

The Hope of His People

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. {2 Tim 3:14-17}

Based on the scriptures, we have been “assured” in knowing that the new moon/eclipse on May 21, 2012 gave us the understanding of King Hezekiah’s sign of 10 degrees (weeks) backwards from Rosh Hashana (Sept. 17, 2012 – 69 weeks from May 21, 2011) to know when to go up to the house of the Lord on the third day. Exactly ten weeks forward from May 21, 2012 brought us to Tisha B’Av (July 28/29, 2012); which harmonizes the 70 weeks (days) determined, and 62 weeks from May 21, 2011 as prophesized by the angel Gabriel at the time of the evening oblation in Daniel 9:25-26.

In recent studies, we deduced that our next anticipation of the darkened sun, moon and stars would span over a period of three days preceding the rapture because it physically took three days to burn the temple. (2 kings 25:8, Jer 52:12) However, “*for reproof & correction*” the bible doesn’t actually specify three days for the darkening of skies. While the actual temple took three days to burn, the true believers identify with the three days Christ suffered and overcame at the cross, where a time clue for darkness is provided:

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Some of them that stood there, when they heard *that*, said, This *man* calleth for Elias. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him. Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.** Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God. {Mat 27:45-54}

There is no doubt that the rejection, gamble and mockery of Christ leading to the cross parallels to judgment day at the end of the world, as also referenced in the book of Amos:

Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? And...it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt. **And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day:** {Amos 8:8-9}

The above passage was featured in Promise Study #12 – “*Summer Fruit.*”

And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the LORD unto me, **The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.** And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD: *there shall be* many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence. {Amos 8:2-3}

The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years **before the earthquake.** And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; {Amos 1:1-2}

And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee. **And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night:** but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. {Zech 14:5-9}

Ten days after the ascension on Pentecost, Peter references the celestial signs to come in the context of hours in a day.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: **For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;** And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come:** {Acts 2:14-20}

The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. 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.** {Joel 3:15-16}

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