

# 2 Peter Series

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**Day of the Lord:  
Isaiah, Zephaniah, Jeremiah,  
Zechariah, Malachi  
2 Peter 3:10**



**2<sup>nd</sup> PETER**

**Guard Against False Teachers**

**3A God refutes specific false teaching in light of the future return of Christ,  
2 Peter 3:1–14**

**1B Peter's second reminder,  
2 Peter 3:1–2**

**2B God refutes the false teachers denial of the literal Second Advent,  
2 Peter 3:3–14**

**Conclusion: Warning and Challenge  
Do not fall into error, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
2 Peter 3:15–18**

**2 Pet. 3:10, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”**

# **What the Bible Teaches About**

## **The Day of the LORD**



# **What is the Day of the Lord?**

- 1. Begins with 2nd Coming, goes through the Millennium (Mill.) to Great White Throne (GWT). (Scofield)**
- 2. Day of the Lord from after the Rapture through the Mill. to GWT. (Ironside, L. S. Chafer, Walvoord, Ryrie, Pentecost, Thieme, Showers, Baughman)**
- 3. The 2nd Coming or the end of the Mill., but excludes most of the Tribulation and the Mill. (Mayhue, Price, Ice)**
- 4. The Tribulation only (Fruchtenbaum) (only the time of Daniel's seventieth week)**
- 5. The Rapture or the 2nd Coming (Barbieri)**

**How do we determine the meaning of the Day of the Lord?**



**1. The phrase “day of the Lord” occurs in 19 Old Testament verses in reference to a special time of divine judgment.**

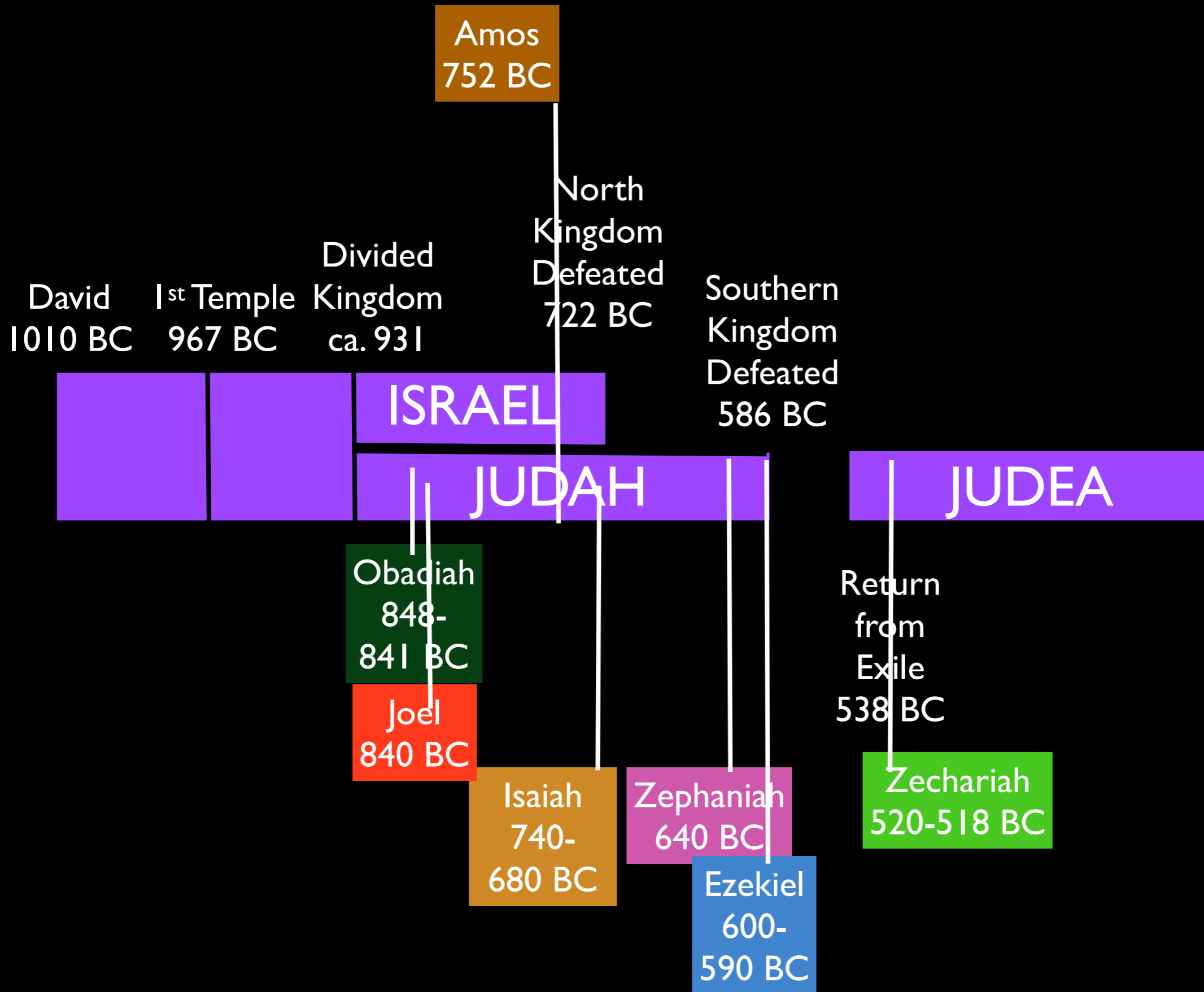
**In addition to this phrase, additional phrases which refer to this event are: “that day,” “the day,” “the great day of the Lord” (Zeph. 1:14), “the day of God” (2 Pet. 3:12; Rev. 16:14).**

**2. The Day of the Lord refers to God's special interventions into the course of world events to judge His enemies, accomplish His purpose for history, and thereby demonstrate who He is—the sovereign God of the universe (Isa. 2:10–22; Ezek. 13:5, 9, 14, 21, 23; 30:3, 8, 19, 25–26).**

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**This finds its ultimate fulfillment in the return of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Rev. 19:16.**

### **3. Examination of some key passages.**



**OBADIAH**

**“Servant of *Yah*”**

**or**

**“Worshipper of *Yah*”**

## **What we learned:**

- a. The judgment in Obadiah 1–14 is on a historic judgment on Edom. This occurred in the past.**
  
- b. In vs. 15–21 the shift is to a future, yet unfulfilled judgment and destruction on the godless nations.**
  
- c. The Day of the Lord ends with the establishment of God's kingdom in vs. 21.**

**Obad. 15, “For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.”**



**Obad. 16, “For as you drank on My holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; Yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.**

**Obad. 17, “But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.”**

**Obad. 18, “ ‘The house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau,’ for the LORD has spoken.**

**Obad. 19, “The South shall possess the mountains of Esau, and the Lowland shall possess Philistia. They shall possess the fields of Ephraim and the fields of Samaria. Benjamin shall possess Gilead.”**

**Obad. 20, “And the captives of this host of the children of Israel shall possess the land of the Canaanites as far as Zarephath. The captives of Jerusalem who are in Sepharad shall possess the cities of the South.**

**Obad. 21, “Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion to judge the mountains of Esau, and the kingdom shall be the LORD’S.”**

**Joel**

**“Yahweh is God”**

**or**

**“God is Yahweh”**

**Day of the Lord is used five times in Joel  
(1:15, 2:1, 2:11, 2:31, and 3:14).**

- 1. It is a unique, one-of-a-kind judgment**
- 2. The land is destroyed by fire and is reduced to a wilderness**
- 3. Vs. 10, earthquakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark, stars loose their brightness**
- 4. Vs. 11, the Lord is before HIS army, HIS camp is very great**
- 5. This is defined then as the Day of the Lord**

# Joel Uses Themes Later Prophets Develop

<b>Joel 1:15</b>	<b>Destruction</b>	<b>Isaiah 13:6</b>
<b>Joel 2:2</b>	<b>Day of Darkness</b>	<b>Zephaniah 1:15</b>
<b>Joel 2:2</b>	<b>Day of Clouds</b>	<b>Zephaniah 1:15; Ezekiel 30:3</b>
<b>Joel 2:2</b>	<b>Thick Darkness</b>	<b>Zephaniah 1:15</b>
<b>Joel 2:11; 2:31</b>	<b>Great</b>	<b>Zephaniah 1:14; Malachi 4:5</b>
<b>Joel 2:31; 3:15</b>	<b>Cosmic Disturbances</b>	<b>Isaiah 13:10</b>
<b>Joel 2:31</b>	<b>Terrible</b>	<b>Malachi 4:5</b>

# **Amos 5:18, 20**



**Amos 5:18, “Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.”**

**Amos 5:20, “Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?”**

# Isaiah

**Isa. 2:11, “The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.**

**Isa. 2:12, “For the day of the LORD of hosts shall come upon everything proud and lofty, upon everything lifted up—and it shall be brought low—**

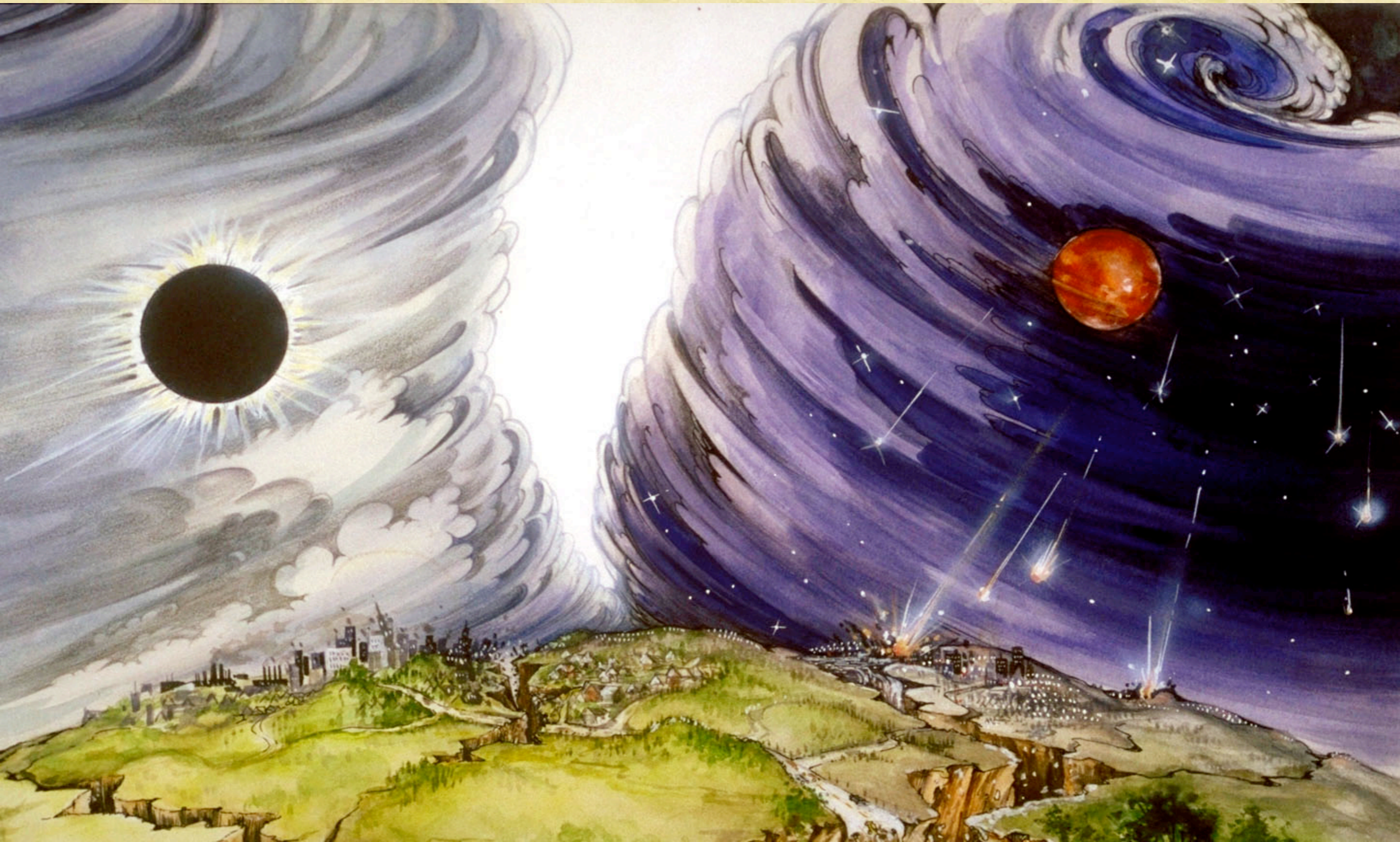
**Isa. 2:13, “Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan;”**

**Isa. 2:19, “They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.”**

**Isa. 2:20, “In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which they made, each for himself to worship, to the moles and bats,**

**Isa. 2:21, “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.”**

**Rev. 6:14, “And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.”**



# **“Earth-Dweller’s” Response**

**Rev. 6:15, “And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;**

**Rev. 6:16, “and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?’ ”**

**Isa. 34:3, “Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.**

**Isa. 34:4, “All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.”**



**Zephaniah**  
**Seventh Century BC**

**Zeph. 1:7, “Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.”**

**Zeph. 1:14, “The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.**

**Zeph. 1:15, “That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”**

**Zeph. 1:16, “A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers.**

**Zeph. 1:17, “I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse.”**

# Jeremiah

**Jer. 46:10, “For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates.”**

**Ezekiel**  
**Sixth Century BC**  
**During the Historic Day of the Lord**

**Ezek. 13:5, “You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD.”**

**Ezek. 30:3, “For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles.”**



# **Zechariah 14:1**

**Zech. 14:1, “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst.”**

**Malachi**

**Mal. 4:5, “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.”**

**Matt. 11:14, “And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come.”**

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**Matt. 17:10, “And His disciples asked Him, saying, ‘Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?’**

**Matt. 17:11, “Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things.**

**Matt. 17:12, “But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.”**

## **When the phrase: Day of the Lord is used**

- 1. It can refer to a historic (past) judgment or a future judgment.**
- 2. It always appears to speak of judgment not blessing, darkness and not light.**
- 3. All past Days of the Lord foreshadow the future end-time Day of the Lord.**
- 4. The future Day of the Lord will be preceded by several events.**