

“Drum Roll” to the Second Coming

In Matthew 24:27-28 Christ explains that His coming will be as obvious to the whole world as lightning flashing from the East to the West. He will come with great glory but also in deadly judgment as seen in the language “wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together”. Now Jesus continues in Matthew 24:29 explaining the surrounding phenomenon that will accompany this event.

Matthew 24:29 (NKJV)

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

The timing here is very precise. Immediately after the Great Tribulation just addressed in verses 15-28, immediately after the time period of the 7-year tribulation this will take place. This concurs precisely with the timing spoken of in Joel 2:30-31.

Joel 2:30–31 (NKJV)

30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

This is like the finale to the 70th week of Daniel marking its completion. The focus will now be on the heavens and the cosmic upheaval that will be taking place. The sun won’t shine and its reflector the moon won’t either. The stars of heaven will plunge from heaven in a downpour. Cataclysmic events in the heavens will define the hour.

The “powers of the heavens will be shaken”. Evidently the sun, moon, stars, and planets are here addressed in summary fashion. The heavens will be shaken or dislocated. This divine disruption of the heavens will produce a terrifying spectacle.

By the way, puny mankind is desperately trying to do something about so-called “**climate change**” on earth – what are they going to do about the heavens when they start coming apart? Clearly, this is God’s domain as is the whole of His universe. ***Want a message from God?*** This will be it! This

is a LORDSHIP message! It is the drum roll to “***the great and awesome day of the LORD***” which is to say the Second Coming.

The phrase “***the day of the LORD***” refers to a time when God intervenes in human affairs in a dramatic way so as to showcase His LORDSHIP. Hence it is called “the day of the LORD”. There are certain historical occasions referred to in this way which are a type of the ultimate eschatological coming Day of the LORD (cf. Jer. 46:2, 10; Ezek. 30:3-6).

The “***Day of the LORD***” can refer to the Tribulation Period (which it often does; cf. Isa. 2:10-22); to the whole time of the Tribulation Period and the millennial kingdom to follow (cf. 2 Pet. 3:10-12), or very **narrowly** sometimes it refers specifically to the DAY of Christ’s second coming (Joel 2:31; Zech. 14:1, 7; Acts 2:20). That is **THE DAY OF THE LORD in a superlative sense** (cf. Joel; Zeph.; Zech. – Isa. 2:10-22; Ezek. 13:5, 9, 14, 21, 23, 30; 3, 8, 19, 25-26).

“The Second Coming is called ‘the great and terrible day of the Lord’[in Joel 2:31] as though it were the climax of the whole period known as ‘the day of the Lord.’” – ***E.W. Bullinger***

Here is the significance of coming “Day of the LORD” related to Christ’s Second Coming (cf. Isa. 24:23; 34:4; Ezek. 32:7-8; Joel 3:15-16; Amos 5:20, 8:9; Hag. 2:6; Zech. 14:6; Rev. 6:12-17).

Isaiah 13:6–8 (NKJV)

6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand! It will come as **destruction** from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will be **limp**, Every man’s **heart will melt**,

8 And they will be **afraid**. **Pangs and sorrows** will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be **amazed** at one another; Their **faces** will be like flames.

No cocky bragging going on then. It will be shock, awe, and terror, like humanity has never known before. Every mouth will truly be stopped!

Isaiah 13:9–11 (NKJV)

9 Behold, **the day of the Lord comes**, **Cruel**, with both **wrath** and **fierce anger**, To lay the land **desolate**; And He will **destroy** its sinners from it.

10 For the **stars** of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The **sun** will be darkened in its going forth, And the **moon** will not cause its light to shine.

11 “I will **punish** the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will **halt the arrogance** of the proud, And will lay low the **haughtiness** of the terrible.

Luke 21:25–27 (NKJV)

25 “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth **distress** of nations, with **perplexity**, the sea and the waves roaring;

26 men’s **hearts failing** them from **fear** and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

27 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

The terrible Day of the Lord judgments climax in awesomely terrifying heavenly phenomenon which in effect are the “drum roll” to the glorious Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

“Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!” (Rev. 22:20)