

# In A Moment

INAM-05 "TWO DAYS: THE DAY OF THE LORD"  
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## "THE DOCTRINE OF THE RAPTURE OF THE SAINTS"

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In this Lesson I have decided to follow the teaching regarding the "Epiphany – Appearance" with this lesson on "THE DAY OF THE LORD."

Just as there are "2" Distinct Events, [ "The Appearance" and "The Arrival" ] presented in Scripture, there are "2" Distinct Days, [ "The Day of the Lord" and "The Day of Christ" ]. As a study of the references to each of these Words and Days, there are clearly different events that accompany each of them... events that cannot be resolved by seeing them as referring to the same "Day".

## TWO WORDS – TWO EVENTS: THE APPEARANCE VS THE ARRIVAL

It becomes apparent when we consider numerous verses of Scripture regarding the "End Times" (Eschatology) that there are differences... even seeming contradictions between certain events.

Within the "The Church Age" there are several things that are presented in relationship to one another:

- "THE HOUR vs AN HOUR" ... "THE APPEARANCE vs THE ARRIVAL" ... "THE DAY OF THE LORD" vs "THE DAY OF CHRIST" ...
- Only by careful comparison of Scripture can the distinction between these events be seen. That is why many confuse them as being a reference to the same thing.

## TWO DISTINCT WORDS AND EVENTS

- Appearance... – Epiphaneia [from "Phaneros" – to be seen] – to appear in light / to be manifest with glorious brightness – This is especially used in Greek to identify something that is "Present" but not seen until revealed...
  - In the NT ALWAYS of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> APPEARING / ADVENT of the LORD –
  - Marked by Brightness / Glory / Fear / Awe – those who truly realized who "JESUS" was were "awe-struck"... Mary; Joseph; Shepherds; Magi; Simeon; Anna; Disciples; Centurion; Demons
- The FIRST ADVENT of JESUS CHRIST ... His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming was in Humility to Save through His Death...  
2 Tim. 1:9-10 "...not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in CHRIST JESUS before the ages began,<sup>10</sup> and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our SAVIOR CHRIST JESUS..."

- The **SECOND ADVENT** and **FUTURE APPEARANCE** of THE LORD JESUS CHRIST ... His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming will be with Glory to Judge the World

**2 THESS. 2:8** “And then the Lawless One will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the **Appearance [Epiphaneia]** of his “coming / Arrival” **[Parousia].**”

**1 TIM. 6:14** “...to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the “**Appearance [Epiphaneia]**.” of our Lord Jesus Christ...”

**2 TIM. 4:1** “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his “**Appearance [Epiphaneia]**.” and his kingdom...”

**TITUS 2:13** “...waiting for our blessed hope, the **Appearance [Epiphaneia]** of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ...”

## THE DAY OF THE LORD... AND... THE DAY OF CHRIST

Although most are aware of THE DAY OF THE LORD, there is little consideration of THE DAY OF CHRIST, and often confusion regarding the distinction between these two.

But they are different: with different **timing**, different **results**, and different **purposes**.

**THE DAY OF THE LORD** – An **OLD TESTAMENT** phrase referring to a period of years in which *the Lord brings His Judgment and Establishes His Rule on The Earth...*

**ISA 2:12** *For the LORD of hosts has a day against all that is proud and lofty, against all that is lifted up—and it shall be brought low...*

**ISA 13:6** *Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come!*  
**VS 9-10** *Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it. <sup>10</sup> For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.*

**JOEL 1:15** *Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. <sup>16</sup> Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy, and gladness from the house of our God?*

**JOEL 3:14-15** *Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. <sup>15</sup> The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.*

**MAL 4:1-2** *For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.*

**VS 5** *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.*

**LAM 2:22; ISA 34:8 JER 46:10; EZK 13:5; 30:3; JOEL 2:1; AMOS 5:18; OBA 15; ZEPH 1:7; 8; 18; 2:2; 3; ZECH 14:1;**

These passages do not sound like anything that God has promised to the Church... **His Bride!**

We see:

- A Gathering of all nations against Jerusalem by God...
- The taking of the city of Jerusalem as Judgement ...

The BODILY APPEARANCE (RETURN) of the LORD on the MOUNT OF OLIVES...

MATT 24:27-30 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

<sup>29</sup> “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>30</sup> Then will appear in heaven the sign of the SON OF MAN, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

[REV 19:11-16]

- The Great Earthquakes ...

REV 6:12 (after the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal) ; 11:13 (after the 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet); 16:18 (after the 7<sup>th</sup> Bowl)

Five Things we know about “THE DAY OF THE LORD”

- a. The “D of L” has application to the Distress of the NATION OF ISRAEL

ZEPHANIAH 1:14-16 The GREAT DAY OF THE LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of THE DAY OF THE LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup> A DAY of wrath is that day, a DAY of distress and anguish, a DAY of ruin and devastation, a DAY of darkness and gloom, a DAY of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup> a DAY of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

NOT to THE CHURCH (the CHURCH AGE was unknown to the Prophets) ...

1 PETER 1:10-12 Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, <sup>11</sup> inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

- b. The “D of L” is YET future...

- i. It is separate from, and begins with the Saints being “caught-up” to the Lord –

THE RAPTURE...

2 THESS 2:1-2 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

AND our being gathered together to him...

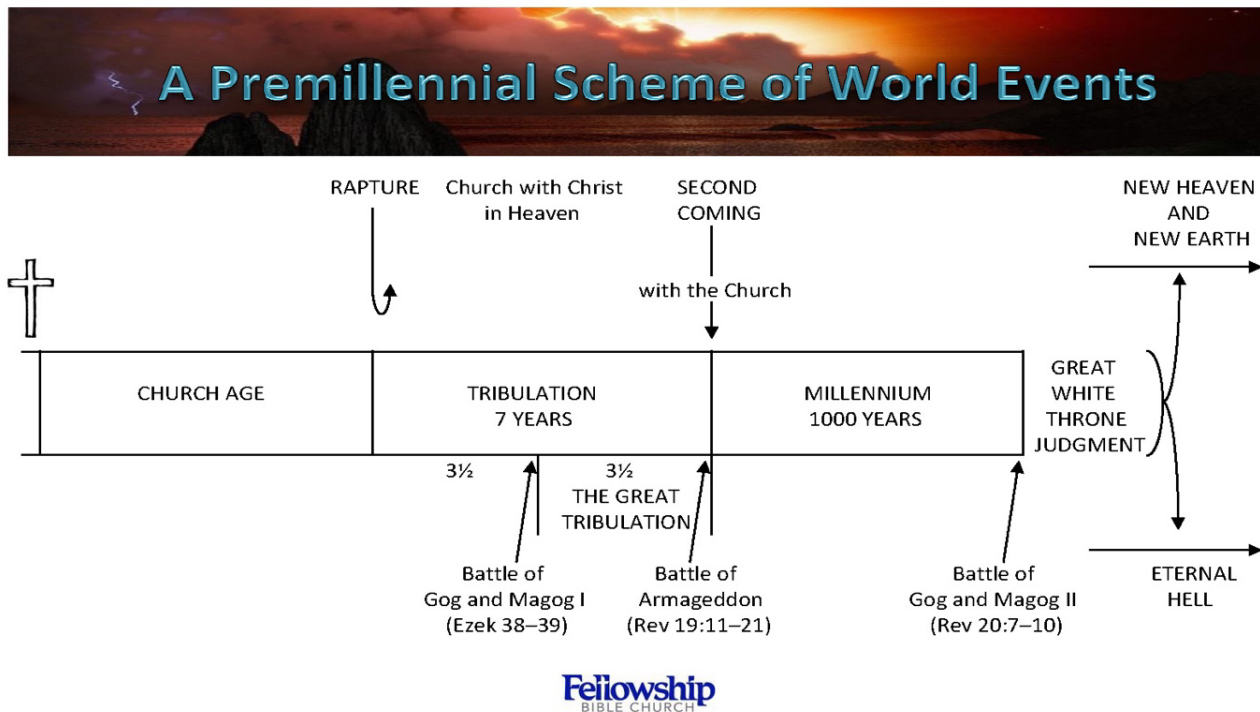
we ask you, brothers, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us to the effect that the DAY OF THE LORD has come.

- ii. It will end with the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT (REV 20:11-15)...

- c. The “D of L” is a time of “*judgment upon Israel*” because of their rejection of God’s Authority and the Offer of the Messiah (the **MYSTERY OF THE OLIVE TREE**)
- d. The “D of L” refers to a day of “*Great Tribulation / Trouble / Suffering / Wrath*” upon **ISRAEL** AND the world as presented both by the **OT Prophets**, By **Jesus** (MATT 24), and by **John** (REV 6-19)
- e. The “D of L” is the time of the Messiah’s “*Arrival*” (**2<sup>ND</sup> EPIPHANEIA**) upon the Earth in “*Judgment*” **NOT** as “*Savior*” (**1<sup>ST</sup> EPIPHANEIA**)

## The End Times Chart

“THE PRE-TRIBULATIONAL ... PRE-MILLENNIAL VIEWPOINT”



- Arrival / Coming... - Parousia – to be present / the arrival / to come to... In the NT, the understanding of the “Arrival” must be determined by its context in relation to the “Occasion of the ARRIVAL”

○ THE SECOND ADVENT

JAS 5:7-8 “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.<sup>8</sup> You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.”

MATT 24:3 “As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming [2<sup>nd</sup> Coming] and of the end of the age?”

:27 For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.

2 THESS 2:1 “Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him...”

:8 “And then the Lawless One will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance [Epiphaneia] of his coming [Parousia].”

2 PET 3:4 “They will say, ‘Where is the promise of his coming?’”

:12 “...waiting for and hastening the coming of THE DAY OF GOD, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!”

1 JN 2:28 “And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears [Phaneros – to be seen] we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming [Parousia - arrival].”

○ THE RAPTURE –

1 COR 15:23 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For as by a man came death, by a man has also come the resurrection of the dead.<sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. “But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.”

1 THESS 2:19-20 “For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?<sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.

1 THESS 3:13 “...so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

1 THESS 4:15 “For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.”

1 THESS 5:23 “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 TIM 4:8 “Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his coming / Arrival [Parousia].”

- **THE DAY OF CHRIST [JESUS]** – A New Testament phrase used in reference to the **“DAY”** Christ comes for the Saints... The **“CATCHING AWAY!”** (RAPTURE)

PHIL 1:6 *“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion [until] **THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.**”*

- God’s work WITHIN us will continue until the time of the **RAPTURE...**
- THEN we will be **“fully changed”** into His glorious image...

PHIL 3:20-21 *“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who **will transform** our lowly body **to be like** his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”*

**“Transform...”** – **metaschematizo** – to make **“outward change ONLY”**

**“Our “lowly” bodies...”** – the **“change”** is ONLY to the **“lowly body”** in which we dwell...

**“To be like...”** – **summorphos** – To be fashioned into the **“form”** of another’s which is **NOT** representative of the previous **“form”**

WHY only **“outward change”** – BECAUSE we are ALREADY created in **His own** image and likeness WITHIN...

PHIL 2:16 *“holding fast to the word of life, so that in **THE DAY OF CHRIST** I may be confident that I did not run in vain or labor in vain.”*

- Our **“labor”** will be complete at the time of 1) **Death**; or 2) **RAPTURE**
- Our **“rewards”** will then be recognized based on what we have done in THIS life...
  - **1 COR 3:12-13** *Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each one’s work will become manifest, for **the Day** will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.*
  - **JOHN 14:**
  - **COL 3:4** **When Christ** who is your life **appears**, then **you also will appear** with him in glory.
  - **1 THESS 1:10**
  - **1 THESS 2:19-20** *For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our **Lord Jesus at his Coming**? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.*
  - **2 TIM 4:8** *Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on **that Day**, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.*
  - **TITUS 2:**

- **REV 14:13** *And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the **dead who die in the Lord** from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "**that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!**"*

➤ **CONTRAST:**

**1 THESS 4:17-18** *Then **we who are alive**, who are left, **will be caught up together with them** in the clouds **to meet the Lord** in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.<sup>18</sup> Therefore **encourage one another** with these words.*

**1 THESS 5:8-11** *But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.<sup>9</sup> For **God has not destined us for wrath...***

*"destined to wrath..." – to be once and for all given over to receive the pending judgment of wrath - reserved for those who have NOT believed upon the **LORD JESUS CHRIST** (**JOHN 3:36**)*

*but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

<sup>10</sup> *who died for us so that whether we are:*

***awake** - we who are **alive** and **remain...***

*or **asleep** - those who **have died** in the Lord...*

*we **might live with him.***

<sup>11</sup> *Therefore **encourage one another** and **build one another up**, just as you are doing.*

- ADDITION OF "building-up" – MEND / REPAIR / COMPLETE...

The Last Days = Pentecost to 2nd Coming – The Day of the Lord - Comprise Church Age & Tribulation

The Church Age = Pentecost to the Rapture are a part the Last Days