

Prophecy Overview

(1) The Wrath and The Hope

Here is a partial listing of Biblical passages referring to the End Times.

Note, 'the Day of the Lord' and the 'Millennial Kingdom' and the 'Catching Away'.

Read the passages and make notes for yourself about what each time is like.

Note: Emphasis added. All Scripture is New American Standard Updated, NASU.

The Day of the Lord

Isa 13:6-13

6 *Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.*

7 *Therefore all hands will fall limp, And every man's heart will melt.*

8 *They will be terrified, Pains and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, Their faces aflame.*

9 *Behold, the day of the Lord is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, To make the land a desolation; And He will exterminate its sinners from it.*

10 *For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not flash forth their light, The sun will be dark when it rises And the moon will not shed its light.*

11 *Thus I will punish the world for its evil And the wicked for their iniquity; I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud And abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.*

12 *I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold And mankind than the gold of Ophir.*

13 *Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, And the earth will be shaken from its place At the fury of the Lord of hosts In the day of His burning anger.*

Ezek 30:1-4

1 *The word of the Lord came again to me saying,*

2 *"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Wail, 'Alas for the day!"*

3 *"For the day is near, Even the day of the Lord is near;*

It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.

4 *"A sword will come upon Egypt, And anguish will be in Ethiopia;*

When the slain fall in Egypt, They take away her wealth,

And her foundations are torn down.

Joel 1:14-15

14 *Consecrate a fast,*

Proclaim a solemn assembly;

Gather the elders

And all the inhabitants of the land

To the house of the Lord your God,

And cry out to the Lord.

15 *Alas for the day!*

For the day of the Lord is near,

And it will come as destruction from the Almighty.

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Joel 2:1-2

2:1 Blow a trumpet in Zion, And **sound an alarm** on My holy mountain!
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,
For the **day of the Lord** is coming; Surely it is near,
2 A day of darkness and gloom, A day of clouds and thick darkness.
As the dawn is spread over the mountains, So there is a great and mighty people;
There has never been anything like it, Nor will there be again after it
To the years of many generations.

Matt 24:21-23

21 "For then there will be a **great tribulation**, such as has **not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.** 22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

Joel 2:30-31

30 "I will display **wonders in the sky and on the earth**, Blood, fire and columns of smoke.
31 "**The sun** will be turned into darkness
And **the moon** into blood **Before** the great and awesome **day of the Lord** comes.

Amos 5:18-20

18 **Alas**, you who are longing for the **day of the Lord**,
For what purpose will the **day of the Lord** be to you? It will be **darkness and not light**,
19 As when a man flees from a lion And a bear meets him,
Or goes home, leans his hand against the wall And a snake bites him.
20 Will not the **day of the Lord** be darkness instead of light,
Even gloom with no brightness in it?

Obad 15

15 "For the **day of the Lord** draws near **on all the nations**.
As you have done, it will be done to you.
Your dealings will return on your own head.

Zeph 1:14-18

14 Near is the great **day of the Lord**, Near and coming very quickly;
Listen, the **day of the Lord**! In it the warrior cries out bitterly.
15 A day of **wrath** is that day, A day of **trouble and distress**,
A day of **destruction and desolation**, A day of **darkness and gloom**,
A day of **clouds and thick darkness**,
16 A day of **trumpet and battle cry** Against the fortified cities
And the high corner towers.
17 I will bring **distress** on men So that they will walk like the blind,
Because they have sinned against the Lord; And their blood will be poured out like dust
And their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold Will be able to deliver them
On the **day of the Lord's wrath**; And **all the earth** will be **devoured**
In the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end,
Indeed a terrifying one, Of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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The Millennial Kingdom

Zech 14:5-11

... Then the Lord, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! 6 In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. 7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light. 8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter. 9 And **the Lord will be king over all the earth; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.** 10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses. 11 People will live in it, and **there will no longer be a curse**, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

Rev 20:1-6

1 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years**; 3 and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. 4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and **reigned with Christ for a thousand years**. 5 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Isa 11:5-9

5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins,
And faithfulness the belt about His waist.
6 And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat,
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.
7 Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together,
And the lion will eat straw like the ox.
8 The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra,
And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.
9 They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
For **the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord** As the waters cover the sea.

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The 'catching away'

aka, the Rapture

1 Thess 4:13-5:11

4:13 But **we** do not want **you** to be uninformed, **brethren**, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus**. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

5:1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that the **day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While **they** are saying, "Peace and safety!" then **destruction will come upon them** suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

4 **But you, brethren, are not in darkness**, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, **the hope of salvation**. 9 For **God has not destined us for wrath**, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. 11 Therefore **encourage one another and build up one another**, just as you also are doing.

1 Cor 15:50-52

50 Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, 52 in a **moment**, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the **trumpet will sound**, and the **dead will be raised imperishable**, and **we will be changed**.

Titus 2:11-14

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 **looking for the blessed hope** and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.