

The Great, Glorious And Notable Day Of The LORD

We read in I Thessalonians 5:1-11,

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape...."

For God's little flock, His Redeemed, it is hard to comprehend that we have already entered into *that* great and glorious day of the Lord (Acts 2:19-21), another translation says "the day of the Lord, the great and of His revelation".

The devil tries to make us oblivious to this glorious time through the multitude of daily business and through various burdens. The Holy Ghost works against the devil in bringing things to remembrance (II Peter 1:12-15) about the glorious Truth and bringing our inner mind into line with it (John 14:26).

In Revelation 1:9-10 we read that John was put in the Spirit at the Lord's Day on the isle of Patmos. John is a type for the Bride with the Eagle Anointing (Rev. 4:6-8).

The day in which we are living is man's day. There are still conflicts. Wars, battle-cries are shaking the earth (Matthew 24:6), and the earth is being more and more bathed in the blood of helpless people who are prisoners to political and religious systems. Satan tries to now hurriedly set up his kingdom (Satan's Eden) on this earth for he knows that his time is running out. Thousands upon thousands of men are catapulted into the hereafter every day. Multitudes of Satan's evil angels are busy performing the will of their master (Psalm 78:49). But the Father in Heaven has given orders to His Angels to watch over you and to protect God's children on their way (Psalm 91:11 and Psalm 145:20). The children of God still live on this earth yet, they have been saved from the power of darkness and their hearts have been translated into the Kingdom of the Son, His love (Colossians 1:13). That is our land Goshen according to Exodus 9:26 and 10:23. Through our Lord Jesus Christ we have been removed from the present evil world (Galatians 1:4) and we live in the Holy Ghost in Heavenly Places in Christ Jesus behind the veil (Ephesians 2:4-7). Philippians 3:20-21 applies to all born again sons and daughters of God: *"For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."* And we note that Heaven is living in us through the Word of God.

For the Bride, the day of the Lord has already begun: because the Lord began to descend with a shout (I Thess. 4:16). But only His sheep hear His voice, His Word (John 10:27-30), and are made alive by quickening power which came down (John 5:24-25). They have entered into the cycle of His coming! **The day of the Lord is the day of His coming and the day of His judgement.**

But still visible today we have the day of man (Laodicea). This is the day of man's work, human exploits and the rulership of man (through Satan and evil spirits) and ideas of man (through spiritual influence). Yet we are seeing everywhere how man-made systems disintegrate (see Soviet Union, countries in East Europe), and the hopelessness of the godless world is becoming more pronounced:

- | economic bankruptcy and high debts of nations,
- | high unemployment rates (soon 20 millions of unemployed in Europe),
- | atomic armaments in secrecy despite public disarmament talks, like in the Near East and so-called third countries (we still live on a keg of dynamite! - just 3 % of the missiles were scrapped!),
- | increasing military threats and uncertainty in Russia and other former states of the USSR,
- | the threat of self-destruction through chemical and biological weapons,
- | internal and external pollution of the souls of men and the environment through immorality, ungodliness, religious forms and traditions - propagated by fallen angels and evil spirits (obvious in occultism, spiritualism, white and black magic, astrology, esotericism, worship of Satan, necromancies),
- | environmental pollution through chemicals and sour rain, exhaust fumes, nuclear waste, contamination of lakes, seas and rivers through oil-leaks, radioactive contamination etc., with the consequence of dying of the vegetation, dying of the fish, diseases, death...

^ The Roman/ European (ecumenical) Europe has a revival and resurrection. The United States of Europe are the kingdom of the Antichrist, now shadowed in the economical union, currency union. The development goes even further unto the World State with one world government (shadowed in the UN), world trade, world currency, from the ecumenism of the Christian churches over the ecumenism between Christians, Jews and Moslems unto the ecumenism of all six religions of the world with one world church. It goes to a world unity kingdom with a united world economy system and one world unity religion.

% And the Palestine question is fast becoming the main focus of world politics. Jerusalem will become a stumbling block (stone of offence) for all peoples of the world (Zechariah 12:1-3).

Yes, through all this we see that the day of the Lord is coming forth, also in the sight of all men, where all kingdoms of this world will break up and make way for the Millennium (1000 years reign) of our Lord Jesus Christ.

But for the children of God, the glorious day of the Lord has already begun (Acts 2:20), the day of Redemption, the day of His Revelation, Ephesians 4:30, Romans 8:23. His secret coming, the coming of His Spirit, of His Word, has taken place, II Chronicles 22:10-12.

For the unbelievers and make-believers, on the other hand, the day of the Lord is the day of His anger, Romans 2:5-9,

the day of judgement, II Peter 2:9, I John 4:17
and the great day of His anger, Revelation 6:17.
Furthermore, the Word of God says in Isaiah 13:6-16, "*Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*" (V. 6),
Ezekiel 30:2-3, Proverbs 3:25-26, Joel 1:15 / 3:14, Zephaniah 1:7,
it is a day of trouble and distress, a day of darkness and gloominess, Zephaniah 1:14-18, Proverbs 1:23-33, Obadiah 15,
and woe unto them that desire it, Amos 5:18+20,
for it is great and very terrible, and who can abide it, Joel 2:11,
and cometh cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it, Isaiah 13:9,
for if it comes, the mighty man shall cry there bitterly, Zephaniah 1:14,
it is a day of clouds and of thick darkness, Joel 2:1-2,
for the sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, Joel 2:31.

How thankful ought we to be that before the day, burning like an oven, comes upon the ungodly world, God sent a prophet in the spirit and power of Elijah. This messenger from Malachi 4:5-6 and Revelation 10:7 did two things: He turned the hearts of the children to the fathers according to Malachi 4:6 and he also brought the mysteries of God to an end - also the seven thunders which are revelations which are already in the Seven Seals. These mysteries of truth which were revealed of God bring the hearts of the children to the original fathers. **Because of that, His sheep feed on the secret things of God which are hidden to the world.** Spiritual food is ready and anyone can get it if he is ready to move away from unbelief and to come into Christ and into His promises. Indeed, if you can hide yourself in Christ (Psalm 91), in this secret place, then you may feed on the Goodness of God and Mercy you shall receive. Through Him and in Him is the fountain of Life (Psalm 36:9); even if you are sick, there is healing there. This is why we must go into the Holy Ghost in order to personally experience His coming, His Presence, and indeed, the day of the Lord. Then you will receive revelation upon revelation which is made manifest in simplicity and humility in your life.

So we see clearly that the day of the Lord has two sides:

Joy and fulfillment is brought by it to the Bride of Christ. It brings us also the change of our physical bodies in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the time of the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality (I Cor. 15:51-53). We are waiting for this moment, for the completeness, the fullness of the Adoption at the end of our journey. And the Holy Ghost is the earnest in our hearts, the guarantee, the seal of God that we are sealed till the day of Redemption - the redemption of our physical bodies (Eph. 1:13-14; II Cor. 1:20-22). This will take place at the first Resurrection. Our bodies will be transformed from these worthless, evil creatures, which we are now, and we will be like the Body of His Glory. Yeah, we will be like Him because we shall see Him as He is (I John 3:2). We will have a body like His glorious Body and all temptations and trials and fights will be gone, blown away like a little mist of fog and no more be found. Then His Word will be fulfilled: "*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither*

have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (I Corinthians 2:9). The Rapture will take place and we shall be called up to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Feast of the Trumpets.

Fear, terror and judgement comes upon all who did not care about the Lord or those who resisted or worked against His message and who were not obedient to the Truth (Romans 2:8-9).

Through that, the day of the Lord is like the Cloud and the Pillar of Fire which led Israel from Egypt during the Exodus. The enemies saw only darkness but for Israel it was a leadership of Light (Exodus 13:21-22 and 14:19-20).

The Word of Luke 21:24-28 applies to all Redeemed:

"... And when these things (falling in judgements of God) begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Hallelujah! **For the Bride of the Lamb, the day of Redemption has begun.** The day of Redemption is the day of His coming, and Revelation 10 was the coming of Christ for the Bride under the seventh Seal. This seventh Seal (Rev. 8:1-5 and Rev. 10) brings Him - the Wordgroom - back to earth. Christ, the strong Angel from Revelation 10, came down from Heaven. In opening the seven Seals, the mysteries of God came forth. The Book of Redemption was opened (Rev. 5:1-10 and Rev. 10:1-7). The day of Redemption began with that! The Son of Man unveiled Himself, revealed Himself (Luke 17:30).

The Lamb has taken the Book - the Bible, the Lamb's Book of Life, the Book of Redemption - out of the right hand of Him who sat upon the throne - and this was the Spirit of God. The Bride of the Lamb now experiences the current and present coming of the Holy Ghost. The living, quickening power now comes into the church, His body. The transformation and the renewing is now fulfilled, the Word becomes flesh and flesh becomes the Word, and she is prepared by It to meet the Bridegroom.

The mysteries of God reveal to the Bride her possession or redemptive rights, and she then receives the rapturing faith which is so needful. Yeah, she is made worthy by His blood to escape all that what is coming and to stand before the Son of Man (Luke 21:36).

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