

Group Study #2: APOCALYPSE

Read: Daniel 12

The Day of the Lord: A day (or event in time) when God's wrath is poured out on all unbelievers, all believers are delivered to everlasting life, and God restores all things, eradicates evil, and brings peace.

Truth- I Understand the Day of the Lord is punishment for unbelievers, but everlasting life for believers.

God is just. He will expose everything done in darkness and bring it to light. God will have a day of reckoning and judgment against all unbelievers. God will also deliver His people from trouble, and they will enjoy everlasting life. The Day of the Lord and End of the World (Apocalypse) are one and the same event. The Bible talks extensively about "The Day" as terrible for evildoers and wonderful for the righteous.

Isaiah 2:12 (NASB) For the LORD of armies will have a day of reckoning against everyone who is arrogant and haughty, and against everyone who is lifted up, that he may be brought low.

Our justice system on the earth seeks to find the truth and bring punishment to those who break the law. God's justice system is absolute and perfect. God always does what is right and judges truthfully. Currently, the world has been extended a tremendous period of grace. The Day of the Lord will conclude God's grace period of salvation and will usher in the event of God's "reckoning against everyone who is arrogant" believing God is not real and for their personal rejection of Jesus as Messiah. Read how Daniel describes the awesome and terrifying day:

Daniel 12:1-3 (NASB) "At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. ² And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

We should long for God to bring justice upon the whole earth. We should be driven right now to share the Good News of Salvation in Jesus to the lost world. We should look forward to the return of Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promises, and eternal life. The Day of the Lord will be a wonderful sight to believers, but an awful event for those who have rejected Jesus as Lord and Savior. For God so loved the world, He gave us Jesus. We must ensure that we love the world so much that we tell the broken world about the Savior of the world-Jesus!

Study Questions:

1. How would you describe The Day of the Lord?
2. What fears do you have about The Day of the Lord?
3. Why should you not be afraid of The Day of the Lord?
4. What should we do knowing that The Day of the Lord is approaching?

Additional Study of The Day of the Lord- Isaiah 2:12; 13:6, 9; Ezekiel 13:5, 30:3; Joel 1:15, 2:1,11,31; 3:14; Amos 5:18,20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7,14; Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5; Acts 2:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 2 Corinthians 1:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10.