

Now it shall come to pass **in the latter days** that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be firmly established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all peoples shall flow to it.

Many people shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, and we shall walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the peoples, and shall rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

For the LORD of hosts **has a day...**

against all that is proud and lofty,
against all that is lifted up and high,
against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up, and
against all the oaks of Bashan,
against all the high mountains,
against all the lofty hills,
against every high tower,
against every fortified wall,
against all the ships of Tarshish and
against all the beautiful craft.

The haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men brought low; the LORD alone shall be exalted **in that day**.

The idols shall utterly pass away, and men will enter the caves of the rocks and holes of the ground, from before the terror of the LORD and the glory of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.

And **in that day** seven women shall take a hold of one man, saying, "We will eat our own bread and provide our own apparel; only let us be called by your name to take away our reproach.

In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel *who have escaped*.

But in Mount Zion there shall be *those that escape*, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their own possessions.

And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion shall be called holy-everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem, when the LORD shall have washed away the (moral) feces of the daughters of Zion, her pride, vanity, and haughtiness, and has purged the bloodstains of Jerusalem from the midst of it by a spirit of judgment and by a spirit of burning.

In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will never depend upon him who defeated him, but will lean upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob to the mighty God. For though your people Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant shall return. Destruction is decreed, overflowing with righteousness.

Wail, for **the day of the LORD** is near; as destruction from the Almighty, Sufficient One will come! Therefore all hands will be feeble, and every man's heart will melt, and they of (spiritual) Babylon will be dismayed and terrified, pangs and sorrows shall take a hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in childbirth. They will gaze stupefied and aghast at one another, their faces aflame (from the unprecedented warfare).

Behold, **the day of the LORD** is coming!-- fierce with wrath and raging anger--to make the land and the whole earth a desolation and to destroy its sinners out of it!

I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their guilt and iniquity; I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible and the boasting of the ruthless.

I will make men more rare than gold, and mankind than the pure gold of Ophir.

In that day men will regard their Maker, and their eyes will look to the Holy One of Israel; they will not have regard for the altars, the work of their hands, neither to what their own fingers have made...

In that day the LORD with His hard and great and strong sword will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisting serpent, and he will slay the Dragon that is in the sea (the world's economic systems).

In that day the LORD of hosts shall become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty to the remnant of his people; a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, and strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see.

The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

For the ruthless shall come to naught, and the scoffer cease, and all who watch to do evil shall be cut off, who by an incident make a man out to be an offender, and lay a snare for him who reproves at the gate, and with an empty plea turn aside him who is in the right.

The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceases.
Covenants are broken, witnesses are despised, there is no regard for man.

Hear, you who are far off, what I have done; and you who are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling has seized the godless:

“Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire?
“Who among us can dwell with the everlasting burnings?”

He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hand lest they hold a bribe, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil; he will dwell on the heights; his place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks; his bread will be given him, his water will be sure.

Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the public squares, and uprightness cannot enter.

Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

According to their deeds, so He will repay, wrath to His adversaries, requital to His enemies.

But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our fathers labored, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day; and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

“But **even in those days**, says the LORD, I will not make a full end of you. And when your people says, ‘Why has the LORD our GOD done all these things to us?’ -you shall say to them, ‘As you have forsaken me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land that is not yours.’ ”

“And those slain by the LORD on that day shall extend from one end of the earth to the other; they shall not be lamented, or gathered, or buried: they shall be as dung on the ground.

“Wail, you shepherds, and cry, and roll in ashes, you lords of the flock, for the days of your slaughter and dispersion have come, and you shall fall like choice rams. No refuge will remain for the shepherds, nor escape for the lords of the flock.”

Alas for **the Day!** For **the Day** of the LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty it comes. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?

Blow the trumpet in Zion, sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the Day of the LORD is coming, it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! For the **Day of the LORD** is very great and terrible; who can endure it?

And I will give portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible **Day of the LORD** comes. And it shall come to pass that all who call upon the name of the LORD *shall be delivered*; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there *shall be those who escape*, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors *shall be those whom the LORD calls*.

The **great Day** of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the **Day of the LORD** is bitter, the mighty man cries aloud there.

A **day** of wrath is that Day,
a **day** of distress and anguish,
a **day** of ruin and devastation,
a **day** of darkness and gloom,
a **day** of clouds and thick darkness,
a **day** of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities and
against the lofty battlements.

I will bring distress on men, so that they will walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD;

Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold shall deliver them on the **Day** of the wrath of the LORD.

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the **LORD in that Day**, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of you.

On that day the LORD their God will save them, for they are the flock of His people; for like the fair jewels of a crown they shall shine on his land.

And I took my staff Grace and I broke it, annulling the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. So it was annulled **on that day**, and the traffickers in the sheep, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD.

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another; the LORD heeded and heard them; and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and thought on His name.

“They shall be mine, my special possession **on the day** when I act, and I will spare them as a man who spares his son who serves him.

Then once more you shall distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

So when you see the desolating sacrilege spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the Holy Place (let the reader understand) then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; let him who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house; and if those days had not been shortened, no human being would have been saved; but *for the sake of the elect* those days will be shortened.

“For how long is the vision concerning:

the continual burnt offering (being taken up)

Jesus’ sacrifice belittled

the transgression that makes desolate

the World standing where it ought not to stand-our souls

the giving over of the sanctuary

we yielding up ourselves as the sanctuary of the Spirit

the host to be trampled under foot?”

the utter disgust towards the *ekklesia*, the elect, the saints

the shattering of the power of the people

the sterility of the Body

the magnifying of the Evil One against the Prince of the host”

War

“Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations that the house of Israel are committing here, to drive me from my sanctuary?

“Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel are doing in the dark, every man in his room of pictures?

“Lo, they have put the branch to their nose. Therefore I will deal with them in wrath; my eye will not spare, nor will I have pity; and though they cry in my ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.”

“.....**begin at my sanctuary.**”

So they began with the elders who were before the house.....