

LENGTH OF THE DAY OF THE LORD

1. WHAT is the character of the “day of the Lord”?

“The great day of the Lord is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. *That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress.*” **Zephaniah 1:14, 15.**

2. Under which of the seven seals does this day begin?

“And I beheld *when He had opened the sixth seal*, and, lo, there was a great earthquake. . . . *for the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*” **Revelation 6:12–17.**

3. What signs were to appear under this seal?

“The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.” **Verses 12, 13.**

NOTE — For dates and fulfillment of these signs, see studies on “Our Lord’s Great Prophecy,” and “Signs of the Times.” The Lisbon earthquake of 1755 (See study on “The Seven Seals”) should not be confounded with that to take place under the seventh plague. **Revelation 16:18.**

4. Under which seal will the Lord come?

“And when He had *opened the seventh seal*, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.” **Revelation 8:1.**

NOTE — This silence in heaven is the result of Christ and the angels leaving heaven to come to this earth. See study on “The Seven Seals.”

5. With what is the day of wrath to open?

“And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having *the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.*” **Revelation 15:1.**

NOTE — These plagues immediately precede Christ’s coming. See **Revelation 16:12–15**, and study on “The Seven Last Plagues.”

6. What great event will take place at Christ’s coming?

“For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven: . . . and *the dead in Christ shall rise first.*” **1Thessalonians 4:16.**

7. How long after this will the wicked dead be raised?

“But *the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.*” **Revelation 20:5.**

8. As they gather around the holy city, what will take place?

“And fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.” **Verse 9.**

9. What is this destruction called?

“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is *the second death.*” **Revelation 21:8.**

10. Unto what are the present heavens and earth reserved?

“But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved *unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*” **2Peter 3:7.**

NOTE — When the fire from heaven destroys the wicked, the earth itself will also be burned and purified.

11. Does the day of the Lord include this burning day?

“But *the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*” **Verse 10.**

NOTE — The day of the Lord, therefore, begins with the seven last plagues and the coming of Christ, and continues for one thousand years, or till the wicked are destroyed, and the earth is renewed and given to the saints.