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The day of the Lord, in context, is the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The incidents of that day are not generally known among Christians. But it will be a day of complete and total darkness, on one side of the Earth. And a day of complete darkness on the other side of the Earth which is having night. The moon will be blotted out and the sun will be blotted out.

The moon as you know is a reflector, and this expression "covered with blood" means, it will no longer reflect light. The sun on the other hand which radiates, will also be blotted out. So that before the Lord Jesus Christ returns, the Earth will be covered with an extremely heavy darkness, on all sides of this sphere.

"Darkness" is a reference then, to the day of the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The day of the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ is characterized, not just with darkness, but **supernatural darkness**. So that when Jesus Christ returns, "Every eye shall see Him." Revelation 1:7 "Behold every eye shall see Him." Why? Well, **Jesus Christ is the light of the world**. So it is fitting, that the "Light of the world," should return to a world completely enshrouded in darkness.

Then, "every eye shall see Him," because the **only light** that will be visible on that day, will be the Light, The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. So when He comes to the Earth again, He Himself will light the entire world by His presence, without any celestial light at all.

"Darkness" is similar to the darkness on the day of our Lord's Crucifixion. The darkness which covered Golgatha at the crucifixion completely hid the Lord Jesus Christ from all human eyes "while He was bearing our sins in His own body on the tree." **No one saw Him do it.** They saw Him crucified, but at twelve noon, the brightest time of the day, Golgatha suddenly became covered with complete darkness. Now in that darkness, "they heard Him scream," but they did not see Him bearing our sins.

The darkness of the Second Advent is a supernatural darkness, which is totally devoid of any light, and it is impossible to see in this type of a darkness. **No one could see Christ hanging on the cross, but everyone will see Christ when he returns the second time.** No one saw His humiliation, but God the Father who poured out the sins of the world on Him. But everyone will see Him, the Lord Jesus Christ, when He comes again, in all His Glory. Why? Well, the Earth will be completely enshrouded in supernatural darkness.

The "darkness" of that day is designed to focus attention of the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Revelation 1:7, "Behold He cometh with clouds: and every eye shall see Him, and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the Earth shall wail because of Him. Even so. Amen."

But in addition, the darkness of the Second Advent of Christ, protects the Jewish believers who are being besieged in Jerusalem by the King of the North. This is found in Daniel 11:44, 45 "But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many. And He shall plant the tabernacles of his palaces between the seas in the glorious holy moun-

tain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him."

It is also found in Zechariah 12:1-3, 14:1-4, "The burden of the Word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the Earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the Earth be gathered together against it"

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it to the south."

And also in Isaiah 63:1-6. "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like Him that treadeth in the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was not one with Me: for I will tread them in Mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all My raiment. For the day of vengeance is in Mine heart, and the year of My redeemed is come. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that

there was none to uphold: therefore Mine own Arm brought salvation unto Me: and My fury, it upheld Me. And I will tread down the people in Mine anger, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will bring down their strength to the Earth."

In these passages, the Jewish believers are in danger of being annihilated. The Jews who fled to the mountains are pursued by the King of the East, and the Jews bottled up in Jerusalem are being besieged by the King of the North. **BUT THE SUPERNATURAL DARKNESS DELIVERS THEM.**

The darkness immobilizes all the armies in Palestine, so that the second purpose of this supernatural darkness, is the protection of born-again Jews from Satanic wrath on the day of the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

There are many other passages that say that the Second Advent is a day of total supernatural darkness. Isaiah 13:9, 10, "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. 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."

Ezekiel 32:7, 8, "And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God."

Joel 2:10, 11, 3:15, "They shall run to and fro in the city: they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. 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." "The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining."

Amos 5:18, “Woe unto you that desire the day of the Lord! to what end is it for you? the day of the Lord is darkness, and not light.” Zechariah 14:6, “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark.”

Matthew 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.” Luke 21:25-27, “And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the Earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the Earth; for the powers of Heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

Mark 13:24, “But in those days, after that Tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light.” Revelation 6:12, “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.”

Acts 2:20 “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood before the great and notable day of the Lord comes.”

The “Day of the Lord” in Scripture can refer to the Tribulation, or to the Second Advent and the Millennium, sometimes to a part, or all of it, but the “Day of the Lord,” here in context is a prophetic term, which refers to the Second Advent of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:21 says, that all of this is designed for deliverance.

Now, by interpretation, this is the deliverance of the Jews, who at the Second Advent believe in Christ, or anyone who will believe in Christ during the Tribulation, and by application, it refers to the Gospel approach in context, on the Day of Pentecost.

Verse 21 “And it shall come to pass.”

Peter is now quoting, Joel 2:32. The phrase “come to pass” is a future tense, which is a logical term. It is logical that the Lord Jesus Christ wants to save the world.

Verse 21 “WHOSOEVER.”

“Whosoever” refers to the entire human race. This means that when Jesus Christ died on the cross, He made “whosoever” possible.

The old sin nature of mankind, has an area of weakness which produces sin, and it also has an area of strength which produces human good. When Jesus Christ hung upon the cross, our sins were poured out upon Him, the sins of the entire world, past, present and future. **All sins were judged at the cross.** They were judged in Christ. He bore our sins, and God the Father judged Him. “He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21. That means because He was judged for the sins of the world, anyone in the world can be saved.

“WHOSOEVER”

This is what is called the doctrine of unlimited atonement, and this doctrine is found in the following passages:

“For the love of Christ constraineth us: because we judge, THAT IF ONE DIED FOR ALL, THEN WERE ALL DEAD.” 2 Corinthians 5:14. “And that HE DIED FOR ALL, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto HIM WHICH DIED FOR THEM, AND ROSE AGAIN.” “To wit, that God was in Christ, RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, not imputing their trespasses unto them, and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:19.

“Who GAVE HIMSELF A RANSOM FOR ALL, to be testified in due time.” 2 Timothy 2:6. “For therefore we both labour and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, WHO IS THE SAVIOUR OF ALL MEN, especially of those that believe.” 1 Timothy 4:10.

“For the GRACE of God THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED TO ALL MEN.” Titus 2:11.

“For we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; THAT HE BY THE GRACE OF GOD SHOULD TASTE DEATH FOR EVERY MAN.” Hebrews 2:9. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies EVEN DENYING THE LORD THAT BOUGHT THEM and bring upon themselves swift destruction.” 2 Peter 2:1.

This passage says that Jesus Christ died for those who denied Him. He died for the apostates, He died for the false teachers, He died for the unbelievers. And finally, “And He is the propitiation for our sins, AND NOT FOR OURS ONLY, BUT ALSO FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE WORLD.” 1 John 2:2.

This is why we have the word “whosoever” and “whosoever” means that anyone can be saved. **“Whosoever” means that no matter how you have failed in life, no matter how low you are in life, no matter how high you are in life, you too, can have eternal life.**

Acts 2:21, “Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

“Shall call” is an aorist tense, and it refers to the point in time in which a person accepts Jesus Christ as personal Saviour. The aorist tense is a point in time, in which you put your faith in Jesus Christ, to believe in Him. “Calling” is a nonmeritorious activity. This “calling” does not depend upon your ability, it depends upon the fact that God has given you ability to call upon Him.

The middle voice, means the person who calls upon Christ, believes in Him, accepts Him as personal Saviour, the middle voice is reflexive and means you are benefited. **The action of the verb, benefits the person, so that anyone who believes in Christ, calls upon His name, is benefited by it, and the benefit is eternal salvation.**

The subjunctive mood, means this is strictly potential, it depends upon your choice, your free will, your own personal volition, which indicates, even though the fact that salvation is open to everyone, it does not necessarily follow that everyone will be saved.

“Whosoever shall call.” The word, “call” is a synonym for faith, like “Whosoever believeth in Him shall never perish but have everlasting life.”

Acts 2:21, “Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

“The Name of the Lord.” This is specifically Jesus Christ. The Name of the Lord, is a title for the revealed God. This is found in John 1:18, “No man hath seen God at any time, THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, WHICH IS IN THE BOSOM OF THE FATHER, HE HATH DECLARED HIM.” Literally, “lead him forth into full revelation.” “Jesus saith unto him, have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me. Philip? HE THAT HATH SEEN ME HATH SEEN THE FATHER, and how savest thou then, shew us the Father.” The Name of the Lord is a title for the revealed God, the Lord Jesus Christ, the only one of the Trinity to take on flesh.

The word “Name” refers to Christ’s humanity. The word “Lord” refers to Christ’s Deity. **So this is also a picture of the unique Person of the universe, the GOD-MAN.** Jesus Christ is truly unique. He is equal with man in that He is man. He is equal with God in that He is God. **He is undiminished Deity and true humanity in one Person, forever.** “Whosoever shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

“Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is none other Name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Why don’t you personally accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and receive this Gift of God, which is eternal life which is found in Christ Jesus and become the recipient of God’s GRACE?

“For by GRACE are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.” Ephesians 2:8, 9. Acts 2:21, “And it shall come to pass, that WHOSOEVER shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Joel 2:32, “And it shall come to pass, that WHOSOEVER shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be delivered, for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.”

Romans 10:13, “For WHOSOEVER shall call upon the Name of the Lord shall be saved.”

WHOSOEVER IS YOU!

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