

## THE SIX FEATURES THAT DESCRIBE THE FEARSOME DAY OF THE LORD

We are living in extremely dangerous times, and even more dangerous days are coming soon. Many people do not realize that the end is very near, that this world is coming to a close, and that **THE DAY OF THE LORD** is right at the door.

What is the Day of the Lord?

The Day of the Lord is a specific period that God has appointed to judge and destroy this world together with all the wicked and all their corrupt systems. This time will come after the Church of Christ has been taken up (the rapture).

In the book of Zephaniah, we are given a detailed description of what that day will be like.

He lists six characteristics, each introduced with the phrase “*a day of...*”.

Let's read:

Zephaniah 1:14-16 (NIV)

14 The great day of the LORD is near—near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty

Warrior shouts his battle cry.

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of trouble and ruin, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness,

16 a day of trumpet and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the corner towers.

## 1) A Day Of Wrath

Wrath is the product of great anger, and anger is followed by judgment. In Revelation 16, we see the seven angels pouring out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth. What follows are terrifying plagues—painful sores breaking out on people, and the sun scorching humanity with fierce heat—so severe that people curse God instead of repenting.

Revelation 16:8-9 (NIV)

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was allowed to scorch people with fire.

9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God... but they refused to repent and glorify him.

## 2) A Day Of Distress And Anguish

Distress and anguish refer to suffering caused by the environment and events around people. In Revelation 16 we see rivers, springs, and even the sea turning into blood. Humanity is left without water. The earth becomes unstable and terrifying. Imagine living in such a world—how could anyone endure it?

The Bible says that people will seek death, but death will flee from them.

Revelation 16:3-6 (NIV)

3 The second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead person...

4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.

6 For they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.

### 3) A Day Of Destruction And Ruin

It will not only be plagues and distress—the world itself and its systems will be destroyed.

The Bible says there will be a massive earthquake unlike anything in human history. Islands will disappear. Fire will engulf the earth, just as in the judgments of Sodom and Gomorrah and the days of Noah.

2 Peter 3:10-12 (NIV)

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

11 Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?

12 As you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.

## 4) A Day Of Darkness And Gloom

This refers especially to spiritual darkness. It will be a time when people will desperately seek God but will not find Him. Jesus warned that we must do God's work while it is "day," because "night is coming, when no one can work." People will cry out to God, but there will be no answer.

Proverbs 1:27-30 (NIV)

27 when disaster comes like a storm...  
28 Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me,  
29 since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD.

## 5) A Day Of Clouds And Deep Darkness

During this time, the sun, moon, and stars will be darkened. The world will experience a level of darkness never seen before.

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These are the final plagues leading to the second coming of Christ to the earth.

A thick cloud will cover the sky, and enormous hailstones—each weighing about a talent (approximately 75 pounds / 34 kg)—will fall on humanity.

Revelation 16:18-21 (NIV)

18 Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since mankind has been on earth...

20 Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found.

21 From the sky huge hailstones, each weighing about a talent, fell on people... and they cursed God because the plague was so terrible.

## 6) A Day Of Trumpet And Battle Cry

This battle cry refers to war. During the Day of the Lord, there will

be the final great war known as Armageddon. All nations will be involved. The Lord will strike down multitudes, and blood will flow in great measure. There will be no heroes—everyone will mourn. Even kings, rulers, and the wealthy will weep. Their riches will not save them. They will beg mountains to fall on them rather than endure the judgments of Almighty God.

Zephaniah 1:17-18 (NIV)

17 I will bring such distress on all people that they will grope about like those who are blind...

18 Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath... He will bring the inhabitants of the earth to a sudden end.

## A Call To Salvation

My friend, if the rapture were to take place today, understand that you would witness all these events. This is not the time to play with salvation—it is time to wake up and run toward the grace of God. The terrible days ahead are approaching quickly.

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Where will the things of this world take you? Where is your life truly anchored? If you were to die today, whose presence would you enter? There is suffering beyond this life as well.

Make the decision today to repent and turn to the Lord Jesus. He offers forgiveness freely. The judgment of God is terrifying.

If you are ready to receive Jesus into your life and desire Him to lift the burden of sin from you, pray this prayer in faith. Christ is always ready to save. Remember: first you believe, then you confess.

Where you are, kneel if you can and speak these words sincerely from your heart.

Today your sins can be forgiven right where you are.

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## Prayer Of Salvation

“Lord Jesus, thank You for coming into this world to redeem us who were lost, through Your death on the cross and Your resurrection. I believe that You are the Lord and Savior. I receive

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the grace You freely give—the forgiveness of my sins. From today, I choose to become Your child and turn away from my old sinful ways. Thank You for giving me the strength to do this and for writing my name in the Book of Life. I am now a new creation. Thank You for receiving me, forgiving me, and making me Your own. I pray this believing in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

If you prayed that sincerely in faith, you have received salvation.

Your next step is baptism. Find a place where believers are baptized by immersion in water and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you need help, you are welcome to contact us at the numbers below.

God bless you.

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