

The Lord's Gracious Response To a Repentant People (2:18-32)

To The Land and Animals	To The People
<p>18 the LORD will be zealous for His land</p> <p>19 the LORD will send grain, new wine, and oil</p> <p>20 He will remove the northern <i>army</i> & drive it into a parched and desolate land</p> <p>21 Do not fear, O land, rejoice and be glad, For the LORD has done great things</p> <p>22 Do not fear, beasts of the field, For the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, For the tree has borne its fruit, The fig tree and the vine have yielded in full</p> <p>23 He has given the early & latter rain as before</p> <p>24 the threshing floors will be full of grain, the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil</p> <p>25 He will make up for the years the locusts have eaten</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Land Rejoices! The Land Blossoms & Brings Forth Abundantly The Animals Rejoice! They have enough to eat & drink</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Physical</u></p> <p>18 the LORD will have pity on His people</p> <p>19 the LORD will send you grain, new wine, and oil & you will be satisfied <i>in full</i> with them; & He will never again make you a reproach among the nations</p> <p>20 He will remove the northern <i>army</i> far from you & it into a parched & desolate</p> <p>22 the pastures of the wilderness have turned green, the tree has borne fruit, The fig tree and the vine have yielded in full</p> <p>23 So rejoice, O sons of Zion, And be glad in the LORD your God</p> <p>23 He has given you the early & latter rain as before</p> <p>24 the threshing floors will be full of grain, the vats will overflow with new wine & oil</p> <p>25 He will make up to you for the years the locusts have eaten</p> <p>26 you shall have plenty to eat & be satisfied & praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you</p> <p>26,27 My people will never be put to shame</p> <p>27 you will know that the LORD your God is in the midst of Israel & there is no other</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The People Rejoice! They have enough to eat & drink and will never be put to shame again</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spiritual</u></p> <p>28 after this, He will pour out His Spirit on all mankind: your sons & daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions</p> <p>29 He will pour out His Spirit on the male & female servants in those days</p> <p>30 He will display wonders in the sky & on the earth, Blood, fire, & columns of smoke</p> <p>31 The sun will be turned into darkness, & the moon into blood, Before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes</p> <p>32 On Mt Zion & in Jerusalem, those who escape & the survivors who call on the name of the LORD Will be delivered</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The People Rejoice in the Lord! They receive His Spirit and escape His wrath in the Day of the LORD</p>



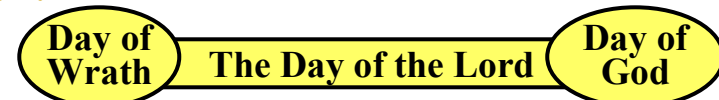
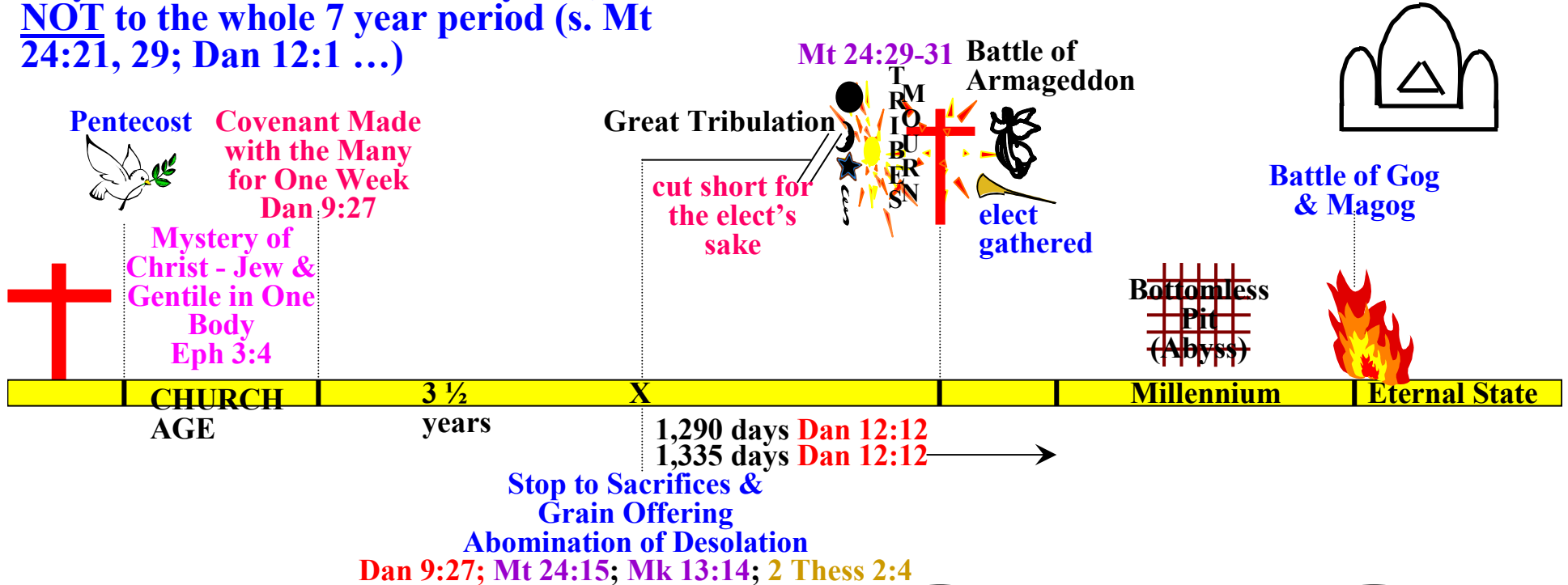
The Day of the LORD

Its Names	Nations Involved	Its Purpose	Signs in Nature	People's Response	Characteristics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * the Day of the LORD (19x) * the Day of Wrath * the day of His burning anger (Isa 13:13) * the great & awesome day of the LORD (Joel 2:31) * the great DOL (Zep 1:14) * the day of the LORD's wrath (Zep 1:18) * the great and terrible day of the LORD (Mal 4:5) * the great and glorious day of the LORD (Ac 2:20) * The Day of God (2Pet 3:12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ mankind (Isa 13:12) ▪ all inhabitants of the earth (Zep 1:18) ▪ unbelievers (1 Th 5:2-3) ▪ Israel (Isa 2:10-12; Am 5:18,20; 13:4-5; Joel 2:1-9) ▪ all nations (Ob 15) • Edom (Ob 15,16,18) ▪ multitudes in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14) ▪ Egypt (Ezek 30:4) ▪ Ethiopia (Ezek 30:4-5) ▪ Put, Lud, all Arabia, Libya & people in league (Ezek 30:5) ▪ Edom (Ob 18) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ destroy the whole land (Isa 13:5) & make the land a desolation (Isa 13:9) ▪ exterminate its sinners from it (Isa 13:9) ▪ punish world for its evil & the wicked for iniquity (Isa 13:10) ▪ put an end to the arrogance of the proud, abase the haughtiness of the ruthless (Isa 13:10) • judge false prophets (Ezek 13:3-7) ▪ bring distress on men (Zep 1:17) ▪ make a complete, terrifying end of all (Zep 1:18) ▪ to slay the lawless one & bring him to an end (2 Th 2:8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ wonders in the sky & on earth, blood, fire & columns of smoke (Joel 2:30; Ac 2:19) ▪ sun turned into darkness (Isa 13:10; Joel 2:31; 3:15; Ac 2:20) ▪ moon turned into blood (Joel 2:31. Ac 2:20) ▪ stars & constellations won't flash, they lose their brightness (Isa 13:10; Joel 3:15) ▪ moon won't shed its light, grows dark (Isa 13:10; Joel 3:15; Ac 2:20) ▪ the heavens tremble (Isa 13:10; Joel 3:16) ▪ the earth will be shaken from its place at the fury of the LORD of hosts (Isa 13:13) ▪ Mount of Olives split into two when the Lord stands on it (Zech 14:4-5) <p><u>Past Signs in Nature (Joel 2:10)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the earth quakes 2. the heavens tremble 3. the sun grows dark 4. the moon grows dark 5. the stars lose their brightness <p>In Joel 2:10, DOL = Israel's devastation by locust plague = a foreshadow of Israel's destruction by Babylon in 586 BC and of the future day of the Lord when Jesus returns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * people are in anguish; all faces turn pale (Joel 2:6) * Pains & anguish take hold of them; astonishment, faces aflame (Is 13:8) * wail (Ezek 30:2) * the warrior cries bitterly (Zep 1:14) * men will walk like the blind (Zep 1:17) <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * joy & gladness for Israel (Joel 2:23) * those who fear God's name will skip like calves (Mal 4:2) * don't sleep but be sober & alert (1Th 5:6) * don't be shaken, don't be disturbed, don't be deceived (2Th 2:2-3) * be holy & godly & hasten the day of God (2Pet 2:11-12) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * A day of wrath, A day of trouble & distress, a day of destruction & desolation, a day of darkness & gloom, a day of clouds & thick darkness (Zep 1:15) * a day of trumpet & battle cry (1:16) * Destruction from the Almighty (Isa 13:6; Joel 1:15; 1 Th 5:3) * Is Cruel, with fury & burning anger (Isa 13:9) ▪ burns like a furnace (Mal 4:1; Isa 13:14-16; Zep 1:17-18; Zech 14:2,5) * Its Nearness / Suddenness (Isa 13:6; Ezek 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1,11; Zep 1:7,14; 1 Th 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10) * Its Uniqueness (Ezek 30:3; Joel 2:2; 3:21; Amos 5:18,20; Zep 1:14-16; Zech 14:7)



The Great Tribulation

“Tribulation” or “Great Tribulation” only refers to the second 3 ½ years, NOT to the whole 7 year period (s. Mt 24:21, 29; Dan 12:1 ...)



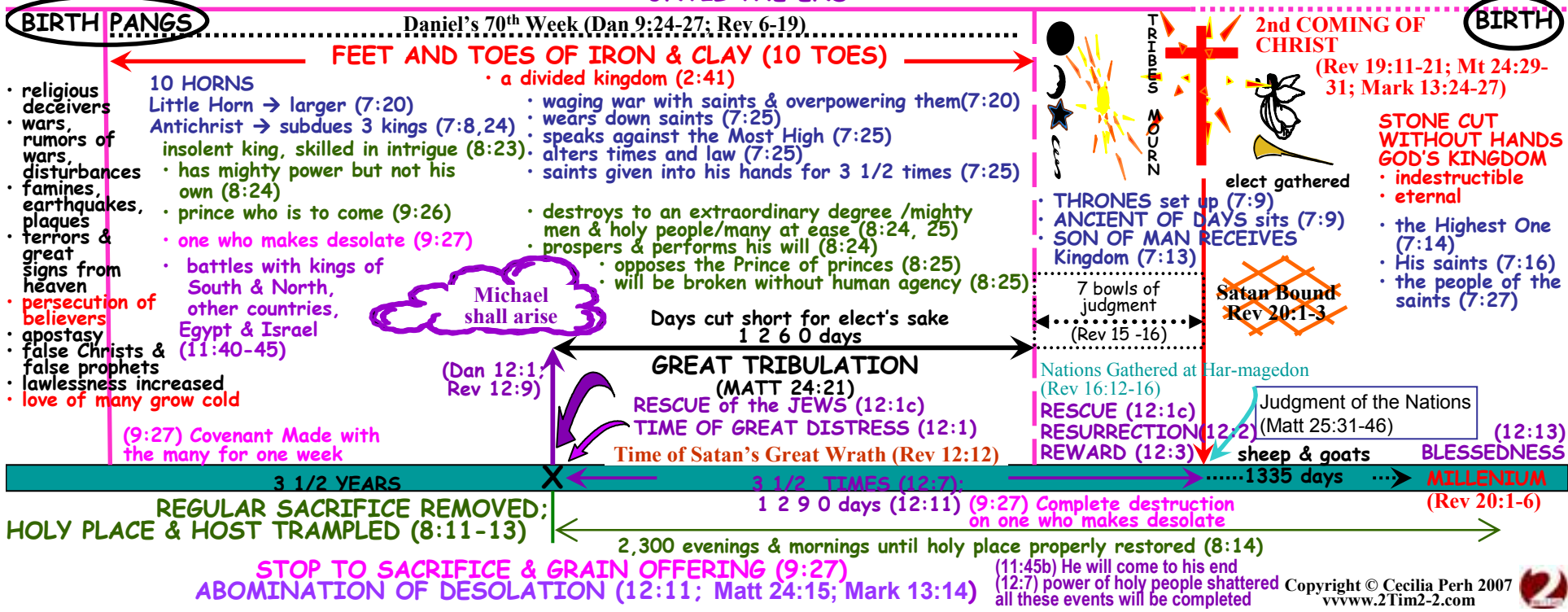
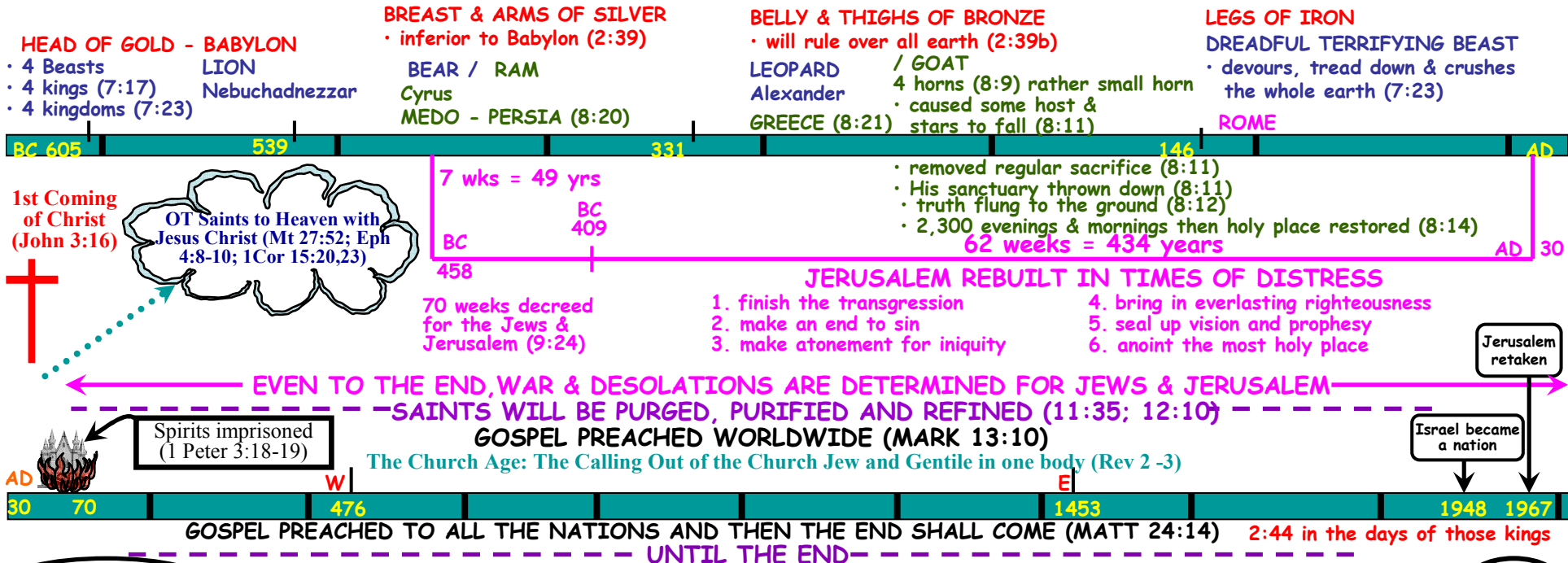
Rev 6:12-17
Ac 2:20
Joel 2:30-31
Mal 4:5

Zeph 1:14-18;
3:8-20;
Joel 3:1-21

2 Pet 3:12
Lake of Fire
Rev 20:10, 13-15
Mt 25:41,46

Gathering together of the saints = living saints caught up in the air (s. Ac 8:39) to meet the Lord (1 Th 4:17), then go with Him to Jerusalem where He sets up His kingdom (Joel 3:17; Zech 14:16-17, Mt 25:31 ...)
“thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Th 4:17)





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Past DOL	Characteristics of the DOL	Future DOL
<p><u>1:1-20 The Day of the Locust</u> <u>1:1-14 The Devastation of the Land</u> * successive locust plagues (v4, 6-7) * ☐ drought (v12) <u>1:15-20 The Desolation of the Land</u> * famine conditions (v16-17) * no fodder for animals (v18) * fire and heat (v19-20) * no water (v20)</p>	<p>1. is near (1:15; 2:1; 3:14) 2. is coming (2:1) 3. is a day of darkness + gloom (2:2) 4. is a day of clouds + thick darkness (2:2) 5. is great and very awesome (2:11, 31) "NONE CAN ENDURE IT" (2:11) 6. destruction from the Almighty (1:15)</p>	<p><u>2:18-3:21 The Day of Deliverance</u> <u>2:18-27 The Recovery of the People</u> 1. The promises (v18-20) 2. The fulfillment (v21-27) <u>2:28-32 The Reception of the Spirit</u> <u>3:1-17 The Retribution of the Nations</u> 1. Israel's End-time Restoration (v1) 2. Nations' End-time Retribution (v2-17) <u>3:18-21 The Restoration of the People</u> v18 land restored v19 Egypt & Edom desolate v20 Judah & Jerusalem inhabited forever v21 their blood avenged by the Lord v21 the Lord dwells in Zion</p>
Celestial Signs		
Past (2:10-11)		Future (3:15-16)
<p>* earthquakes * heavens tremble * sun & moon dark * stars lose brightness * the Lord utters His voice before His army</p>	<p>* sun and moon dark * stars lose brightness * the Lord roars from Zion & utters His voice from Jerusalem</p>	
Past Pentecost		Future Pentecost (2:28-32)
<p><u>Acts2 the Spirit poured out on Pentecost</u> * Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 as explanation * Peter preaches sermon * 3,000 souls saved</p>		<p>* Spirit poured out on all mankind * in those days * wonders in sky & on earth, blood, fire & vapor of smoke * sun darkened, moon into blood * Before the great & awesome day of the Lord comes</p>
<p><u>2:1-17 The Day of the Lord</u> <u>2:1-11 The Invasion of the Land</u> v3 nothing at all escapes them v6 the people are in anguish all faces turn pale <u>2:12-17 The Invitation to Repent</u> v12 "Yet even now," declares the Lord, "Return to Me with all your heart, & with fasting, weeping & mourning v13 & rend your heart & not your garments" Now return to the Lord your God For He is gracious & compassionate, slow to anger, & abounding in lovingkindness & relenting of evil. v14 who knows whether He will not turn & relent, & leave a blessing behind Him ...? Even a grain offering and a libation for the Lord your God?</p>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">After the restoration of Israel (2:26-28)</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">The Day of the Lord</p>	

BIRTH PANGS

GOSPEL PREACHED INTO WHOLE WORLD

SAINTS WILL BE PURGED, PURIFIED & REFINED

And then... **BIRTH**
the End shall come!

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE TIMES

- religious deceivers
- wars, rumors of wars, disturbances
- famines, earthquakes, plaques
- terrors, great signs from heaven
- **persecution of believers**
- apostasy
- false Christs & false prophets
- lawlessness increased
- **love of many grow cold**

Michael shall arise

THE GREAT TRIBULATION or THE TRIBULATION
Days cut short for the elect's sake

Little horn will devour, tread down, crush the whole earth, He wages war with saints overpowers them wears them down alters time and law

Dominion will be annihilated Destruction is decreed destroyed without human agency

RESCUE FOR JEWS (Dan 12:1)
TIME OF GREAT DISTRESS

THRONES SET UP ANCIENT OF DAYS SON OF MAN

- Rescue
- Resurrection
- Reward



Stone cut without hands

God's eternal indestructible Kingdom

- the Highest One
- saints
- people of the saints

ISRAEL BECOMES A NATION
ISRAEL TAKES BACK JERUSALEM

Covenant made for one week

10 horns Little horn

- uproots 3 horns
- battles with kings of the South & the North other countries, the Beautiful Land, & Egypt
- Edom, Moah & Ammon rescued
- destroys many who are at ease



1948 1967

1290 days 1335 days

Power of Holy People Shattered (Dan 12:7)

Sacrifice & Grain Offering stopped Abomination of Desolation set up

Complete destruction on one who makes desolate (Dan 9:27)

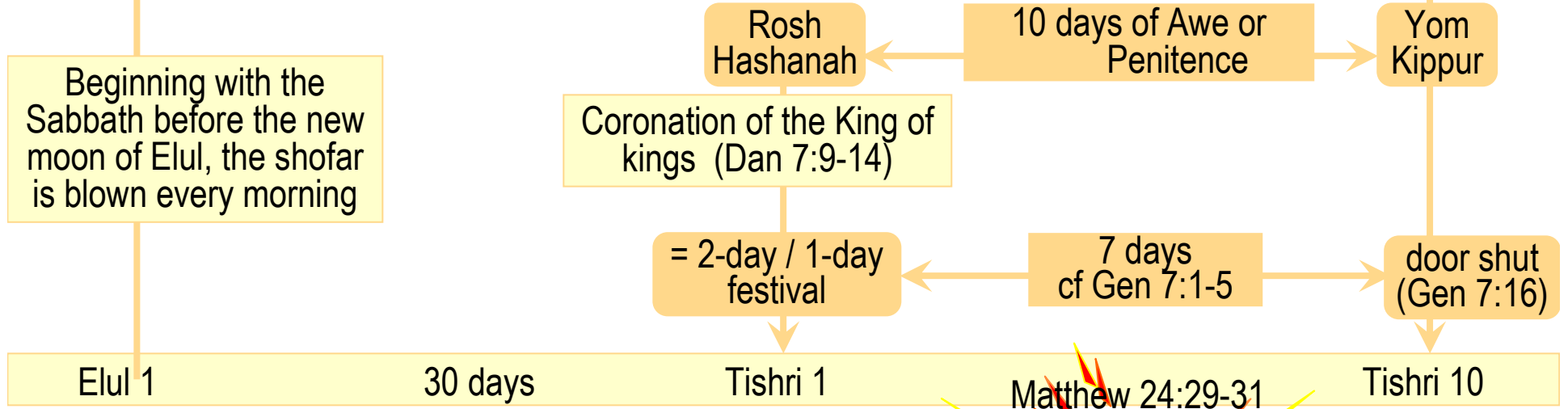


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The Fate of Men	The Chronology of the DOL	How to Escape
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Their hearts (Isa 13:7-8; Joel 2:1,6) 2. False prophets (Ezek 13:3-5) 3. Professing believers (Amos 5:18-20; 2 Th 2:6-12) 4. Unbelievers store up wrath for themselves (Zeph 1:18) 5. Believers – Jews & Gentiles (Obad 1:17; 1 Th 5:4-5) * they survive & escape judgments of Day of God's wrath 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mystery of lawlessness is at work (2 Th 2:7) 2. Mockers come (1 Th 5:3) 3. God's Spirit poured out (Joel 2:28-29; Ac 2:17-18) 4. Apostasy comes first (2 Th 2:3) 5. Restrainer removed (2 Th 2:6-7) 6. Man of lawlessness revealed (2 Th 2:3-4, 8-10) 7. Wonders in sky & signs on earth (Joel 2:30; Ac 2:19-20) 8. The Lord comes (Zech 14:2-5) 9. Salvation still offered to any survivor on Mount Zion & in Jerusalem (Joel 2:32, 3:16; Ac 2:21) 10. Battle of Armageddon (Zech 14:5-7) 11. Man of lawlessness destroyed (2 Th 2:8) 12. Fortunes of Judah & Jerusalem restored (Joel 3:1); the land of Israel restored (Joel 2:18-27) 13. The LORD dwells in Zion (Joel 3:17) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joel 2:12-13 – return to the Lord with all your heart, with fasting, weeping & mourning 2. Joel 2:13 – rend your hearts & not your garments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gen 6:5 – heart of sinful man was evil continually ▪ Deut 4:29-31 – seek God, will find Him if you search with all your heart & soul ▪ Deut 11:16-17 – beware deceitful heart -> idolatry ▪ Deut 15:7-11 – don't harden heart towards poor ▪ Deut 28:47-48 – ungrateful heart -> judgment ▪ 1 Sam 12:20-22 – serve God with all your heart -> the Lord won't abandon you ▪ 2 Kings 22:18-20 – tender heart -> reprieve in judgment ▪ 2 Chron 26:16 – proud heart -> judgment ▪ 2 Chron 32:26 – Hezekiah humbled the pride of his heart -> wrath of God did not come in his days ▪ Jer 4:1-4 – return to God, break fallow ground, circumcise your heart, lest His wrath go forth like fire ▪ Jer 9:13-14 – stubborn heart, followed Baal -> fed with wormwood & poisoned water ▪ Jer 17:9 – heart more deceitful than all else & desperately sick 3. Joel 2:14-17 – gather all to pray <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nehemiah 1:1-11 ▪ Daniel 9:1-19 ▪ 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 4. 1 Thess 5:6 – don't sleep as others do, but be alert & sober 5. 2 Peter 3:11-12 - be people of holy conduct & godliness, looking for & hastening the coming of the day of God



The Season of Repentance from Elul 1 to Tishri 10 (40 days)



24 Aug, 06
14 Aug, 07
31 Aug, 08
20 Aug, 09
10 Aug, 10
30 Aug, 11
18 Aug, 12
6 Aug, 13

Moses on Mt Sinai for 40 days & 40 nights (Ex 24:18); Golden Calf Incident (32:1-29), Moses goes up to Sinai to intercede (32:30-35), comes down to make 2 tables, then goes up again to intercede (34:1-4), was there for another 40 days & 40 nights (34:28), then comes down with face shining (34:29-35)

23 Sep, 06
13 Sep, 07
30 Sep, 08
19 Sep, 09
9 Sep, 09
29 Sep, 11
17 Sep, 12
5 Sep, 13



Sign of the Son of Man (Matthew 24:29-31)

Tribes Mourn (Zech 12:10-13:1)

Day of Wrath (Rev 6:12-17)

1. Yom Ha-Din (Day of Judgment)
 2. Yom Teruah (Day of the awakening blast or blowing / breathing)
 3. Yom Ha-Keseh (Day of Concealment) = the Hidden Day
 4. Yom Ha-Zekavon (Day of Memorial or Remembrance)
- a. the day the world was created
b. the day Adam was judged; he repented & was forgiven

During the Days of Awe, Jewish tradition holds that divine judgment is rendered to determine whether a person will continue to live or die in the coming year. It is believed that God reviews the books of judgment on Rosh Hashanah and metes out final judgment on Yom Kippur.

Note: From Yom Kippur to Hannukah is always an interval of 75 days (30 + 45)

