



"The Day of the Lord" (Isaiah, selected scriptures)

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Intro: The last half of Isaiah chapter two refers to a day when God will pour out His wrath upon the world. We talked a little bit about this last week, and tonight we will take a closer look. Last week our focus was on glimpses of glory, where God throughout this book gives us glimpses of glory in the midst of prophecies of judgment. And while Christians should not fear the judgment to come, we should be aware of it so we can warn others, as well as help us to maintain a holy reverence for the awesome God we serve.

* Gory: Bloody; blood stained

* Isaiah 13:4-13; 24:1-3, 20; 34:1-4; 66:15-16

* Other related passages: Joel 2:1-5, 10-11; Zephaniah 1:14-18

WHEN IS THE DAY OF THE LORD?

* See Daniel 9:24-27

- v.26b (see Matthew.24:22)

- v.27 See Daniel 7:25; In 2004 The Sanhedrin was reestablished in Israel, and has made the decision to begin rebuilding the temple "offsite," just the way that Solomon did (pre-fab). The Temple Institute is ready with utensils for re-establishing worship services, as well as providing Levites to serve for this purpose; the antichrist will be the greatest diplomat the world has ever known. I believe he will temporarily solve the conflict between Jews and Palestinians. This text suggests he has the power to allow Jews to offer sacrifices in the temple, and he has power to stop them. When he breaks the covenant here, he then sets up "an abomination that causes desolation. See Matthew 24:15-22; II Thess.2:4, 9-10; Rev.13:1-18.

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH BEFORE THE DAY OF THE LORD

* See Isaiah 26:20-21a; Rev.4-19; I Thess.5:9

THE INCREASED INTENSITY OF THE CALAMITIES IN THIS DAY

* See Rev.6:1-8; 8:1-12 (now directly from heaven); 9:1-21; 11:15; 15:1, 8; 16:2-16

* Hab.3:2...in wrath remember mercy.

* Even during the final days, God will send an angel proclaiming the gospel (Rev.14:6-7).

* Some think, "I'd believe if I heard it from an angel." See Luke 16:31 (parable of rich man and Lazarus)...

SIGNS OF THE END

* Do not set dates! See printout; I Thess.5:1-11

* The technology for the mark of the beast

- Rev.13:16-17

- The verichip

* The increase in knowledge

- Power point

- Dan.12: 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

- There has never been a time when people have been able to travel so fast and so often as in our day.

* We live in the days of modern warfare; nuclear capability;

* Ezekiel 37-38

CONCLUSION

* Heb.12:25-29