

# DAY OF THE LORD

The key here that almost all are missing is when the day of the Lord comes in relation to the tribulation. Many of the prophecies that are being speculated on are identified as "The day of the Lord," "the day of Wrath", the day of Vengeance", etc. The day of the Lord is a year long and it comes after the beast and harlot abuse the church. (*Isa.34:8*) ***For the Lord hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.*** (*63:4*) ***For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.*** It is also the year of the redeemed, the year God comes for His people. Follow me and we can see clearly when the day of the Lord is.

Jesus said he would raise up all of His people at the last day, which must also be the time of the rapture since they happen at the same time (1 Thes.4:15-17). (*Jn.6:39*) ***And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day.*** (*40*) ***For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*** . . . (*44*)..***No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will raise him up in the last day.*** Now lets be honest the last day cannot mean seven years before the last day. (*Job 14:12*) ***So man lieth down and riseth not: till the heavens are no more, they will not awake, nor be roused out of sleep.*** The resurrection cannot happen until the time when the heavens pass away. (*2 Pet.3:10*) ***But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*** Obviously the heavens could not pass away or the earth burn up at the beginning or even the middle of the seven years or there would not be anybody here to have a tribulation! The resurrection and rapture could only be at the last day, here called the day of the Lord, which we will discuss presently.

Noah knew when the Lord would come for him exactly seven days before the flood. He was given a sign to read in his day. Some will argue that Jesus said, "*Of that day and hour knoweth no one*"(*Mt.24:36*). The tense of the verb knoweth is present not future! This spoke of Jesus' day, not our day. Jesus gives us a clear type so we would know when He would come in our day. (*37*) ***As were the days of Noah so shall be the coming of the Son of man.*** The days of Noah are only mentioned in Gen.7. (*Gen.7:4*) ***For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth. . . . 10 And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth.*** God said that after seven days, the flood would come and of course they would lift off. Obviously those in the ark of Christ will rapture/resurrect after seven days. The seventieth week in Dan.9:27, which prophesied the tribulation, will be seven days, a week of years just as the first sixty nine weeks proved to be historically. In other words the seven days represented seven years of the tribulation. The seven day/years preceded the flood which lasted for a year also. From the time the flood started (Gen.7:11) until the waters dried up (8:13,14) was almost a year, which foreshadowed the wrath of God on those who persecute His people during the tribulation. (*Isa.34:8*) ***For the Lord hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion.*** Here we see that the wrath of God, also called the day of the Lord, is also a day/year following seven. Many mistake the tribulation for the wrath saying we are not appointed unto wrath. Tribulation is a wilderness trial for the saints. As we have seen they leave after that tribulation "*at the last day*" (*Jn.6:40*), the "*day of the Lord*" or "*day of vengeance.*" The wrath is God's judgment upon the wicked who were used to tribulate the saints. The Lord says, (*Isa.63:4*) ***For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. (6) And I trod down the peoples in mine anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.*** Notice that the day of vengeance was also a year, the year of the redeemed, just like in Noah's day, which was after the seven days.

The rapture and resurrection are after the great tribulation, which is the last 3½ years of tribulation! Mt.24:21 says, "*Then shall be great tribulation*"; and verses 29-31 say, "*After the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened and the moon shall not give her light.... and they shall see the Son of man coming to gather together his elect... from one end of heaven to the other.*" The same verse in Mk.13:27 says, "*From the uttermost part of earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*" Taken together, we see that one end of heaven is on the earth, the living, and the other is in heaven, the dead. We see here that Jesus is rapturing and resurrecting His elect after the great tribulation. After the tribulation the sun and moon being darkened signal the coming Day of the Lord or flood. (*Acts 2:20*) ***The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the day of the Lord come, That great and notable [day].*** Notice that the sun and moon are darkened after the great tribulation but before the Day of the Lord. Again we see that the flood follows the tribulation.

Those who are not blessed to be in the harvest of the righteous (Rev.14:13-16), are cursed to be in the next harvest of the wicked (Rev.14:17-20), called the wrath of God (verse 19). In Dan.9:27 the seventieth week of the tribulation is prophesied with each day in the week standing for a year. This is followed by another day which is a year (*Isa.34:8, 63:4-6*). This year, called the day of the Lord, is when the Lord comes for his people and then pours his wrath out on the wicked for a year. In Mt.24:29-31 we see that after the tribulation the sun and moon are darkened, and the Lord comes for his people. In Joel 2:10,11 the sun and moon are darkened, and the day of the Lord comes. So after the rapture, the wrath comes for a year. The Jewish remnant is sealed to go through this year (Rev.6:17, 7:3) while the church is caught up to be with the Lord (verse 9) having come through **great tribulation** (verse 14 -see also Zech.14, Joel 3, Isa.13). The church is not appointed unto wrath (1Thes.5:9), that is the day of the Lord (verse 2). The day of the Lord culminates in the destruction of earth (2 Pet.3:10-13), which Noah escaped in the ark. Notice that the flood was just over a year (Gen.7:11, 8:14). This means Noah escaped the day of the Lord but not the tribulation week because God told him that after seven days (the tribulation) the flood would come (Gen.7:4). Noah's earth was destroyed by the flood (2 Pet.3:6,7), and ours will be destroyed by fire (verses 10-13). Noah came down on a new earth, and we shall too (Verse 13).