

# **Inspirational Insights**

*Christ in You!*

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# Chapter 8

## Two different *'that day'* scriptures in the New Testament

The Bible has many scriptures containing the words *'that day'* and/or "those days". God spoke through His prophets using these words to give His people ample warning of pending or future judgments or blessings.

There are over 200 *'that day'* Old Testament scriptures in the Bible referring to various events. Many of those scriptures also pointed to future prophesied New Covenant events as well. One of the most important of these *'that day'* scriptures is Isaiah 11:10; the prophesied coming of the Messiah.

"And in *'that day'* there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious." Isaiah 11:10

The New Testament has approximately 22 *'that day'* references but pertaining only to two very specific *'that day'* events that would wind up happening on two different *'that day'* dates: 30 AD and 70 AD.

Both events were tied into the Jewish feasts that were to happen after Jesus Christ was crucified on the Jewish feast day of Passover (the 14th day of the first month, Nisan, 30 AD), and was buried the very next day on the feast day of Unleavened Bread and rose from the dead three days after Passover on the Jewish feast day of First Fruits.

By studying and understanding the two major *'that day'* events will help us come to a fuller understanding of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His power, grace, mercy, justice and love.

Many biblical historians teach that Jesus Christ was born on the Day of Atonement in 3 BC. He began His ministry and was baptized on or near his 30th birthday (Luke 3:23) on the Day of Atonement in 27 AD. There was no year zero. He ministered for approximately 3+ years and was crucified on the Jewish feast of Passover in 30 AD at the age of 33.

Jesus Christ rose from the dead three days later on the Jewish feast of First Fruits. He appeared at various times to His disciples for 40 days after His resurrection during which He commanded them to wait in Jerusalem for His return in Spirit. The disciples didn't know when *'that day'* would happen but they did find out just 10 days later on the electrifying Jewish feast day of Pentecost (50 days).

### **"That Day - 30 AD" - The Jewish feast day of Pentecost**

The Jewish feast day of Pentecost in 30 AD was an extremely significant event in the plan of God. On this particular Pentecost, God's first covenant with national Israel (Old Jerusalem) began to come to an end that finally did end 40 years later in 70 AD and a new and better covenant was established: Christianity (New Jerusalem).

The New Covenant is one that has Jesus Christ coming as Spirit breaking down the wall of perdition between Jew and Gentile offering salvation to both through forgiveness of sin and His mysteriously indwelling presence. By doing so, He was making both new creatures in Him and one in faith (Ephesians 2:14, Colossians 1:27). In addition to the enactment of the New Covenant, many prophecies reached their partial or total fulfillment on this day.

Jesus Christ clearly taught his disciples that something very special was going to soon happen when He spoke to them during the 40 days

following His resurrection from the dead (Feast of First Fruits). He promised that on **that day** (Pentecost 30 AD) they shall know that He was in His father, and they were in him and He was *in* them.

"Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:19-21)

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At **that day** ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." (John 14:16-21)

Christ was coming to "manifest" himself to those who loved him on a very special day; exactly 50 days after the Feast of First Fruits, the day when Jesus Christ, the true sacrificial lamb rose from the dead. He commanded His disciples to wait (tarry) in Jerusalem until **that day** happened (Luke 24:49). **That day** did happen 10 days later on the Day of Pentecost 30 AD.

"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

"The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto

the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." (Acts 1:1-5)

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

"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 shew 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 the great and notable day of the Lord come: And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Acts 2:16-22)

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38)

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;" (Ephesians 2:14)

The Book of Joel was likely written between 835 and 800 B.C. It spoke of two events that were to happen: 1) the pouring out of God's spirit, that did happen as prophesied on the Day of Pentecost 30 AD

and 2) "the great and terrible day of the Lord" in judgment that happened 40 years later in 70 AD when God used the Romans to destroy Jerusalem.

"And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come. 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." (Joel 2:29-32)

Joel's prophecy was fulfilled within the first generation (30 AD – 70 AD) of Christians who followed Jesus Christ and understood and obeyed His words.

First Jesus Christ came spiritually in 30 AD to live within His believers: "I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you" John 14:8. He continuously came to live within the first century believers.

Second was when Christ came in judgment 40 year later in 70 AD when He used the Roman armies to take vengeance on those within that generation who killed Him and who persecuted the Christians who believed and followed Him as their Lord and Savior.

### **“That Day - 70 AD” - The final Day of the Lord - The Destruction of Jerusalem**

Jewish feasts fulfilled: Trumpets, Atonement and Tabernacles

Jesus Christ taught His disciples that He would someday come and destroy the magnificent temple that they pointed out to Him when they were in Jerusalem (Matthew 24:1; Mark 13:2; Luke 21:6). He stated the judgment destruction would happen within *their* generation, the one living and breathing at the very moment He made his statements

(prophecies) which are recorded in Matthew 24; Mark 13; and Luke 21.

"But of *that day* and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." Matthew 24:36

"But of *that day* and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." Mark 13:32

"But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in *that day* for Sodom, than for that city." Luke 10:12

"In *that day*, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back." Luke 17:31

The New Testament writers all knew that judgment was coming within *their* generation, because they understood, followed and obeyed the words of Jesus Christ and not to any future false prophet who may have come along during that 40 year time frame.

Many believers living in today's generation are not following the New Testament writer's example. They negate Christ's words saying He was wrong. If that is correct then what else did Jesus say that is wrong? Maybe it's today's false prophets who are wrong. Who should we believe?

If a prophet prophesies are wrong that makes him a false prophet! Jesus Christ prophesied 40 years before the destruction of Jerusalem and His prophesy happened exactly as He said it would.

If that's the case then who is wrong? Jesus Christ or are today's doomsday prophets who teach Jesus is yet to come sometime out in the future? (examples: Hal Lindsey, Harold Camping, Thomas Ice, John Hagee, Pat Robertson, Tim LaHaye, etc)

"Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" Matthew 23:33

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled." Matthew 24:34. Who's generation?

"Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done." Mark 13:30. Who's generation?

"Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled." Luke 21:32. Who's generation?

They were not writing that the judgment was coming to a future generation. It was coming to **their** generation and they wrote, taught and preached it throughout all of their ministries and writings (see scriptures below), up to and including the Apostle John's book of Revelation who wrote of the event actually happening.

Acts 2:20 - "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:"

Matthew 24:31 - "And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Feast of Trumpets)

Matthew 24:34 - "Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled."

1 Thessalonians 4:16 - "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:" (Feast of Trumpets)

1 Corinthians 15:52 - "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." (Feast of Trumpets)

Revelation 1:10 - "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet," (Feast of Trumpets)



Revelation 4:1 - "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." (Feast of Trumpets)

Revelation 10:7 - "But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Feast of Trumpets)

Revelation 11:15 - "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Feast of Trumpets)

1 Corinthians 5:5 - "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."

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

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

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."

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."

John the Revelator didn't come right out and say it was the city of Jerusalem that was going to be destroyed. However, he referred to it as the city that "spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt" (Rev. 11:8)

Revelation 11:8 - "And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified."

John later identified the city as MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Rev. 17:5; Rev. 17:18). I believe John used all capital letters to emphasize his point so we would all know how serious he was.

Fast forward 2000+ years to Internet chats and texts and you will find that anytime someone wants to emphasize their words they capitalize them. Some refer to it as "SHOUTING." I think John the Revelator was certainly ahead of his time! He knew exactly how to get his point across. He shouted it!

Revelation 17:5 - "...MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH."

Revelation 17:18 - "And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth."

There can be no other city other than Jerusalem that had prophesied judgment coming to it. There was or is no other city "where also our Lord was crucified" and "was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth." The guilty city was none other than Jerusalem. It is impossible for it to be any other city.

Jerusalem was the only city guilty of killing Jesus Christ, prophets and saints.

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Revelation 18:8 - "Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her."

Revelation 18:24 - "And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."

The major *that day* events that were prophesied did happen within the New Covenant after the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The glorious coming of Jesus Christ as spirit who lives within His followers happened on the Day of Pentecost 30 AD

The coming of Jesus Christ in the cloud with his angels (Matthew 25:31), fulfilling all prophecy scriptures and feasts using the Roman armies to destroy the Old Covenant Jewish religion and the old mother of harlots city of Jerusalem happened in 70 AD (Luke 21:20-22)

Matthew 25:31 - "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:"

Luke 21:20-22 - "And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled."

Revelation 7:16-17 - "They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." (Feast of Tabernacles)

Revelation 14:7 - "Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters." (Day of Atonement)

Revelation 19:7 - "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." (Day of Atonement)

Revelation 19:16 - "And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords." (Day of Atonement)

Revelation 21:3 - "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." (Feast of Tabernacles)

Revelation 21:24 - "And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it." (Feast of Tabernacles)

### **Added bonus: Looking at a False Prophet**

Most if not all futurists and preterists are false prophets. Both teach two physical comings of Jesus Christ when Christ never said that. There is no scripture in the Bible that says, "The second physical coming of Jesus Christ".

Preterists are closer to understanding what is being taught in this chapter but have a very hard time comprehending what really did happen on '*that day*' ... the Day of Pentecost back in 30 AD and *how* Christ came on '*that day*' in 70 AD.

There is a guide in Deuteronomy 18:20-22 on how to identify a false prophet. Listed below is a short six-part test written by Tom Terry

(<http://www.preachitteachit.org>) to help you recognize a modern-day false prophet.

- 1) A false prophet's words contradict the plain meaning of scripture.
- 2) A false prophet changes the plain simple meaning of scripture or will make additions to scripture with his or her own "authoritative" writings.
- 3) A false prophet's teachings contradict Jesus Christ's words.
- 4) False prophets are hyper-exclusive with the claims of Christ.
- 5) Like a narcissist, false prophets don't take responsibility when their words or agenda fails.
- 6) A false prophet's movement or organization is often gathered around one personality who becomes the "de facto" authority on God's revelation.

### **How do you know if you are part of an aberrant or heretical group?**

Check yourself against the six traits above. Be honest and open with yourself. Prepare to be humble. It's a hard thing to discover that what or who you may have believed in maybe wrong. It can be very embarrassing. Sometimes that shame involved can be more difficult than staying with the group. But take courage! Re-orienting your thinking may be difficult, but it will set a person straight and help ensure that your relationship with Christ is not in vain.