


The Day of The Lord

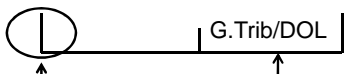
The Timing of the Narrow Day of The Lord

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


The Importance of The D.O.L.

(Regarding the D.O.L. starting at the beginning of the 70th week) "The false assumption just mentioned is perhaps the single greatest error in the debate concerning the timing of the Rapture. If expositors get the starting point to the Day of the Lord right, the timing of the Rapture becomes clear. It is true that the Rapture will occur before the Day of the Lord, as pretribulationists contend" (Rosenthal, Prewrath, 117).



Pretribulation: 70th Week G. Trib/DOL Prewrath: 7th Seal



Different Understanding of D.O.L

Van Kampen/Rosenthal

1. D.O.L. does not extend into Millennium (pg.129)
2. D.O.L. has no blessing attached to it (pg. 128)
3. D.O.L. is a single event (pg. 129)
4. D.O.L. has no man made wrath associated (pg. 105)
5. D.O.L. starts at the breaking of the 7th seal (pg. 117)

2nd Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.



Prewrath Evidence For The D.O.L.

Joel 2:30-31 I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood **before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.**

Revelation 6:12-13 I looked when He broke the 6th seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.

Matthew 24:29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon..



Joel 2:31 In Context

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Joel 3:1-2 For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, **I will gather the nations and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there on behalf of my people...**

Jeremiah 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch of David to spring forth;



"In Those Days And At That Time"

Jeremiah 50:4 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "the sons of Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the LORD their God they will seek.

Jeremiah 50:20 "In those days and at that time," declares the LORD, "search will be made for iniquity of Israel, but there will be none...

Daniel 12:1 Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, **will arise....**and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued (cf. Zeph 3:20).



Joel 2:31 In Context

Joel 3:12-16 Let the nations be aroused and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, tread, for the wine press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For **the day of the LORD is near** in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness. The LORD roars from Zion and utters His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth tremble. But the LORD is a refuge for His people and a stronghold to the sons of Israel.



All Nations Come To Jerusalem

Zechariah 14:1-4 Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you. 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. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley...



All Nations Come To Jerusalem

Zechariah 14:5-7 You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him! In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle. For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

Revelation 16:18 ...and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came upon the earth, so great and earthquake was it...



Van Kampen's Confusion

1. Jerusalem campaign starts at midpoint of 70th week (5th seal). Cites Ezek 38:8-9; Zech 13:8, 14:2 (The Sign, 192-193).
2. Jehoshaphat campaign starts before cosmic disturbances of 6th seal. Cites Joel 3:1-2, 9, 11-16; Zech 12:4, 6; 14:2 (The Sign, 258, 262-264).

Problem:

1. Uses the same passages twice
2. Jehoshaphat campaign can't occur at the 6th seal because the commanders are hiding – not arrayed for battle as in Rev 19:19!



Which Fits Better: 6th Seal or 7th Bowl?

Joel 3:9-10 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare a war; rouse the mighty men! Let all the soldiers draw near, let them come up! Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears

Zechariah 14:2 For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured...

6th Seal Rev 6:15 Then 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...

7th Bowl Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse...



When Do The Nations Gather?

Pretrib BDOL

Prewrath: 7th Seal

Gtrib DOL →

1. Length of Great Trib: Matt 24:29-30
2. NDOL draws near – Joel 3:14 Joel 2:31, 3:14; Zech 14; Matt 24:29-31; Rev 19:11-21
3. BDOL "Peace and safety"

6th Bowl

Revelation 16:14 For they are spirits of demons performing signs which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for **the war of the great day of God**...

The Day of The Lord

The diagram shows a horizontal timeline. On the left, an arrow labeled 'Judgment' points to a circle labeled 'Millennium'. On the right, an arrow labeled 'Blessing' points to the same 'Millennium' circle. A dashed arrow continues from the 'Blessing' arrow to the right, indicating a continuation of the period.

Regarding Joel 3 "It is the last decisive judgment, in which all the single judgments find their end" (C.F. Keil, *Biblical Commentary on The Old Testament, The Twelve Minor Prophets*, Vol 1, 226).

What About Elijah?

Malachi 4:5 Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

Revelation 11:3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy **for twelve hundred and sixty days**, clothed in sackcloth.

Joel 2:31 The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

Joel 3:14-15 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon grow dark...

What About Elijah?

1. 1 Thess 5:3 Peace, birth pangs, wrath


Two Witnesses 11:3

Joel 2:31, 3:14; Mal 4:5

2. Rev 10:1-11:13 form an interlude (not 6th trumpet)

3. **6th Bowl**


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 **The Cosmic Signs**

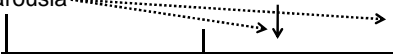
1. Rev 6:12-13 sun, moon, stars **6th Seal**
2. Rev 8:12 sun, moon, stars **4th Trumpet**
3. Rev 16:10 sun (scorches men) **4th Bowl**
4. Matt 24:29/Joel 3:15 **End of Tribulation**

Matthew 24:29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall...


Dan 7:25 ...time, times, and half a time.
 Dan 9:27...and he will make a covenant for one week...
 Dan 12:7...it would be for a time, times, and half a time
 Rev 11:2 ...will tread under foot ...forty two months
 Rev 11:3...they will prophesy for 1,260 days...

 Rev 12:6 ...she would be nourished for 1,260 days.
 Rev 13:5 ...authority to act for forty-two months...

2 Thess 2:8 - Antichrist Handcuffed 6th seal
 Beast destroyed (Van Kampen, Sign, 496)
 at parousia



1. How can the Beast kill the 2 witnesses at the end of the 1,260 days if he has been handcuffed earlier?
2. How can the Beast lead the nations to war (6th bowl) if he has been handcuffed earlier?
3. How can we hold to inerrancy if 7 verses are incorrect about the duration of the great tribulation?

 **Summary**

1. The BDOL starts while there is "peace and safety."
2. The NDOL in Joel 3:14 comes when the nations are gathered for war which begins at the 6th bowl.
3. The Prewrath view claims that there is only one DOL that starts at the 7th Seal.
4. There are further cosmic disturbances after the 6th seal indicating it is not the final one.
5. Matt 24:29's cosmic disturbance occurs after the great tribulation is over – all 3 and ½ years!
6. The two witnesses come before the NDOL because of the link between Mal 4:5, Joel 2:31, Joel 3:14.
7. The Prewrath would have the witnesses killed by a "handcuffed" Antichrist!
