

#61 FORUM POST ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

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Dear J _____,

I have read through some of the discussion of this thread and I see that there is a great deal of disagreement on the subject of the Day of the Lord.

I have studied the Day of the Lord extensively before and after I was converted. Prior to my conversion, I understood the Day of the Lord to be as most on this thread are teaching. But after I was converted, my understanding of the Day of the Lord completely changed.

Here is some of what I now believe:

Peter made this statement on the Day of Pentecost when he and the others received the Latter Rain and were converted:

Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Peter is speaking about "conversion" and when Christ "appears" to a person. After Christ appears, those who "call on the name of the Lord shall be saved". Paul supported this understanding when he said this:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Peter and Paul are both teaching about a person's moment of salvation and conversion. They are not teaching about a one-time future event which most believe occurs visibly to this world.

The Second Coming of Christ (which is immediately followed by the Day of the Lord) is a reoccurring spiritual event which occurs "within" each of Christ's Elect. Christ's Second Coming first occurred on the Day of Pentecost when Christ "came again" to the Jewish Elect. Since that time, Christ has been returning to all of the Elect in this same manner.

John even said that the time for the second coming was "at hand", that He will be coming "quickly" and that Christ's coming would be "is, was and will be" (a reoccurring event):

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, SEAL NOT the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

John even said that the book is not sealed and that the people who "keep the sayings" are the ones who will be blessed. They are the Elect - those chosen from the foundation of the world for this honor.

To believe that the Second Coming of Christ and the Day of the Lord is a one-time future event is to deny these scriptures which I presented above.

The truth is that the Second Coming of Christ and the Day of the Lord is the spiritual event of CONVERSION.

If a person does not "keep these sayings", they will not be converted and saved during their lifetime.

The Second Coming is when Christ pours out the Latter Rain (Baptism of the Spirit) upon an Elect believer. This is the moment a person is "born again" and when they become a child of God.

The Day of the Lord (His judgment) is when Christ destroys the believer's carnal nature so that he will only be governed by the new nature that the Holy Spirit gives them.

Elijah (as John the Baptist) came to the Jewish Elect with the call of repentance from "works". Those who responded to the call made the pathway for the Lord to come "straight". The straight pathway is by faith alone. After the Jewish Elect repented, they "waited" for the Lord to "come again" with their salvation. Christ then came to them on the Day of Pentecost and converted them.

The Second Coming of Christ/Day of the Lord is now coming to the Gentile Elect and it has been since the time of Paul. And just as the Jewish Elect needed to repent of their "works", so do the Gentile Elect. This is true because the church became apostate shortly after the deaths of the Apostles (**Acts 20:29-31**). And just as the Jewish Nation fell away, so did the churches that the Apostles started - the pathway is the same for both Jews and Gentiles.

And because the church became apostate (mixes faith with works), Christ will also send a person to the Gentile Elect with the call of repentance. And like the Jewish Elect, the Gentile Elect will respond to the call and make the pathway for the Lord to travel to them "straight". Then after a short time of waiting, Christ will come again and convert them into a child of God.

Conversion requires both the baptism of the Spirit and judgment (the Day of the Lord). John the Baptist made this statement about Christ below:

Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

The Second Coming of Christ is when Christ will bring both the baptism of the Spirit and the baptism of Fire (judgment). One gives us the new birth and one destroys our old spiritual nature. This is necessary for conversion and salvation.

Supporting this truth is what Peter said below about the heavens and the earth:

2Pet 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2Pet 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

Heaven and Earth are spiritual symbols which carry meanings which are different than what man's wisdom teaches (1Cor 2:13).

The Old Earth represents mankind's carnal spiritual nature. The Old Heaven represents mankind's carnal mind. They both must be destroyed so that the believer can walk by the Spirit. The Spirit is what will give the believer a New Heaven and a New Earth:

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a Bride adorned for her husband.

The Bride of Christ represents all the Elect who are being saved in this age. They will have the New Heaven and the New Earth after they are converted.

Until a person can apply the end-time prophecies in the manner I have briefly presented above, those teachings are going to remain "veiled" from their understanding. The Word of God is written in the spiritual language of Christ. It cannot be properly understood literally and carnally as the church tries to understand them.

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Matt 24:15-21 corresponds to Rev. 6:12-17. The events symbolized the chapters that follow occur during the period of tribulation and are the fulfillment of Acts 2:19-20.

Rev. 6:12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?”

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The period of great tribulation occurs when a believer is in a fallen away spiritual state after Satan has planted his "seed" (the spirit of anti-Christ) within them (Parable of the Wheat and the Tares, **Mat 12-43-45**). The "signs and wonders" come from the spirit of anti-Christ:

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

The second beast is a symbol for the spirit of anti-Christ. The first beast is a symbol for a believer who has the spirit of anti-Christ and has become a "Man of Sin".

Remember, John says that to be "blessed", we must keep the prophecies of the book. If the prophecies are a one-time future event, how can the Elect keep them??? Also, when the Elect keep the prophecies, it does not mean that they will only keep the good prophecies (the bread). It means that they will also keep the bad prophecies, too (the leavened bread):

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

The Abomination of Desolation occurs when the spirit of anti-Christ indwells a believer.

Remember, Paul said that the temple is now a believer who has the Holy Spirit.

1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The temple is no longer the one made with hands under the Old Covenant. The Old Covenant has been fulfilled and replaced with the New Covenant. The New Covenant is spiritual. The teachings of the New Covenant must be applied "within" a person. We must transition from the Old Covenant way of understanding to the New Covenant way of understanding (carnal vs. spiritual).

Paul said this to his carnal church:

1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

Also, all of Matthew 24 is teaching on the spiritual pathway to salvation which the Elect will travel. It teaches some of the same events which are taught in Revelation.

The pathway to salvation is completed when the believer is converted and has had the ends of the ages come upon them:

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come.

The "ends of the ages" occur when a person is converted. In Matthew chapter 24, Christ is not teaching on the literal end of the final age.

Remember, Christ's words are "spirit" (**John 6:63**) and those words must be applied spiritually within a person for His message to be understood.

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Again...the Day of the Lord is the judgment of Christ. In this age, His judgment falls on an Elect believer immediately after they receive the Latter Rain and "eat meat". This is why Peter mentioned it in his conversion speech on the Day of Pentecost.

Peter also said this about the Day of the Lord:

1Pe 4:17 For it is the ripe time for the judgment to begin with the house of God; but, if first with us, what shall be the end of them who yield not unto the glad-message of God?

John the Baptist served as the Jewish Elect's Elijah. In this age, a converted Elect believer will serve as Elijah to the unconverted Elect. Since the Elect are converted during their lifetimes, it necessitates that there are many converted believers who have or will serve as Elijah.

James said this:

Jam 5:17 Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one turn him; 20 Let him know, that he which turns the sinner from the error of his way shall save their soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.

Also, scripture uses many analogies to teach its truth about conversion. In the Marriage analogy, the Marriage to the Lamb is the Latter Rain/new birth event and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is when Christ feeds His new Bride His New Wine, bread and meat.

Note: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb is what the symbol of the physical "communion" represents. When a believer spiritually consumes the New Wine, bread and meat at the Marriage supper, they are fulfilling this verse:

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom. (spiritually fulfilled at the Marriage Supper)

The physical act of communion is what the "called out" believers (only have the Early Rain) do in the church. This physical act foreshadows its spiritual fulfillment which occurs during an Elect believer's time of conversion. Water baptism is the physical symbol which foreshadows its spiritual fulfillment which also occurs during the time of conversion (Marriage of the Lamb, the

Latter Rain).

After the believer has received sufficient nourishment from the Marriage Supper, the "truth" within them will commence the Day of the Lord.

Now, finally, to what the sun and moon being darkened represent.

The symbols of the sun and moon are darkened as a result of the Marriage Supper when an Elect believer, for the first time, consumes the truth of Christ. This truth within them will darkened the false truth which comes from this natural world.

In scripture, the sun and the moon are symbols for our "parents". The light they give off represents their truth which they teach (feed) to their children.

The natural sun is Satan and the natural moon is the bondwoman. They produce children of the Devil. In the child's worsened spiritual condition, the children are called a Man of Sin or a Seven Headed Beast.

Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

Also, natural "stars" represent fallen angels who follow Satan.

In contrast, the spiritual sun is Christ and the spiritual moon is the freewoman. They produce children of God. In their fully matured spiritual state, they are called a sons of God.

Just prior to the Day of the Lord commencing, the sun and moon are said to be darkened. This is referring to the truth which comes from the natural sun and moon. After the believer has received the truth from Christ at the Marriage Supper, the believer will no longer receive their truth from this natural world (Satan and the bondwoman). They will now only receive their truth directly from the light which Christ gives off:

Psa 84:11 For the LORD God is a SUN and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

The spiritual "stars" represent the angels of heaven.

Since you mentioned the "two witnesses", I will explain what they represent. Like everything else in the book of Revelation, its message is taught by spiritual "symbols". They DO NOT represent physical outward events which take place in the world. They represent spiritual events which take place within each Elect person.

The symbol of the "two witnesses" represents ALL the Elect since the time the book of Revelation was written. The story of the two witnesses teaches the pathway to salvation the Elect will travel to be converted. If a person does not "keep" this prophecy during their lifetime, they will not be one of Christ's Elect.

The pathway to salvation is taught in many, many places of scripture by many different analogies. Christ teaches this way to keep his truth "concealed" from this world (this includes the called out church). The pathway to salvation is what Matthew 24 and the Seven Seals of Revelation teach, along with many of the parables which begin with this phrase "the Kingdom of Heaven is like".

I have a website which I have written a great deal on what I have presented above. In those papers, I present many scriptures and examples which support what I have stated above.

The website is www.greatmysteryofchrist.com

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As I said, the Day of the Lord (in this age) is a reoccurring event which coincides with the Second Coming of Christ when He comes to one of His Elect to convert them. It is not a one-time event that takes place out in the world at the end of the age. It takes place when the end of the age comes upon one of His Elect during their lifetime.

The common understanding of end-time prophecy comes from a carnal understanding of scripture. It teaches that the events happen "out in the world". However, Christ's teachings under the New Covenant must be applied spiritually "within" a person. They are reoccurring spiritual events which lead up to and include the conversion of the Elect believer. That conversion includes the Latter Rain, Marriage Supper and finally, the Day of the Lord. Once those spiritual events are completed within the person, they are converted. For that reason, Christ will come quickly to His Elect and that is why His Elect must "keep" those spiritual events in order to be blessed.

I used to understand end-time prophecy much like you do. In fact, I used to teach it in the last church I attended. It was one of my great passions in life. But after I was converted in 2005 and was given "eyes that can see", all my understanding of end-time prophecy changed.

If you want to see more scriptural support for what I have presented, please go to my website. I have papers on the Two Witnesses, the Seven Seals of Revelation, the Day of the Lord and Matthew chapter 24.

Dear FaithWillDo,

According to Mal 4:5-6 Elijah is one of the two witnesses who will be sent back before the great and terrible day of the Lord. From Rev 11 we know that the two witnesses will appear during the great tribulation period. From this we can conclude that the day of the Lord occurs after the great tribulation period.

Mal 4:5-6 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. 6 "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse."

Acts 2:20 tells us the day of the Lord occurs after the great tribulation period, which is metaphorically described in the phrase "the sun being turned into darkness and the moon into blood".

Acts 2:20 'THE SUN SHALL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

Matt. 24: 15-21 tells us the great tribulation period, begins when the abomination of desolation is set up.

Matt. 24:15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), 16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; 17 let him who is on the housetop not go down to get the things out that are in his house; 18 and let him who is in the field not turn back to get his cloak. 19 "But woe to those who are with child and to those who nurse babes in those days! 20 "But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath; 21 for then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever shall.

2Th 2:2 tells us the coming of our Lord and our gathering together to him or resurrection found in 2Th 2:1 marks the beginning of the day of the Lord.

2 Th 2:1-2 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to Him, 2 that you may not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

According to 2Pet 3:10 the day of the Lord continues until the end of the age when the heavens and earth are destroyed and the judgment of the dead occurs.

2 Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

J

Dear J _____,

Like I have been saying, your understanding of the verses is "carnal".

When a believer understands scripture carnally, they will do as this verse below warns against:

Rev 22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Your beliefs are removing these verses:

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, SEAL NOT the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.

According to your beliefs, the time was NOT at hand when John recorded his vision and hasn't been "at hand" for over 1900 years (about a third of the time since creation began). And according to your beliefs, Christ did not come quickly as the book says He will - and the clock is still running for you and your beliefs. And according to your beliefs, the Elect over the last 1900 years did not "keep the sayings of the prophecy". You have removed these teachings from the book.

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Since I have already responded to most of the verses you quoted above, I will only respond to 2Pet 3:10.

This verse is teaching on the Second Coming of Christ when He comes to convert His fallen away Elect who are dwelling in darkness (night) in the apostate church.

Near the end of the 1st century, the church was devoured by the spirit of anti-Christ. Since that time, the church has been following "another gospel" (Satan's gospel) which comes from "another spirit" (the spirit of anti-Christ).

2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

This "another gospel" teaches a gospel of "works" mixed with faith. It is a very pleasing gospel to mankind's carnal nature so it is readily accepted by the spiritually blind church.

But mixing "works" with faith is the sin that leads to death. With this false gospel, Satan kills the saints. This is a spiritual death which represents a believer's loss of salvation. In other words, the deadly head wound which Christ gave their Old Man (carnal nature) is healed and as a result, the believer becomes "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43-45).

This is what these two verses are teaching which the Elect must "keep":

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Rev 11:6 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

After an Elect believer has the spirit of anti-Christ within them, they will fully accept Satan's false gospel. When they do, they will experience the Abomination of Desolation and become a Man of Sin. In this worsened spiritual condition, they are now ready for the end of the ages to come to them:

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom (Satan's gospel and kingdom) shall be preached in all the world (the Elect believer) for a witness unto all nations (thoughts and beliefs of the carnal mind); and then shall the end come (conversion).

After Christ comes and pours out the Latter Rain and heals their spiritual blindness, they will "see" the Abomination of Desolation which occurred within themselves. The Man of Sin will also be "revealed" to them and they will find that he is the one who has been looking at them in the mirror. Once a believer "sees" what has happened, judgment will fall on the Man of Sin and Christ will remove the spirit of anti-Christ from within them.

These verses apply:

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand 16 Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:

Note: The Elect believer is to flee to the mountains as Lot did because judgment is about to fall on Sodom (the worsened carnal nature) and Gomorrah (the Man of Sin). This destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is a "type" which teaches the Day of the Lord as it occurs within an Elect believer.

Mat 24:40 Then shall two (one flesh, one believer) be in the field; the one shall be taken (the Man of Sin), and the other left (the newly born child of God).

The Man of Sin (the Beast and false prophet) are taken from the believer and cast into the Lake of Fire for their destruction.

Rev 19:20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

After they are removed and destroyed (along with Mystery Babylon the Great Harlot, the worsened carnal nature), the believer will then be completely governed by the Holy Spirit and will be a child of God. This is when a believer is "born again" and is converted. This is also the moment of salvation as Peter said in his speech in Acts 2.

As for the earth and heaven being destroyed, I explained what those symbols represent in my previous posts. Once they are destroyed, the believer will have a New Heaven (mind of Christ) and a New Earth (spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

Some people are so far off I would have to write a book over and over again. Good Luck.

J