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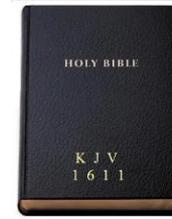
Study to shew thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim 2:15)

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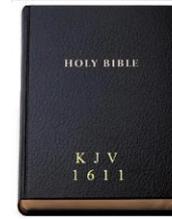
Isa 13:6

Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

The day of the Lord.

- The INSTANT (i.e.- the timing) of Babylon's judgment is THE DAY OF THE LORD
- The judgment of literal Babylon was initiated at the hands of the Medes and Persians (v.17) under Cyrus the Great in 537 BC
- Since the Medo/Persian conquest of Babylon did not take place on the day of the Lord and literal Babylon no longer exists, that means this prophecy has not been completely fulfilled and the word BABYLON means more than the literal historical city-state (i.e.- it refers to MYSTERY Babylon)
- THE DAY OF THE LORD appears 25x (5 x 5= # of DEATH) and is characterized as follows:
 - It is the day of the Lord's VENGEANCE (34:8)
 - It is the day of the Lord's ANGER (Lam 2:22; Zep 2:2-3)
 - It is the day of the Lord's WRATH (Zep 1:18)
 - It is the day of the Lord's SACRIFICE (Zep 1:8)

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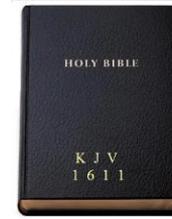
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- It is the day of the Lord OF HOSTS (v.12)
- It is the day of the Lord GOD OF HOSTS (Jer 46:10)
- It is a day of VENGEANCE against the Lord's adversaries (Jer 46:10)
- It is a day of (THICK) DARKNESS (Joel 2:1; Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of GLOOMINESS (Joel 2:2; Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of CLOUDS (Eze 30:3; Joel 2:2; Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of WRATH (Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of TROUBLE (Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of DISTRESS (Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of WASTENESS (Zep 1:15)
- It is a day of DESOLATION (v.9; Zep 1:15)

Jer 46:10

For this is **the day of the Lord** GOD of hosts, **a day of vengeance**, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood: for the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates.

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Joel 2:1-2

1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for **the day of the LORD** cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 **A day of darkness** and of **gloominess**, **a day of clouds** and of **thick darkness**, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, *even* to the years of many generations.

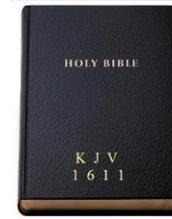
Zep 1:14-15

14 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.

15 That day is **a day of wrath**, **a day of trouble** and **distress**, **a day of wasteness** and **desolation**, **a day of darkness** and **gloominess**, **a day of clouds** and **thick darkness**,

- It is AT HAND (v.6 Joel 1:15; Zep 1:17)
- It is NEAR (Eze 30:3; Joel 3:14; Oba 1:15; Zep 1:14)
- It is NIGH AT HAND (Joel 2:1)
- It HASTETH GREATLY (Zep 1:14)
- It COMETH (v.9; Joel 2:1; Zec 14:1)
- It SO COMETH/WILL COME AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT (1 The 5:2; 2 Pet 3:10)
- It shall COME AS A DESTRUCTION from the Almighty (v.6; Joel 1:15)

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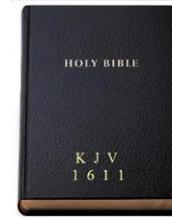
- It is DARKNESS (Amo 5:18,20)
- It is GREAT AND VERY TERRIBLE (Joel 2:11,31)
- It is GREAT AND DREADFUL (Mal 4:5)
- It is GREAT AND NOTABLE (Acts 2:20)
- It is THE TIME OF (UPON) THE HEATHEN (Eze 30:3; Oba 1:15)
- There are two PRE-REQUISITE events to the day of the Lord
 - 1) ELIJAH will come before the day of the Lord (Mal 4:5) cf. (Rev 11:3-7)

Mal 4:5

Behold, **I will send you Elijah** the prophet **before the** coming of the great and dreadful **day of the LORD:**

- Elijah will come as one of the two witnesses in the Tribulation
- The ministry of the two witnesses last 1,260 days, or 3 ½ years
- If their ministry is during the last half of the 7-year Tribulation, then the day of the Lord cannot include the first half of the Tribulation because Elijah comes BEFORE the day of the Lord

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Rev 11:3,6

3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

2) The SUN shall be turned into DARKNESS and the MOON into BLOOD before the day of the Lord (Joel 2:31; Acts 2:20) cf. (Rev 6:12-13)

Joel 2:10,31

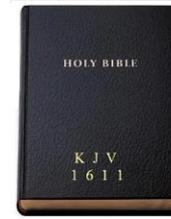
10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Acts 2:20

The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:

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- There are numerous references to this event, which is not the same as the fourth trumpet judgment where 1/3 of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened (Rev 8:12)

Isa 13:9-10

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

Joel 3:14-15

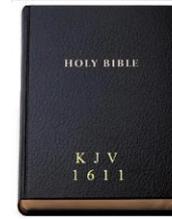
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

Matt 24:29

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

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- This event appears to be part of the sixth seal judgment
- If so, then the day of the Lord cannot include the first six seal judgments because the sun turning to darkness and the moon into blood takes place BEFORE the day of the Lord

Rev 6:12-13

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

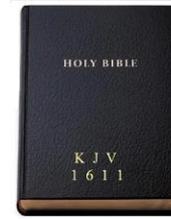
13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

- There are two PARAMETER events to the day of the Lord
 - 1) The day of the Lord BEGINS with the REVELATION of Christ (i.e.- the Second Coming of Christ)
 - The BATTLE of Armageddon takes place IN the day of the Lord

Eze 13:5

Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.

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- The gathering of the armies for the battle of Armageddon takes place when the day of the Lord is NEAR (but not present)

Joel 3:11-16

11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.

12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness *is* great.

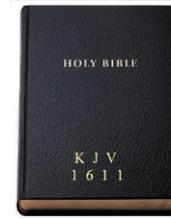
14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining.

16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD *will be* the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

- Since the armies are gathered for the battle of Armageddon as part of the sixth vial judgment, that means the day of the Lord does not include the sixth vial judgment or any event prior to it

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- The actual BATTLE of Armageddon is included as part of the day of the Lord

Rev 16:12-14,16

12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

- The day of the Lord comes as a THIEF in the night as does the Lord, which means the DAY OF THE LORD COMES when the LORD COMES (i.e.- the Second Coming or Revelation)

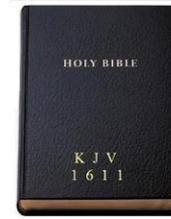
1 The 5:2

For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

Rev 16:15

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

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- 2) The day of the Lord ENDS with the RENOVATION of the heavens and the earth
- The day of the Lord that comes (i.e.- begins) as a thief in the night includes the passing away of the heavens and earth by fire

2 Pet 3:10-11

10 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.

11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

Matt 24:35

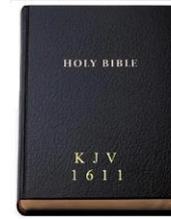
Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

- The heavens and the earth pass away right before the WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Rev 20:11

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

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- Since the day of the Lord includes the REVELATION of Christ and the RENOVATION of the heavens and earth, it must also include the Millennial REIGN of Christ and cover a period of time of at least 1,000 years

Rev 20:4-6

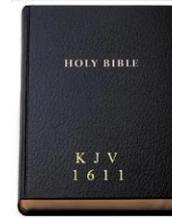
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and **reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until **the thousand years** were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him **a thousand years.**

- The phrase IN THAT DAY appears 43x in Isaiah and 20x in Zechariah and the context of many of these verses refers to conditions at the Second Coming of Christ or during the Millennium, supporting the notion that the DAY OF THE LORD can refer to a period of time covering at least 1,000 years

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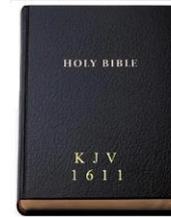
- Interestingly, 2 Peter 3:8 states that ONE DAY is with the Lord as A THOUSAND YEARS

2 Pet 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

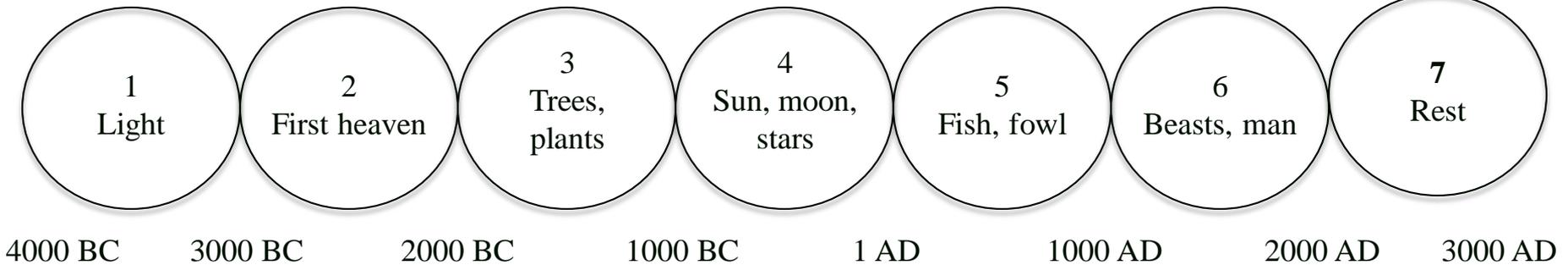
- Since the Millennium is A THOUSAND YEARS of REST (Isa 11:10; 14:3,7; 57:2; Heb 4:9), and there is ONE DAY of REST (i.e.- the SEVENTH DAY) (Gen 2:2; Heb 4:4), this prophetic formula (1 day= 1,000 years) appears to correspond the week of creation to the entire history of the heavens and the earth

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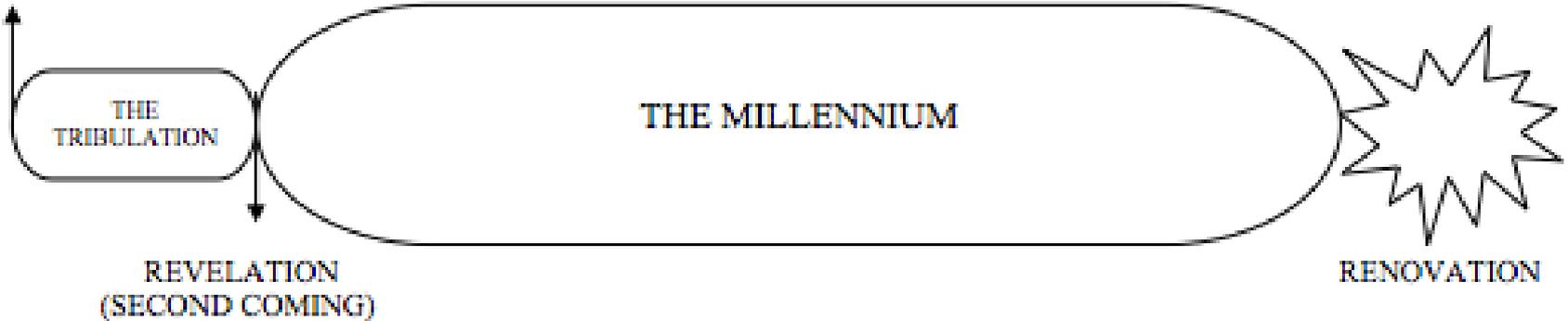
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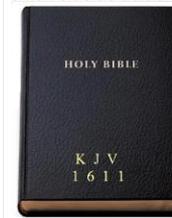
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