

## The Day of the Lord and the Coming of Christ

It seems there may exist some confusion in some people's minds about future events that are prophesied in the Bible. We will take two that are often confused, and create a list of comparisons. We will permit the Bible to create a structure of understanding by which to decipher other events. This is only two of the major events described for the future. Another event the Christian will want to study is when Christ returns with His saints in vengeance as described in 2Th 1:6-10 and Rev 19:11-21.

<b>The Day of the Lord<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>The Coming of Christ</b>
<i>A Series of Catastrophic Events on the Earth</i> Isa 13:9-13; 24:17-23; 34:8-10; Jer 4:23; 46:10; Joel 2:10-11; Amos 5:18-20; 8:8-10; Ob 1:15-21; Zeph 1:7-18; 2Pet 3:10; Rev 6:15-17; Rev 16:4	<i>A Sudden "In the Twinkle of the Eye" Event</i> 1Cor 15:52; Jas 5:7-9; 1Pet 4:7; 5:4; Heb 9:28; Heb 10:24-25; 1Jno 2:28-3:3; Col 3:4; 2Tim 4:8; 1Th 1:10; 5:6,9 Php 4:5; 3:20-21; Rom 13:11-14
<i>Postponed</i> Mal 3:5-6 – Until after Elijah (John the Baptist) turns fathers and children's hearts together. Joel 2:28-31 – Until the crucifixion signs and the Holy Spirit is poured out. 2Thess 2:3-4 – Still delayed until the "apo-stasis" or great "standing off", departure has occurred and the "man of sin" is revealed. v5 The "Wicked" is already working but is hindered until the One hindering is removed.	<i>Imminent</i> Matt 24:36-51; 25:13; Mk 13:35-37; Luke 12:31-40; 17:26-37; Titus 2:11-13; Rev 1:1; 3:11; 22:
<i>Well Studied</i> 1Thess 5:1-2 "No need that I write unto you... Yourselves know perfectly...the day of the Lord..."	<i>Not known of by OT Saints</i> 1Th 4:13 I would not have you ignorant brethren...
<i>Disturbing</i> Isa 2:19-21 Luke 21:25-27	<i>Comforting</i> 1Th 4:18; 5:9,11 2Th 2:1-2
<i>Many Earthly Developments</i> Antichrist creates one-world government All the World forced with mark of the beast. Series of Disasters: Seals, Trumpets and Bowl Judgments brought forth. Dan 7,8:23-27; 12; 2Th 2:3-12; Rev 6-19	<i>Ever Be With the Lord</i> Rev 5-6, "And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the seals and open the book, and to open the seals...and we shall reign on the earth. 6:9-10
<i>Includes Israel's Restoration and Earth's Renovation</i> Isa 24:24:17-23; Joel 3:17-21; Micah 4:7; Zech 12-14; Rom 11:25-27; 1Pe 3:9	<i>Leads up to the Bride Returning with Christ</i> Rev 19:6-8; 14
<i>Other titles</i> Hour of temptation – Rev 3:10 Great tribulation – Rev 2:22, 7:14; Day of His wrath – Rev 6:17	<i>Other titles</i> Caught up together (Rapture) – 1Th 4:17 Our gathering together unto Him – 2Th 2:1 Day of Christ – 1Cor 1:8; Php 1:6, 10; 2:16

### What does this comparison teach us?

1. The Day of the Lord and the Coming of Christ for His Saints are related but very separate events.
2. We are instructed to be ready for Christ's return, and to comfort ourselves with this thought.
3. The church will experience the beginning of sorrows (Gk labor pains) Matt 24:8, and promised they are not "appointed unto wrath."
4. The unfolding drama of Day of the Lord to help those who come to believe during the Day of the Lord and they will understand.

**Question:** Is there any hint anywhere that the church of Jesus Christ will be here for any of the Day of the Lord?

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<sup>4</sup>Placed first in order on this chart (even though chronologically it occurs second) because it is prophesied in the Old Testament while the Coming of Christ for saints is only explained in the New.