

Doctrine of Day

1. There is a twenty-four hour day. The word day is used this way in connection with six days of creation plus a day of rest.
 - *Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day* (Study Genesis 1:8, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19, 23, 31; 2:1-3).

2. There is a Sabbath day, a day of rest.
 - *Genesis 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.*

- Special Note.***
 - Jewish Time. A day was counted from sunset to sunset.
 - Roman Time. One second after midnight to midnight again constituted a new day.

3. There is the Lord's Day which is the day of the resurrection.
 - *Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,*

4. There were feast days of twenty-four hour duration.
 - The Day of Passover commemorating the night the death angel passed over those who had blood sprinkled on the door frame.
 - The Day of Atonement whereby the sins of the nation were confessed and atoned for.

5. The word day is also used to reflect that a part of a day stood for the whole day.
 - The day of salvation. *2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*

The day of Christ. *1 Corinthians 15:51 .Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

6. There is the day, a specific day of Christ, mentioned three times to remind the church that Christ will return a second time for all who believe.
 - *Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.*
 - *Philippians 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ;*
 - *Philippians 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.*
 - *2 Thessalonians 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*
7. There is the day of salvation. Not all of a day is needed to be saved. The moment a sinner cries out, “God be merciful to me the sinner,” and the Lord Jesus Christ says, “*Thy sins are forgiven,*” is the very moment in the day of salvation.
 - *Isaiah 49:8 Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;*
 - *2 Corinthians 6:2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)*
8. There is the day of the Lord which generally refers to an extended period of undetermined length.

The Day of the Lord is a Day of Judgment

- Personal judgment. *Isaiah 2:12 For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:*
- National judgment. *Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen. 4 And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Libya, and Lydia, and all the mingled people, and Chub, and the men of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword. 6 Thus saith the Lord; They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: from the tower of Syene shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord God.*

7 And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities that are wasted.

- Spiritual judgment. One example of spiritual judgment upon Israel is associated with the gift of tongues, or languages, given to those who had not known the language previously. The apostle Paul taught that the gift of tongues, given on the Day of Pentecost, was first the fulfillment of a prophecy (Isaiah 28:11), and second, was a sign of judgment upon Israel for its failure to disseminate the gospel to the nations of the world.

1 Corinthians 14:21 In the law it is written, With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 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: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The Day of the Lord is a Day of Hope after Hurting

- *1 Corinthians 5:1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

The Day of the Lord is a Day of Rejoicing

- *2 Corinthians 1:14 As also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also are ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

The Day of the Lord is a Day of a Sudden Appearance of Christ

- *1 Thessalonians 5:2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.*

- *2 Peter 3:10 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.*

The Day of God

9. There is the day of God which will bring forth a new heaven and new earth. The day of God is also associated with the devil doing battle with God.
 - *2 Peter 3:12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*
 - *Revelation 16:14 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.*