

Interpretation Study Handout #7

Study Outline – Grace Bible Chapel

October 24th, 2021

Interpreting the “Day of the Lord.”

Isaiah 13:6-16 (see Vs. 11) near & far application. Commentary of M. Henry – “Though Babylon be a little world, yet, being a wicked world, it shall not go unpunished. Sin brings desolation on the world of the ungodly; and when the kingdoms of the earth are quarrelling with one another it is the fruit of God's controversy with them all. 2. That pride must now have its fall: *The haughtiness of the terrible* must now be *laid low*, particularly of Nebuchadnezzar and his son Belshazzar, who had, in their pride, trampled upon, and made themselves very terrible to the people of God. *A man's pride will bring him low.*”

Joel 1:15; 2:1; 2:11; 2:30-3:2 – see 3:18-21 – M. Henry “That the church of Christ shall continue in the world to the end of time. As one generation of professing Christians passes away, another shall come, in whom the *throne of Christ shall endure forever*, and *the gates of hell shall not prevail* against it. (2.) That all the living members of that church (Judah and Jerusalem are put for the *inhabitants* of that city and country, [Mat 3:5](#)) shall be established in their happiness to the utmost ages of eternity. This new Jerusalem shall be *from generation to generation*, for it is a city that has foundations, not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens.”

Joel 1:15 – M. Unger “Alas for the day’ means what is a dreadful day. For the Day of the Lord will be the period when human sin comes to the full (Gen. 15:16) and the Lord will actively intervene to punish it. Man has his day and walks in his own way, but eventually the Lord will have His day when He will have His way to punishing man’s climactic wickedness. In declaring “the Day of the Lord was at hand (near)...in an ultimate sense of the Lord’s final intervention to punish climactic wickedness both of Israel and the nations. That will result in the purging out of a saved remnant for the millennial Kingdom and the destruction of Israel’s foes.”

- Passages concerning “the day of the Lord” in general:
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- Passages concerning “the day of the Lord” in relation to Israel:
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God's purpose for the tribulation or Day of the Lord:

God's Time Table:

- What should be our attitude?

- What is the church?

- Where is the church today from the standpoint of general history?

- When will the church age be completed?

God's timetable for Israel:

Conclusion:
