

The Eschatological Day of the Lord

Joel 2:28-3:21



Before the Day of the Lord

- Before the day of the Lord, the Spirit will be poured out.
- Many Old Testament prophecies are interpreted to us by the New Testament.
- Peter interpreted what happened on the Day of Pentecost as the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.
- A distinguishing mark of a person being filled with the Holy Spirit is witnessing to the work of Jesus Christ.
- Before the day of the Lord, the Spirit will be poured out on all those who become believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

On the Day of the Lord

- On the day of the Lord, judgment will be poured out on unbelievers.
- God's judgment on unbelievers will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
- God issues a summons to all the unbelieving nations of people to come for judgment.
- On the day of the Lord, there will be no second chance for unbelievers to turn to Jesus in faith and repentance.

After the Day of the Lord

- After the day of the Lord, four blessings will be poured out on believers in Jesus Christ.
 - God will inaugurate a new heaven and a new earth.
 - The land will be restored to what it was like in the Garden of Eden.
 - God will put inhabitants in the holy city and restored land who shall live there forever.
 - God Himself will live in the midst of His saved people.
- After the day of the Lord, there will be eternal peace and harmony, with no more sin and suffering for the people of God.

Conclusion

- We must live our lives in light of the ultimate day of the Lord.
- Judgement begins with the house of God, starting now in this life.
- Once the Spirit has been poured out, the way is clear for the arrival of the final Day of Judgement.
- On the day of the Lord, the wicked will be destroyed, and the righteous will stand vindicated forever in God's presence.