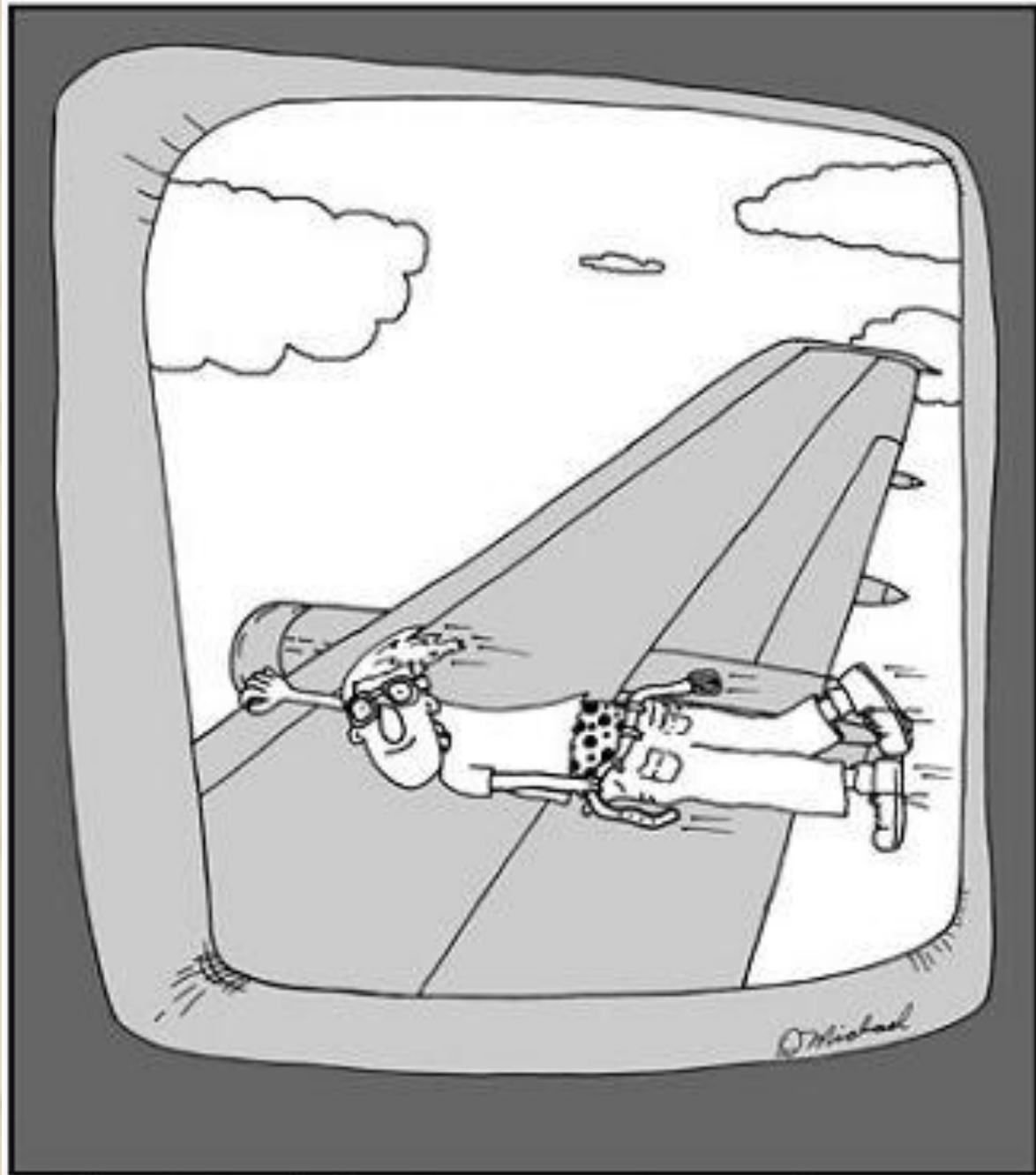


ESCHATOLOGY

GOD'S FINAL CHAPTER

Week 5 – OT Eschatology – The Day Of The Lord



The drawback of trying to get a jump on the rapture

THE DAY OF THE LORD

☞ **Biblical Truth:**

The Day Of The Lord is an awesome and mighty day. God's full glory is revealed and all the earth will see, recognize and worship the King



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Key Verse(s) – Zechariah 9.14-17 (NIV):

14 Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, 15 and the LORD Almighty will shield them. They will destroy and overcome with slingstones. They will drink and roar as with wine; they will be full like a bowl used for sprinkling the corners of the altar. 16 The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. 17 How attractive and beautiful they will be! Grain will make the young men thrive, and new wine the young women.



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Context

- ☞ The DOTL is described forty different ways in the OT
- ☞ The DOTL is cited 118 times in the OT
- ☞ Over 500 verses in the OT (either defining or describing) are directly related to DOTL
- ☞ The three largest blocks of writing that deal exclusively with the DOTL are: Zephaniah (53 consecutive verses), Isaiah 24:18-27:13 (52), and Zechariah 12:1-14:21 (44)



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1. Zephaniah

- ☞ The theme of Zephaniah is The DOTL
- ☞ DOTL – mentioned 17 times in 53 verses
- ☞ Zephaniah paints a vividly dark picture of God's judgment on the unrighteous line and a vividly bright picture of the glory to be revealed at The DOTL
- ☞ 1.2-3
 - ... Complete and total destruction
 - ... coming destruction – same language as Genesis but this time it will be by God's fire not flood



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1. Zephaniah (cont.)

☞ 1.7-9

- ... Invitation = consecration through the work of Christ – NOT anything we do
- ... The Lord's sacrifice – His sacrifice for those who are invited consecrates us
- ... On that day all who are not consecrated / invited will be punished

☞ 1.10-18

- ... Destruction comes for the merchants who trust in their wealth to get them through the day
- ... The end of complacency – we are required before that point to chose to serve God or not
- ... The DOTL accompanied by a shout of a warrior - Preparation to go to battle
- ... A day of wrath – remember God's wrath
- ... A day of distress and anguish – of trouble and ruin – darkness and gloom – day of clouds and blackness
- ... People will be distressed because of what is going on



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1. Zephaniah (cont.)

☞ 2.1 – 2.15

... Zephaniah calling all to repent

... Another opportunity to avoid God's wrath

☞ 3.1 – 3.20

... Destruction of Jerusalem and all who oppress God's people

... Remaining nations are purified

... V. 20 – gathering – “rapture” – at the end of DOTL



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2. Isaiah

☞ Isaiah's panorama of the DOTL – 13.2-14, 26.1-4

... V. 2-3 - The Arrival ('Parousia') of the King

... V. 3-4 - the ingathering (rapture) of the saints

... V. 4-5 - the final battle

... V. 6-9, 13-14 - The DOTL

... V. 10 - cosmic cataclysm

... V. 11-12 - the judgment

... V. 26.1-4 - the beginning of the millennial reign



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2. Isaiah (cont.)

- ☞ 5.8-15 - DOTL = Judgment on the haughty – they will be brought down by God
- ☞ 5.16-17 – DOTL - Lord will be exalted
- ☞ 5.26-30 - DOTL - Gathering of His people for the battle
- ☞ 10.1-4 – DOTL – day of reckoning
- ☞ 10.20-33 – DOTL – a remnant of Israel remains true – and they will no worship or depend upon the anti-Christ



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2. Isaiah (cont.)

- ☞ 11.10-12 - The ingathering of the saints that are clearly the church, then the final battle, then the glorious rest – i.e. the millennium
- ☞ 13.1-8 – The Lord raptures His saints in anticipation of the final war against Babylon – which represents the combined forces of evil
- ☞ 13.9-18 – the physical signs of the DOTL – Sun, Moon & Stars will be dark, the earth will shake
- ☞ 14.1-6 – On the DOTL – The Lord gives relief to believers



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2. Isaiah (cont.)

- ☞ 24.1-23 – The earth is completely laid to waste on the DOTL, additional descriptions of the physical signs and judgment that comes on that day
- ☞ 25.6 – Wedding feast that comes after DOTL
- ☞ 25.8-9 – death is defeated forever and the saints are delivered on that day
- ☞ 26.-19-21 – Birth pangs, then tribulation (“go my people, enter your rooms, shut your door behind you – hide yourselves for a while”)
- ☞ 27.1-13 – DOTL ends the anti-Christ’s reign then the rapture



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3. Zechariah

☞ Zechariah's panorama of the DOTL – 9.9-17

... V. 9 – The King is coming

... V. 10 – His reign will be worldwide and everlasting

... V. 11-12 – hope is restored to the prisoners and the prisoners are restored – identified as the righteous line

... V. 14 – The return / parousia / 2nd coming of Christ is instantaneous

... V. 14-16 – The Lord gathers the saints (Rapture) and leads them into final battle

... V. 16-17 – the righteous line is glorified and rules with Jesus – the millennium begins



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3. Zechariah (cont.)

- ☞ 2:1-12 – The saints from many nations will rule w/ Christ in Jerusalem – full restoration of the covenant people
- ☞ 3 – describes the tribulation (1-3), then the deliverance – rapture (4-6), then the millennial reign (7-10)
- ☞ 12-14 – all deal w/ The DOTL
 - ... 44 verses, The DOTL mentioned 17 times
 - ... Zechariah includes the church and also the Jews and gentiles that come to know Christ during the tribulation
 - ... On that day, the Lord protects His own – clearly includes the church
 - ... DOTL is the 2nd coming when Christ establishes His eternal kingdom



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4. Other Descriptions of The DOTL

☞ *It is a day of Deliverance*

Job 19:25, Psalms 20:1, 50:15, Isaiah 10:3-4,20-22, 11:10-12, 14:1-3, 25:1-5,,7-9, 26:1-6, 27:6-9,12-13, 30:18-24,26,29, 31:5-6, 52:6-12, 61:1-11, 63:4, Jeremiah 16:19-21, 30:1-11, 31:1-40, Ezekiel 29:21, 36:33-38, 38:14,16, 39:7,21-29, Hosea 1:11, 2:16-23, Joel 2:28-32, 3:16-21, Amos 9:8-9, Obadiah:17, Micah 4:6-8, 7:4-12, Nahum1:7, Habakkuk 3:13-16, Zephaniah 2:6-7, 3:8-20, Zechariah 3:1-10, 9:9-17, 12:7-8, 13:7-9

☞ *It is a day of Judgment*

Job 20:28-29, 21:30, Psalm 110:6, Proverbs 16:4, Isaiah 2:12, 5:8-24, 10:1-19, 13:9-22, 14:4-23, 24:18-22, 25:10-12, 26:5-7,21, 27:1-4,10-11, 30:25,27-28, 30-33, 31:1-4,8-9, 34:1-15, 61:1-3,6, Jeremiah 12:3, 30:8-11, 46:10, Ezekiel 30:1-19, 38:14-16,19-22, Joel 1:15, 2:1-11, 3:19-21, Amos 5:16-20, 6:3, 8:4-14, 9:1-4,7-10, Obadiah:15-16, Micah 7:10-15, Nahum 1:8-14, Zephaniah 1:1-6,8-18, 2:1-5,8-15, 3:1-8, Zechariah 12:9, 13:1-9, Malachi 3:2,5, 4:1,3

☞ *It is the day of The Final Battle*

Psalm 110:5-6, Isaiah 2:12, 5:25-30, 10:3-4, 11:10-12, 13:1-8, 27:1, 30:25,31-33, 31:8-9, 34:1-6, 63:1-6, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 13:1-5, Joel 2:1-11, Obadiah:18, Micah 4:11-13, Habakkuk 3:12, Zephaniah 1:14-18, Haggai 2:22, Zechariah 9:9-17, 12:1-6, 14:5, Malachi 4:3



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4. Other Descriptions of The DOTL (cont.)

☞ *It is the day of Revealed Glory*

Psalm 110:3, Isaiah 5:16-18, 11:10, 24:23, 25:6-8, 27:12-13, 28:5, 30:26, 56:6-9, 61:1-11, Jeremiah 16:19-21, Ezekiel 38:14-16,23, 39:1-6,13,21-29, Hosea 2:16-23, Amos 9:11-15, Micah 7:10-12, Habakkuk 3:3-11, Zephaniah 1:7, 3:12-20, Zechariah 2:13, 3:1-10, 12:10-14, 14:16-21, Malachi 3:2, 4:2

☞ *It is a day of Destruction*

Psalm 110:5-6, Isaiah 5:8-15, 10:3-16, 11:14-15, 13:14-22, 14:4-11,18-22, 25:10-12, 27:4-5,10-11, 30:25,27-28,30-33, 31:1-4,8-9, 63:1-6, Jeremiah 12:3, 46:10, Ezekiel 30:1-19, 38:14-16,19-23, Joel 2:1-11, 3:16,19, Amos 5:16-20, 8:4-14, 9:1-4,7-8,10, Obadiah:15-16,18, Nahum 1:8-10, Habakkuk 3:12, Zephaniah 1:1-6,8-18, 2:1-5,8, Haggai 2:22, Zechariah 9:13-15, 12:9, 14:12-15, Malachi 4:1,3

☞ *It is a day of Woe*

Isaiah 5:8-15,18-25, 10:1-19, 13:14-22, 27:10-11, 31:1-4, Jeremiah 46:10, Ezekiel 30:1-19, Joel 1:15, 2:1-11, 3:19-21, Amos 5:16-20, 8:4-14, 9:1-4, Nahum 1:8-10, Zephaniah 1:8-18, 2:1-5,8-15, 3:1-8, Malachi 4:1



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4. Other Descriptions of The DOTL (cont.)

☞ *It is a day of Oppression and Darkness*

Ezekiel 30:1-19, Joel 2:1-11, Amos:5:16-20, Nahum 1:8-10, Zephaniah 1:14-15, Zechariah 14:6

☞ *It is a day of Cosmic Cataclysm*

Isaiah 13:9-13, 24:18-22, 34:1-5, Ezekiel 38:19-23, Joel 2:28-33, 3:14-17, Amos 4:9:5-6, Haggai 2:21, Zechariah 14:5

☞ *It is the day of the Millennial/Righteous Reign*

Psalms 110:1-3, Isaiah 10:20-22, 25:6, 8, 27:6,12-13, 30:29-30, 56:6-8, 61:1-11, 63:4, Jeremiah 16:19-21, 31:1-40, Ezekiel 29:21, 38:23, 39:21-25, Hosea 2:16-23, Joel 2:18-27, Amos 9:11-15, Obadiah:17,19-21, Micah 4:1-13, Zephaniah 1:7, 2:6-7, 3:9-20, Haggai 2:23, Zechariah 2:1-2,13, 3:1-10, 9:9-17, 13:1-9, 14:7-11,16-21, Malachi 3:3-4



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4. Other Descriptions of The DOTL (cont.)

☞ *It is the day of the Ingathering*

Isaiah 11:10-12, 27:12-13, Jer 30:1-11, 31:8-11, 33:36-40, Hosea 1:11, Amos 9:8-9, Zeph 3:14-20, Zech 9:9-17

☞ *It is the day of God's Visitation and Salvation*

Isaiah 10:3, 52:6-12, 61:1-11, Jeremiah 16:19-21, 30:1-11, Hosea 2:16-23, Amos 9:11-15, Micah 4:1-10, 7:4-12, Zephaniah: 1:7, 3:12-20, Haggai 2:23, Zechariah 2:13, 3:1-10, 9:9-17, 12:10-14, 13:1-9, 14:5,7-11, Malachi 3:1-4



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5. Synopsis of The DOTL Events – as seen by the OT writers

- ☞ Cosmic cataclysm
- ☞ The sudden appearance of The King
- ☞ The glorious arrival of The King along with all of His saints (all that have died in Christ between the first Adam and the Second Advent)
- ☞ The Jews, as a block, enter into a new covenant relationship with God, as they make Jesus their Lord
- ☞ The deliverance and ingathering (rapture) of all who are anxiously awaiting His arrival (the two branches of the righteous line)



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5. Synopsis of The DOTL Events – as seen by the OT writers (cont.)

☞ The battle trumpet is sounded

☞ The final battle is enjoined

☞ The victory is gained

☞ The judgment is rendered

☞ The Bride' is recognized and honored

☞ The glorious, earthly reign begins



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Conclusion

- ☞ The DOTL and The Arrival of The King are understood to be one event, by every Old Testament eschatological writer and become the base upon which the super structure of all New Testament eschatology is built
- ☞ The DOTL in the Old Testament never begins seven years before its conclusion and the DOTL is never separated
- ☞ The New Testament eschatological writers knew that The DOTL is neither elongated nor separated - and they systematically cited Old Testament authors to add evidence of their position
- ☞ Both the OT and NT eschatological writers tell us that the rapture (the only rapture) occurs in The Day of The Lord



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Conclusion

- ☞ The DOTL is the day of The King's Arrival
- ☞ The DOTL is the day He delivers and raptures the righteous line.
- ☞ It is The Day which immediately follows the tribulation.
- ☞ It is The Day of the final revealing
- ☞ In OT DOTL used only for two things – 1. Divine judgments in the midst of history ; 2. The Final day – which includes two aspects – (1) God's triumph and punishment of His enemies and (2) His granting of rest / security and blessing to His people



I'm meeting with my boss in a few minutes. Any suggestions?

Pray for the rapture



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