs increase variety, intensity, frequency

SECOND COMING



DAY PROPER

MILLENNIUM

- the Promised Rest
(Heb. 4, 2 Pet. 3:8, Hos. 5:14-6:2)
- Day of the Lord in contrast to man's day

THE MORNING STAR IS THE RAPTURE

Rev. 22:16 — "I am the bright and **morning star**."

- Jesus is the morning star
 - Jesus comes for the church as the morning star of the day of the Lord
- the church will go up in the rapture BEFORE the dawning of the day of the Lord (the tribulation)

THE MORNING STAR IS THE RAPTURE

Rev. 2:26-8 — "He that overcomes ... I will give him **the morning star.**"

- this promise applies to all believers not just Thyatirans
- each of the seven letters contains three parts: practical observation, ears to hear, and a rapture promise that applies to all

THE MORNING STAR IS THE RAPTURE

2 Pet. 1:19 — “We have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines IN A DARK PLACE, until **the day dawns** and **the morning star rises** in your hearts.”

- This world is VERY dark.
- Hebrew parallel — first sign of dawn = morning star
- Jesus coming for the church portrayed as morning star

MATTHEW 24:36-44 IS MORNING STAR

Matt. 24:36-44 — “**As the days of Noah** were, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were **eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark**, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will **THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN** be. Watch therefore, for **you do not know what hour your Lord is coming**. ... If the house owner had known **what hour the thief would come**, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.”

- **relative normality** AND thief in the night

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MORNING STAR

- RELATIVE NORMALITY
- THIEF IN THE NIGHT
- FIRST SIGN OF COMING JUDGMENT
- CHANGE OF ECONOMY

THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

- day of Christ, day of the Lord, coming of Son of man have the same footprint
- **the day of Christ** (Messiah) focuses on deliverance of believers
- **the day of the Lord** focuses on judgment of unbelievers
- **the coming of the son of man** is neutral or mixed
- each has a rapture aspect, a tribulation aspect, and a second coming aspect

THE DAWNING IS THE TRIBULATION

1 Thess. 5:2-4 — 2] the DOL comes like a **thief in the night** 3] for when they say peace and security, then **unexpected destruction** comes upon them like **labor pains** upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4] But you brethren are not in darkness that that day should overtake you like **a thief**.

- the DOL overtakes the world like a **thief in the night**
- the DOL brings **unexpected destruction**
- the DOL comes upon world and increases like **labor pains**
- the DOL does not overtake church like a thief

THE DAWNING IS THE TRIBULATION

2 Thess. 2:1-3 — 1) We **beseech** you brethren, **by [the rapture]** 2) **[not to worry]** ... **that the DOL IS PRESENT**, 3) let no man deceive you by any means, for that day **IS NOT PRESENT** except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed.

- Passage is standard petition that contrasts RAPTURE and DOL
- **“IS PRESENT”** is correct, **“IS NOT PRESENT”** correct ellipsis supply
- dawning of DOL characterized by antichrist and his apostasy
- The morning star rapture is prior to dawning of DOL

THE SUNRISE IS THE SECOND COMING

Mal. 4:1-2 — 1] Behold, the day comes, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2] But unto you that fear my name shall **the Sun of righteousness** arise with healing in his wings.

- the second coming is the sun of righteousness rising on world
- the sun of righteousness burns up all the ungodly
- the sun of righteousness brings blessing for the godly

THE DAY PROPER IS THE MILLENNIUM

Hos 6:1-2 — 1] Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but he will heal us; he has stricken, but he will bind us up. 2] After two days he will revive us; **On the third day** he will raise us up that we may live in His sight.

- six days for saints to labor in this ungodly world
- two days from cross (rending of veil) to kingdom
- the millennium is God's promised day of rest
- not a date-setting formula, same spirit as fig-tree generation

THE DAY PROPER IS THE MILLENNIUM

Isa 2:11 — The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and **the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

- the Lord alone will be exalted *in that day*
- In WHAT day will the Lord alone be exalted?
- Not in the tribulation — world worships antichrist, Satan, idols
- “the Lord alone exalted” can only apply to the kingdom

THE DAY PROPER IS THE MILLENNIUM

Zech. 14:8 — And it shall be **in that day**, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: **in summer and in winter** shall it be.

- not reference to the day of second coming alone
- Notice — “in summer and winter it shall be”
- This is the cycle of seasons
- “in that day” extends through the kingdom

REVIEW OF THE FOUR ASPECTS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

- the rapture = the **morning star**
- the tribulation = the **dawning of the day**
 - the second coming = the **sunrise**
 - the thousand years = the **day proper**

PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

SECOND COMING
The tribulation builds toward the 2nd coming
The kingdom established at the 2nd coming



Arrival of day of Lord
PRIMARY FOCUS



MORNING STAR

First warning of day of Lord



DAWNING

TRIBULATION

Approach of day of Lord



DAY PROPER

MILLENNIUM

EVIDENCE THAT THE 2ND COMING IS THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF THE DOL

- ARGUMENT #1 — quantitative emphasis on 2nd coming
- ARGUMENT #2 — technical location at 2nd coming
- ARGUMENT #3 — isolation of a literal 24-hour day

ARGUMENT #1

QUANTITATIVE EMPHASIS

- The significant majority of OT and NT DOL references focus on the 2nd coming
- DOL passages include:
 - the phrase “the day of the Lord”
 - the signs in the heavens (sun, moon, stars, planets)
 - phrases like “that day” and “the coming of Son of man”

ARGUMENT #2

TECHNICAL LOCATION

- **signs in heavens** immediately after tribulation (Matt. 24:29)
- **DOL at hand** when nations gathered for Armageddon (Is. 13:3-6)
- **signs in heavens** when army descends (Joel 2:1-11, 3:1-2, 9-16)
- **signs in heavens** when Satan is bound (Isa. 24:21-22)
- **signs in heavens** when Jesus takes his throne (Isa. 24:23)

ARGUMENT #3

ISOLATION OF 24-HOUR DAY

- Zech. 14:6-7 — “it shall be **one day** known to the Lord, not day, nor night ... at **evening** it shall be light again”
- Amos 8:9 — “the sun shall go down at **noon**”
- Psalm 46:5 — “God shall help her at the **turn of the morning**”
- Rev. 18:8 — “her plagues will come in one day” (Babylon)

LEGAL SENSE OF "DAY" IN THE BIBLE

Many Hebrew and Jewish scholars note:

- ~ Normal and legal start of day was originally sunrise
- ~ Sabbaths always started at sunset
- ~ always marking start of day at sunset arose 2nd temple era

Gen. 1:3-5 — 3) And God said, Let there be light, and there was **light**. 4) And God saw the light, that it was good. And God divided the light from the darkness. 5) And God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And it became **evening**. And it became **morning**. Day one.

CONCLUSION

- the day of the Lord has four aspects like normal day: morning star, dawning, sunrise, day proper
- the rapture is the FIRST HINT of the approaching day of the Lord
- the day of the Lord DAWNS following the rapture
- the day of the Lord ARRIVES at the second coming
- the kingdom is the PRESENCE of the day of the Lord
- the FOCUS is the second coming (the arrival of the day)



One short life
to be a good soldier;
One long eternity
to be a fulfilled human being.
— LWB

“endure hardship as a good
soldier”

(2 Tim. 2:3)

“do exploits”
(Dan. 11:32)

EYES WIDE OPEN, BRAIN ENGAGED, HEART ON FIRE!