

~Signs of war in the Heavens~

Many folks believe that the term 'day of the Lord' means only when Jesus returns to destroy the planet, but that is not so. However, many times, the term describes when God comes and destroys a nation.

Isa 5:30--Israel in 722 BC

"In that day they will roar over it like the roaring of the sea. And if one looks at the land, he will see darkness and distress; even the light will be darkened by the clouds".

Amos 8:9--Israel in 722 BC

"In that day," declares the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth in broad daylight".

Isa 34:4-5--Edom in 703 BC

"All the stars of the heavens will be dissolved and the sky rolled up like a scroll; all the starry host will fall like withered leaves from the vine, like shriveled figs from the fig tree".

Ezek 32:7-11--Egypt in 572

7 When I snuff you out, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon will not give its light.

8 All the shining lights in the heavens I will darken over you; I will bring darkness over your land, declares the Sovereign LORD.

9 I will trouble the hearts of many peoples when I bring about your destruction among the nations, among lands you have not known.

10 I will cause many peoples to be appalled at you, and their kings will shudder with horror because of you when I brandish my sword before them. On the day of your downfall each of them will tremble every moment for his life.

11 "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "The sword of the king of Babylon will come against you.

Isa 13:6-10--Babylon in 539 BC

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.

7 Because of this, all hands will go limp, every man's heart will melt.

8 Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.

9 See, **the day of the LORD** is coming a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger-- to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.

10 The stars of heaven and their constellations will not show their light. The rising sun will be darkened and the moon will not give its light.

(On Matthew 24:29-31 ; New Heavens and Earth)

"The darkening of the sun and moon and the falling of the stars, coupled with the shaking of the heavens (24:29), are more descriptive ways of saying that "heaven and earth will pass away" (24:35). In other contexts, when stars fall, they fall to the earth, a sure sign of temporal judgment (Isaiah 14:12; Daniel

8:10; Revelation 6:13; 9:1; 12:4). So then, the "passing away of heaven and earth" is the passing away of the old covenant world of Judaism led and upheld by those who "crucified the Lord of glory" (**1 Corinthians 2:8**).

(Taken from: The Passing Away of Heaven and Earth)

"The Old Testament is filled with solar, lunar, and stellar language depicting great political upheaval. The rise of kingdoms is compared to the brightness of the sun, moon, and stars. The brightness of these heavenly bodies means that a nation is in ascendancy. When a nation is described as falling - coming under the judgment of God - it is compared to the sun and moon going dark and stars falling from the sky."

[Last Days Madness: The Folly of Trying to Predict When Christ Will Return (Atlanta: American Vision, 1977)]