

The Lord's Sabbath Day

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Nowhere in the Bible is it written: "The Day of the Lord is a thousand years", however there are several places in the Bible that infer that "The Day of the Lord" is to be taken as approximately, "a thousand years", and moreover "The Day" is to be understood as being made up of separate parts – just as we know our "day" has the following parts "sun-rise", "morning", "afternoon", "evening" and "night".

Firstly, I understand a correct assumption would be that after 'The Day of the Lord' then The World would have been put to rights forever. This would imply that all evil would have been removed forever, before 'The Day of the Lord' is concluded; otherwise the Lord would not be finished his work during "The Day of The Lord"!

The prophets, Jesus and apostles always suggested that after "The Day of the Lord" we have then eternal righteous operating here upon the Earth between fellow man – so clearly we do not all go to heaven – because The Bible tells us that we shall live on the Earth just as Adam and Eve were told they would and equally their descendents (us)!

Clearly then, if there is to be eternal righteousness reigning, Satan and his demons must be removed permanently before this can occur, together with his false prophets and his worldly entourage, because we are told that Satan is to come back 'for a season' and 'rule' by gathering those who have a propensity to sin again. We also know that The Bible says 'there will be no more tears', so does this mean that this quotation is to occur after this "confrontation"!

So this 'Day of the Lord' could be a thousand years or just merely an earthly day.

So which is it?

Or is it something in between?

We are told (Rev.20v1 onwards) that Satan is "chained" (to mean completely spiritually restrained by Almighty God) for a thousand years before he is loosed for a season [a season, in this instance we are told is to be 3.5 years - I explain this elsewhere with quotations]. So this period thousand years could just be 'The Day of the Lord' - but obviously we need more evidence than just this verse if we are to base much credence to this interpretation.

We have at 2Pet.3v8 that a 'Day of the Lord is as a thousand years' which may be a clue given by an Apostle who is under Jehovah's inspiration when it was written. And we are told this in the same verse twice and more importantly we are told in the verse 'so that we might not be ignorant' that "a Day of The Lord is a thousand years" to ensure that we understand this piece of information. Thus this quotation is a very strong pointer to give a credible interpretation.

We have a very cryptic remark from Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke, which is obviously important otherwise it would not be written in three places, namely 'Jesus being Lord of the Sabbath'. I have never had it explained satisfactorily to me, so I rather put this interpretation forward to explain what this term really means:-

The Sabbath was the seventh day, being "a day of rest".

I interpret this as Jesus declaring then (in The Gospels), He is the ruler and king of the 7th Day (being king and ruler of the seventh Millennium) when Satan is chained. During this seventh Millennium, Jesus uses Jehovah's power (Psalm 110v1. Lord saying to my Lord etc) and then (in 1Cor.15v27-28) Jesus subjecting himself to Jehovah at the finish (at the end of The [7th] Millennium). Hence during this future seventh Millennium, we (who desire to fulfil Jehovah's expectations) shall be at 'rest' from Satan's evil which we experience during this present period in time, because we are presently still part of the previous six days of Millennium (= 6000 years). Mankind from Adam and Eve to present day is six thousand years working hard within Satan's machinations and so corresponds to this reasoning.

The explanations of Biblical text now start to solidify this interpretation of "The Day of the Lord" as being "a thousand year" time period.

This reasoning is further supported directly from The Bible because in Hebrews 4v1-8 where on the seventh day we enter the rest period away from the evils of The World (under) God's rule via Jesus rather than under Satan at present.

Let us now move on to explain how the 'Wrath of God' can also be a thousand years during this seventh Millennium - as spoken about all through The Bible (Old and New Testaments) summed up as being: 'Beware of the wrath of God when then the Day of the Lord comes!'

Clearly the beginning of 'this Day' starts with the ending of this satanic system that we are daily subject to.

The Bible also calls Jesus The Morning Star (Rev.2v28 where in context we are told Jesus rules in power, but more so at Rev.22v16 where Jesus is actually assigned this title) to give us a clue that under direction from Yahweh he initiates The start of The Day by being 'Venus' lighting up the sky as a prelude before we see The Sun (Yahweh) of Daylight (Yahweh's Knowledge/Instruction).

So what does this terminology mean: "The Morning Star"?

As I stated it is the equivalent to Venus circling closer to The Sun radiating out (by reflection) the light of Yahweh's Knowledge/Instruction (by being The Word of God) to this world. Thus only the people who are actively looking for "Venus" will actually see Venus being The Morning Star – because it is still early in the morning. This is directly equivalent to Jesus' 1st 2nd C (known as The Rapture) where only those True Christians (144000) during The Gospel Age have been watching (= auditing themselves against The Bible's requirements for those to become Jesus' Bride) for "the coming" of Jesus being the start of The Millennium ("Day").

Can the reader see the direct equivalence and why this terminology/allegory is used?

We can see from the signs given in the Gospels and Letters, that the time is drawing very near when 'men's hearts faint with fear' (Luke.21v26), no flesh be saved unless Yahweh steps in (Matt.24v22; Mark.13v20), requesting the mountains to cover them (Luke.23v30 – see "mountain" in Glossary), because they cannot see a way out of the predicament that mankind has put itself into by following the rebellious Satan. Mankind will be in a total turmoil and hence many will be killed. There will be wars, starvation, pestilence, diseases following on from earthquakes, volcanoes, tsunamis, limited resources, climate change, terrorism, basically the fallout from selfish mankind being of those more powerful dominating those with less power, etc.

But what makes it different from the past is that these will be world-wide; communications and travel now make the world like a small village – being the use of technology allowing man to 'Lord-it' over fellow man in a self-indulgent manner – hence each action now has a Global effect!

As Yahweh (Jehovah) in the past often used Israel's enemies to teach Israel humility, likewise we humans globally will be taught humility to God by reaping the rewards our own actions (in Jeremiah 10v23) 'we cannot direct our own steps'. God will demonstrate to those humanists who believe they do not need Jehovah by witnessing and experiencing the implosion of this 'small village' within their lives as a consequence of generally their living. Clearly many religious people are just as bad – particularly when we hear the religious leaders spout: 'Just be part of our clan for salvation and follow our precepts for the perfect world' – well many do – and still look at what The World is like – I do not hold out much hope there!

So what I have described is the first action that begins "The Day of the Lord", now we must move into "The Day of the Lord".

First you must ask yourselves:

When are the variants of this phase used?

They are always used when the passage is condemning the actions and thoughts of evil people who are rebelling against God in this world. "Evil" means "hurtful", "malicious", "harmful", "uncaring", "selfish", basically any person who desires to dominate others around them to their hurt (= to their disadvantage) – thus we can conclude that most humans are evil in as much sinning just the once in our life, by having these feelings to anyone during our lifetime means we are sinful and thus evil (irrespective of what any false worldly Christian leader might pump out to their congregations to "tickle their ears").

So what does this tell us?

Obviously, the wrath of God is only directed to evil people and not towards the people who desire to adjust their lifestyle/personality (from the present pain and suffering) and thus live under the reign of Jesus. These evil people still want Satan's previous worldly system, they do not possess the self-control to change their thought processes to accept the rules and regulations of a New World Order where selfishness is banished. These rules and regulations will not be arduous - just the Ten Commandments, summed up by Jesus saying: We are to love God with our whole being, and our neighbours as ourselves (Mark.12v30-31). To evil people this is an anathema - look around us now!

So what does this mean in context with our explanation of the wrath of God being a thousand years?

The Almighty God, Jehovah, has been, is being, and will be seen by all humans and the heavenly host as being fair and reasonable (= righteous), just being one small aspect of "**perfection**"; so evil people who have lived and died in Satan's world (during the present 6000 years) shall also be raised into the 2nd part of their life (most likely in perhaps, in ten staggered, one hundred year stages – Isa.65v20 where the whole chapter is speaking of The Millennium), to be given an opportunity to learn The Truth and change their ways and live, as promised originally in Eden, in a perfected DNA fleshly body made only possible by the wonderful sacrifice of Christ Jesus (but obviously they have permanently missed the opportunity of the heavenly calling given to those very special individuals who saw "The Morning Star"). However these resurrected evil people must fully repent, accept Jesus Christ as their saviour (a little easier then because Satan is "chained" – restrained by God), and mend their ways to behave correctly, by reforming their personality to start imitating Jesus by truly "believing in Jesus".

People may argue that this is unfair to people now who have had to struggle against Satan and still 'only end up with' eternal life with a fleshly body (see the parable of the workers in the vineyard – Matthew 20v1 to v16).

However it is not true to say that this scenario is unfair.

I would like to use the following illustration only, to explain why this can still be considered fair and equitable (and thus obviously righteous for all the individuals who make up present humanity).

Think of our position in relation to Yahweh's Desire of us, as a ladder that leads to His ultimate Desire of us. When we are resurrected in The Millennium we will be metaphorically 'placed on a ladder', those who have struggled hard in this present world during the 1st part of their life to imitate the personality of Jesus will be much higher up on this ladder and the climbing this ladder will be easy - not much further to go because our thought processes are so close to the ideal. These individuals have been refined like gold through the fire by fighting against being part of Satan's world of exploiting others beneath us for self gratification. Thus these refined ones can be termed as being meek. However the more evil a person is (being the greater they exploit those beneath them for worldly gain), then lower down 'the personality ladder' they start from. They still have the opportunity to learn and sprint up the ladder to fulfil Yahweh's Desire of them, but they must work just that bit harder with their thoughts and actions to 'reach the grade' being reaching the top of the ladder.

How is the grade set?

The grade was set by Jesus' ministry during the 3.5 year ministry that he gave to The World during the duress that Satan metered out towards him – the 144000 met this standard during the 1st part of their life and that is why they would be resurrected equally as Sons of God having attained The Ideal Goal.

However for the remaining people of The World at the end of The Millennium, then for full righteousness to be effected, then they need to emulate Jesus' lifestyle during his ministry period being 'a like for like' equivalence of 3.5 years). This we are told in The Bible at Rev.20v7-8 is where Satan is being 'loosed for a season' (= 3.5 years) at the end of The Millennium. Those humans who might find the climb too hard will jump off the ladder to follow Satan because the effort is just too much for them - these are the ones who will die for a second time – being The 2nd Death from which there is no return = annihilation (thus The Bible gives a Greek word to mean Lost/Destroyed/Perishing – see "Dead/Death" in Glossary), because Jesus died only once (and rose again in a spiritual/celestial/heavenly body). It is also fair, to those 144000 who worked so hard within Satan's world to repulse the self-indulgent attitude so prevalent during the 6000 years of Satan's tenure. Thus these very special ones (144000) shall be given something in excess to what was originally promised in The Garden of Eden, something promised by Jesus being their true head and leader, a spiritual/celestial/heavenly body - over which "The 2nd Death has no power", clearly at the end of The Millennium there is absolutely no possibility of any member of these 144000 of dying, they would have been resurrected into this spiritual body just like the body of Jesus now who resides in the heavens. This is the wonderful prize spoken of by Paul in his letters!

After this preamble how can it be called God's Day of Wrath?

As I said earlier, the wrath will be directed to those evil people, who when raised up (The Bible terms this as "awakened/roused") into their fleshly DNA body, must conform to the New System under Christ Jesus. If these people do not conform, (see in Isa.65v20) and still like a child after 100 years of learning will be subject to the wrath of God during this Judgement (= Crisis) Day (a period of a thousand years) where people will have their books opened, and the question asked: Have they learnt during this 100 years or so. If not, they may be struck down (being their personal 2nd death) immediately, before the full term of thousand years, or so, have passed. This is spoken of by the prophets, where even killing an animal will be like killing a man. So those who practice such things shall be removed quickly because of the 'hardness of their hearts' even within Christ Jesus' New World. I genuinely believe some people will be removed like this and hence feel God's wrath during this thousand year period.

However, those who are untested (babies who died, retarded people, mentally ill, etc during this 6000 year under Satan's inept management style – while the Earth is being filled – just as Yahweh commanded in Gen.9v1), or those who have turned from their evil ways and who will then know "The Absolute Truth" over this 1000 year training period (learning from Yahweh's DVD equivalents of how bad The World was and all the human witnesses around testifying to that fact), by necessity, shall similarly be exposed to Satan's despotic thrust during this season at the end of The Millennium. So that they too may choose whom their leader is, now that they have the full demonstrable facts presented!

This then becomes utterly fair and thus righteous to all those who struggle now within this present world!

In conclusion, it can be seen now through this explanation how 'The Day of the Lord' can be the most wonderful everlasting experience for those yearning for it. I have also explained how it can be also a time of Wrath that can spread over a thousand years.

So the question must be asked of ourselves because we individually will be held accountable for our actions:

Which scenario will it be for YOU?