

**The Day of The LORD**  
 A Look at the Imminent Day of  
 Salvation and Judgment

Pastor Eric Douma  
 April 3, 2011

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Day of The Lord**

2 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.

1. Old Testament = 18 verses "yom Yahweh"
2. New Testament = 7 verses "hemera kuriou"

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Definition And Schematic Of The D.O.L.**

"The comprehensive phrase, by which the Old Testament describes God's intervention in human history for the accomplishment of His testament is yom Yahweh, 'the day of Yahweh'" (J. Barton Payne, *The Theology of The Older Testament*, 464).

"Rehearsal" days of the Lord	The Future "Day of the Lord" is an Imminent Event
Old Covenant	New Covenant

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**“Rehearsal” Days of The LORD**

- 1. 722 B.C. destruction of Israel
- 2. 586 B.C. destruction of Judah
- 3. Babylon to judge Assyria (also Egypt)
- 4. Medo-Persia to judge Babylon

Amos 5:18, 21 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you? It will be darkness and not light...I hate, I reject your festivals, nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The Future “Day of the LORD”**

Isaiah 34:1-2, 8 Draw near, O nations, to hear; and listen, O peoples...for the LORD’s indignation is against **all the nations**, and His wrath against all their armies...For the LORD has a day of vengeance, a year of recompense for the cause of Zion

Obadiah 15 For the day of the LORD draws near on **all the nations**. As you have done, it will be done to you. Your dealings will return on your own head.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**The “Double Sense” Of The D.O.L.**

“Though the ‘Day of the Lord,’ as the expression implies, was at first conceived as a definite and brief period of time, being an era of judgment and salvation, it many times broadened out to be an extended period. From being a day it became an epoch” (A.B. Davidson, *Theology of The Old Testament*, 381).

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### The Double Sense of The D.O.L

1. **Broad DOL:** ↑ Millennium

2. **Narrow DOL:** 70<sup>th</sup> week Joel 3; Zech 14; Rev 19

- The B.D.O.L is an imminent event.
- The N.D.O.L is preceded with precursors.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### When Does The B.D.O.L. Begin?

1 Thess 5:1-3 Now concerning the times and epochs brethren, you have no need of anything written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

Labor Pains = "Odin"

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### Birth Pains During The Day of The Lord

Isaiah 13:6-9 Wail, for the **day of the LORD** is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will fall limp, and every man's heart will melt. They will be terrified. (Pains) and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor... Behold **the day of the LORD** is coming, cruel, with fury and burning anger, to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.

Pains = LXX – - odin "labor pains"

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Day of The Lord In Matthew 24

Matthew 24:4-8 "See to it that no one misleads you. "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many. You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for *those things* must take place, but *that* is not yet the end."For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs."

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

D.O.L. Starts Like "Labor Pains"

Matthew	Rev.+Thess.
Matt 24:5 false Christs	Rev 6:1-2 Antichrist
Matt 24:6-7a Wars	Rev 6:3-4 Wars
Matt 24:7b Famines	Rev 6:5-8 Famines
Matt 24:8 "These are the beginning of labor pains"	1 Thess 5:3 While they're saying "Peace and Safety" destruction will come upon them <b>suddenly</b> like labor pains

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

The Rapture In Matthew 24

Matt 24:39-41 ...and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

"Took" = αἶρω John 11:48 "...the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

"will be taken" = παραλαμβάνω – to take to oneself, John 14:3

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Rapture And B.D.O.L. Are Imminent**

1. **Broad DOL:**

1. Matt. 24:40-43 "Rapture like a thief"  
 2. 1 Thess 5:2 "Day of the Lord like a thief..."  
 3. 2 Peter 3:10 "Day of the Lord like a thief..."

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

**Precursors/Imminence In Matt.24**

Matthew 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

A. When ...these things happen (24:3b)?  
 B. What...sign of coming (24:3b)?  
 B. Matthew 24:4-35 (answers what sign)  
 A. Matthew 24:36-25:13 (answers when)

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Matthew 24:32-37 Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, **you know** that summer is near; so, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that He is near, *right* at the door. "Truly I say to you this generation will not pass away until all these things take place..." **But** of that day and hour **no one knows**, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah...."

---

---

---

---

---

---

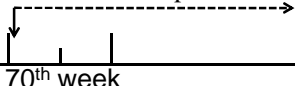
---

---

### The Best Objection To Imminence

2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:1-2 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed wither by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the **day of the Lord** **(has come)**

ενεστηκεν = perfect tense "is present"



---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

2 Thess 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for **(it will not come)** unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, "**it is not present**"



Other NT combinations of ean...prwton (Matt 12:29; Mark 3:27; John 7:51; Rom 15:24) reveal preference elsewhere for a present tense apodosis..." (Thomas,323).

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

### There Are No Contradictions In Scripture!

1 Thess. 5:2-3 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord **will come** just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains...

2 Thess 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for **(it will not come)** **(it is not present)** unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

~~Why Does This Matter?~~

1. There is often much confusion surrounding the imminent/precursor "tension" in the Bible.
2. Has God spoken in contradictions?
3. Although we don't want to divide over these issues – we also don't want to claim that God has "muddled" the ending!
4. The imminence of these events should move us all toward holy living. We should all be asking, "Am I living a life that pleases Christ?"
5. The D.O.L. should move us to our knees in prayer for the lost!

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---