

1. Find 4 Bible passages that describe the "Day of the Lord" OR - Find 4 Bible passages that describe this same prophetic time with another phrase like vengeance or wrath. 2. From Rev. 6, Explain the logic or 'reasonableness' to the order or sequence of seals 1-5. 3. Explain reasons why you think the "day of the Lord" may or may not soon to occur. 4. How can we reconcile the notion of the goodness and grace of God with concept of a God of wrath and judgment? Can a loving God operate in two modes? 5. Who do you think the 24 elders represent? Give two or more scripture proofs to support your viewpoint.

DAY OF THE LORD

ISAIAH 61V1-2

JESUS READS ISAIAH 61 TO ANNOUNCE IT'S FULFILLMENT (IN PART)

1The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (JESUS OMITTS THE FOLLOWING:) **and the day of vengeance of our God;** A dispensation of GRACE is singled out

Understanding the time of Judgment: The Day of the Lord (Wrath of God)

Isaiah C 2: 12

For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

15And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

ISAIAH 13:3-7

Isaiah C 13:31 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3) I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. 4) The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. 5) They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6) Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7) Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8) And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

9) Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land

desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10) For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11) And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12) I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13) Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

DAY OF THE LORD BY OTHER NAMES

ISAIAH 34:8 8 For *it is the day of the LORD's vengeance*, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.

Isaiah 63:4 For *the day of vengeance* is in My heart, And the year of My redeemed has come.

Jeremiah 46:10

For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, *A day of vengeance*, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice In the north country by the River Euphrates.

Micah 5:15

And I will execute **vengeance** in anger and fury On the nations that have not heard.”

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 7 and to *give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God*, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

Isaiah 13:8-10 (NKJV) (Day of Wrath)

8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames. 9 Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. 10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

Zephaniah 1:1-18 (NKJV) MORE DETAILS OF The Great Day of the LORD

2 “ I will utterly consume everything From the face of the land,” Says the LORD; 3 “ I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the sea, And the stumbling blocks[a] along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face of the land,” Says the LORD. 4 “ I will stretch out My hand against Judah, And against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of Baal from this place, The names of the idolatrous priests[b] with the *pagan* priests— 5

Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops; Those who worship and swear *oaths* by the LORD, But who *also* swear by Milcom;[c] 6 Those who have turned back from *following* the LORD, And have not sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him.” 7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; **For the day of the LORD is at hand**, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited[d] His guests. 8 “ And it shall be, In the day of the LORD’s sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king’s children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. 9 In the same day I will punish All those who leap over the threshold,[e] Who fill their masters’ houses with violence and deceit. 10 “ And there shall be on that day,” says the LORD, “ The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the Second Quarter, And a loud crashing from the hills. 11 Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh![f] For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off. 12 “ And it shall come to pass at that time *That* I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, ‘ The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.’ 13 Therefore their goods shall become booty, And their houses a desolation; 14 The great day of the LORD is near; *It is near and hastens quickly.* The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. 15 That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers. 17 “ I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse.”

THE DAY OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Jer. 30:7 *Tribulation is called The time of Jacob's trouble*

WHO ARE THE 24 ELDERS? Reasons to believe they are the Church in Heaven

1. No mention of the “Church - ecclesia” any time after Chapter 3 of Revelation
2. Not martyred saints proof text: Revelation 7:13-14 (John questions one of the 24 elders)
3. White Raiment – reveals those who are made righteous in Christ
4. Crowns Overcomer's crowns (Stephanos) (To him who overcomes phrases in Rev. 2:7; 11:17;26 3:12)
5. The 24 elders sing the song of the redeemed “You have redeemed us from every people and tongue and nation” (church represent the redeemed of all nations.) found in Revelation 5:9-10
6. Called Elders Called Kings and Priests Revelation 5:10 (Jesus, Melchisedek, and the redeemed)
7. Seven Golden Lampstands that represented the Churches in Chapter 1 are now in heaven (Ch. 4)
8. After Chapter 4: We see references that are Jewish in character. Like Lion of Tribe of Judah.

THE DAY OF JUDGMENT OR SEVEN YEARS OF TRIBULATION CLOSE OR NOT SO CLOSE???

Reasons that support the view of soon close of church age: Israel is the fuse or linch pin of prophecy

1. *Israel is back in the land. (SCOFFIELD BIBLE COMMENTARY 1917)*
2. *Israel is a troublesome stone and is the focus of attention on world stage*
3. **Technology has grown at a exponential rate. Daniel 12, Knowledge will increase*

4. *Instant communication world wide web, Skype, Satellite surveillance*
5. *False doctrines are increasing, false Christs apostasy is evident in Religion (departing from the faith)*
6. *The world has never been more distressed economically*
7. ***The Islamic world says they are ready to make the way for the Mahdi (their Messiah our anti-Christ*
8. *The Arab Spring has opened the door to an alliance (Muslim Brotherhood) whose aim is to destroy Israel*
9. *Atomic weapons in hands of Jihadists (Iran) is imminent that could destroy nations and fulfill prophecy*
10. *Moral depravity is evidenced and most youth seek a life without moral constraint*
11. *Satanic music and satanic blasphemies are the norm in international culture*
12. *The popular culture and political factions have reversed good and evil and evil good.*
13. *The last of the papal line: anti Christ pope will follow the current pope Bendict, He will be Petrus 2 (Prophetic designation of all the papal line by Malachi a 1094 mystic priest. (Petrus Romanus) BTW: ****

** Devices are now available to surveil or track every human being; Universal codes to ID populations exist - **and** *[Daniel 12:4](#) "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall increase.**"*

*** Ahmadinajad says he knows and has communication with the 12th Mahdi*

****Pope Benedict is in failing health according to recent headlines.*

Matt. 23:37-39 Jesus mourns Jerusalem and declares the consequence for Israel rejecting their Messiah. 37) *O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. 39For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.*

Hoseah5:15 Propheys the judgment above: 15 *I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me.*

The Tribulation will bring to finality those matters outlined in Daniel's Ch.9. Another outcome is bring Israel to repentance. Events will bring Israel to the breaking point and that remnant will bring Israel to call out to save.