

“Day of the Lord” vs “Day of Christ”

Question: What is the difference between the Day of the Lord and the Day of Christ?

The “Day of the Lord” and the “Day of Christ” are used to describe different events and therefore are not identical terms. The Day of the Lord refers to God’s judgment and isn’t tied to one specific event. The Day of Christ, on the other hand, is a specific day when Jesus will reward His children at the Rapture. The bodies of those who have died in Christ will be resurrected from the dead and those believers who are alive when He returns will be transformed into glorious bodies (1 Thess. 4:13-17). According to Dr. C.I. Scofield: “The day of Christ” relates wholly to the reward and blessing of the saints at His coming, as “day of the Lord” is connected with judgment.

Day of Christ (Resurrection and Rewarding His Church)

Phil. 1:6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus

Phil. 1:10 So that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ.

Phil. 2:16 Holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

1 Cor. 1:8 Who shall also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Day of the Lord (Judgment and Destruction)

The “Day of the Lord” refers to a time of judgment and actually covers several events. It can refer to:

- 1) the Lord’s judgment of nations in the Old Testament
- 2) the judgments during the Tribulation Period
- 3) the judgment at the Second Coming
- 4) the judgment when God destroys the heavens and the earth.

The term “that day,” “the great day” and “the day” occurs more than 75 times in the Old Testament and the idea of judgment is paramount in all of them.

Zeph. 1:14-15 Near is the great day of the Lord, near and coming quickly...a day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom.

Amos 5:18, 20 Alas, you who are longing for the day of the Lord, for what purpose will the day of the Lord be to you? It will be darkness and not light...even gloom with no brightness in it.

Isa. 13:6 Wail, for the day of the Lord is near! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Ezekiel 30:3 For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near. It will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

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