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**REVELATION PART 4, LESSON 8**  
**THE DAY OF THE LORD**

**I. REVIEW of the day of the Lord from lesson 7:**

- AMOS 5 said it will be a time of darkness and gloom
- ISAIAH 13:6-20 told of Babylon's destruction from the Almighty
- OBADIAH prophesied that the day of the Lord is coming on all the nations, specifically Edom. As they have done, especially to Israel, it will be done to them
- JOEL 2:2-11 said that there has never been anything like it, nor will there ever be
  - darkness and gloom
  - clouds
  - great army with fire consuming before and after them
  - great and very awesome
  - who can endure it?

**WHEN will it come?**

- After God poured out His Spirit on His servants- Acts 2:28-31
- After wonders in the sky and on earth- at the breaking of the 6th seal
- 2 Thessalonians says that it won't come until the man of lawlessness is revealed by displaying himself to be God in the Holy of Holies, which will be at the sounding of the 7th trumpet
- 2 Peter says it is also called the day of God, when the earth and its works are burned up

[from Leader Guide for lesson 8]

**II. OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES FROM ZEPHANIAH, EZEKIEL, ZECHARIAH, AND MALACHI CONCERNING THE DAY OF THE LORD Homework from lesson 8**

**ZEPHANIAH 1-3: specifically 1:7, 14:** [Homework, pp.93-94]

*7 "Be silent before the Lord God! For **the day of the Lord** is near, For the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, He has consecrated His guests. 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."*

**CONTEXT:**

**Zephaniah 1:1:** *"The word of the Lord which came to Zephaniah son of Cushi, son of Gedaliah, son of Amariah, son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah (640-609 BC), son of Amon, king of Judah:"*

**1:14-15:** ?How is the day of the Lord described here?

**1:18:** How long will the day of the Lord last?

See also 2 Peter 3:10 [3:3-14 are discussed in lesson 7]

Look for God's message given to Peter regarding WHY He sends advance warnings and signs of this Day of the Lord in 2 Peter 3:11-13:

11 "Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the **coming of the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! 13 But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

Who are "you" and "we" in this passage?

Who is God warning in Zephaniah? Who is Zephaniah giving this prophecy to?

1:4,12-13: who are the men who are "stagnant in spirit"?

**Defn: stagnant** H#7087a- QUAFA, from a primary root; to thicken, condense, congeal (as unracked wine, curdled milk,clouded sky, frozen water) from Zodhiates

**Defn: heart** H#3824- LEBAB lay-bawb, heart, mind, inner person. The primary usage of this word describes the entire disposition of the inner person that God can discern.

Zephaniah 3:8-13 gives a summary of the day of the Lord

3:8: "Therefore wait for Me," declares the Lord, "For **the day** when I rise up as a witness. Indeed, "My decision is

- to gather nations,
- To assemble kingdoms,
- To pour out on them My indignation, All My burning anger;
- For all the earth will be devoured By the fire of My zeal."

Verses 9-13 describe that part of the **day of the Lord** which includes the restoration for God's people and the nations

Compare 3:9 with Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21 and Revelation 14:6-7:

Zephaniah 3:9: "For then I will give to the peoples purified lips, That all of them may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him shoulder to shoulder."

Joel 2:32: "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the Lord has said, "Even among the survivors whom the Lord calls."

Acts 2:21: 'And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

Revelation 14:6-7: 6 "And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters."

WHEN is this part of the **day of the Lord** going to happen?

**EZEKIEL 30; specifically 30:3:** *“For the day is near, Even day of the Lord is near; It will be a day of clouds, A time of doom for the nations.”* [Homework, p.95]

**How is the day of the Lord described in verses 3-9? Which nation is this prophecy mainly against? Is this prophecy a near fulfillment or far fulfillment, or both?**

**See verse 10 and Daniel 11:42,43**

**ZECHARIAH 14:** [Homework, p.96]

**14:2:** *“For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.”*

**What changes “in that day” for the rest of the chapter?**

**14: 3-5: Who fights against those nations?**

**In 6-8 how is “that day” unique? And, in verse 9, who will be king over all the earth “in that day”? What about the land, vv.10-11?**

**Verses 12-15 go back to the nations gathered in verses 1-3. How is the plague described?**

**Verses 16-19 give us a picture of who will go into the millennial kingdom along with the redeemed Jews. WHO???**

**MALACHI 3-4; specifically 4:5:** [Homework, pp.96-97]

**4:5:** *“Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord.”*

**Chapter 3 begins with “Behold, I am going to send My messenger...”**

**?Who is this messenger who is going to clear the way for the Lord?**

**?Will this be before or after the day of the Lord?**

**READ Matthew 3:1-3; 11:10, 14; John 1:23 (Isaiah 40:3 is quoted)**

**In Chapter 4, how is the day of the Lord described?**

**Using your timeline from p. 269 in the homework, summarize the day of the Lord in terms of what must happen before it comes, when it comes, and when it ends.** [Homework, p.97,#3]

## What can we do?

Seek the Lord.

Seek righteousness.

Seek humility.

Return to the Lord with fasting and prayer and weeping and mourning.

Call a solemn assembly and seek God together and sanctify ourselves,

from the little children to the bridegroom.

No excuses!

Now is the Day to seek the Lord

because

the DAY OF THE LORD is near

nearer than you think !

A unique day.

A day that you need to be prepared for.

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Preparing includes remembering just what this day brings--our future eternity.

There are 2 paths: Eternal Salvation and Eternal Condemnation. David remembered:

**Psalm 16:5-11:** *"The Lord is the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You support my lot. The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Indeed, my heritage is beautiful to me. I will bless the Lord who has counseled me; Indeed, my mind instructs me in the night. I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will dwell securely. For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol; Nor will You allow Your Holy One to undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever."*