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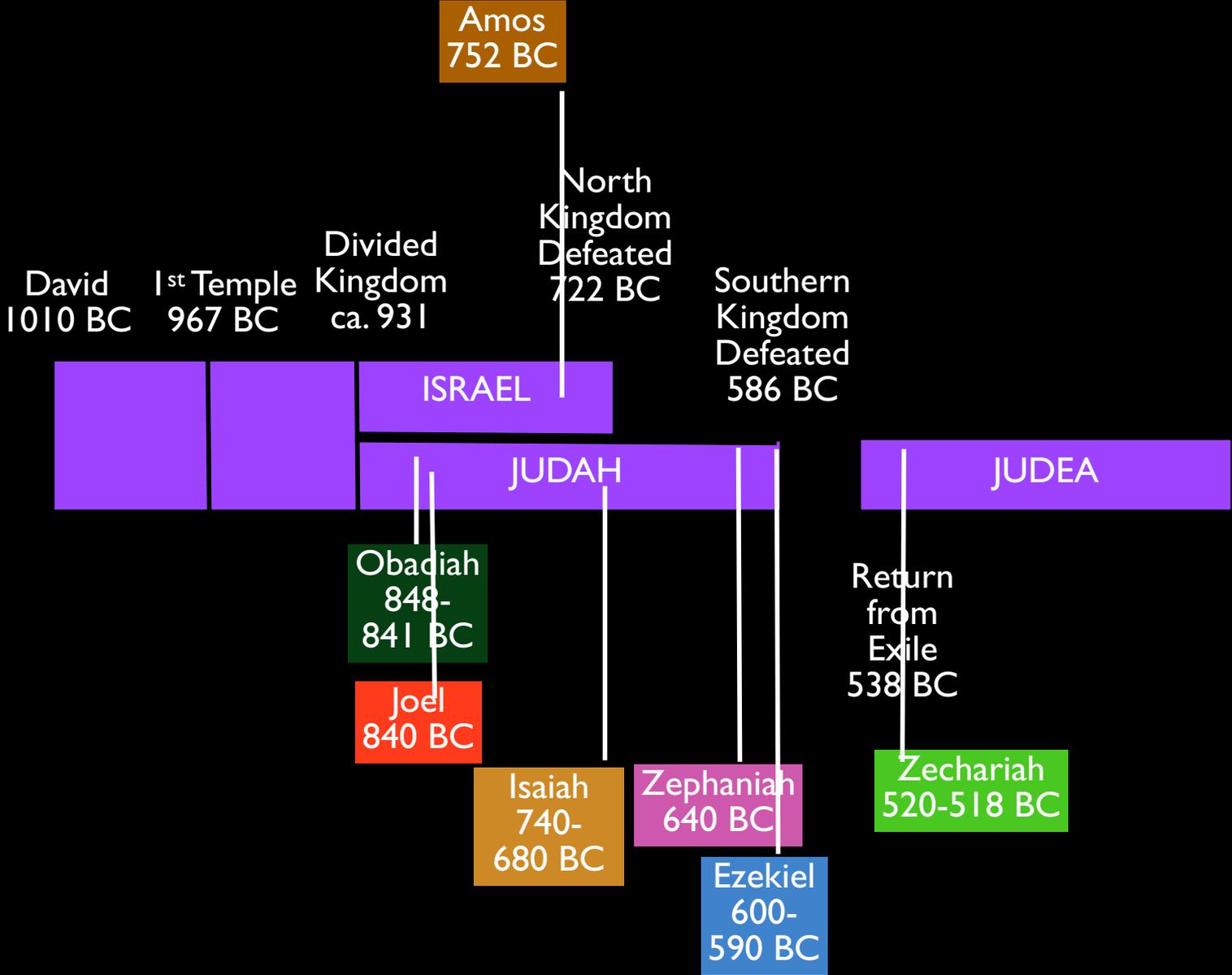
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- 1. Day of the Lord doctrine is a reminder that sin and evil will not go unpunished.**

2. Day of the Lord is a term that has a general meaning, related to a special time of divine judgment in history, but primarily it is used for the final climactic time which judges Satan, the enemies of God, and when He will establish His kingdom on the earth.



3. The Day of the Lord will be a time of universal judgment on the arrogant human race who have opposed God and His people, Israel. (Isa. 2:11–12, 17; 34:2; Obadiah 15)

4. The Day of the Lord will be a time of unimaginable terror in the souls of men, such that they flee before God and hide in the caves of the earth for protection. (Isa. 2:10, 19, 21)

5. The Isaiah 2:10–12 passage seems to correlate with the sixth seal judgment in Rev. 6:14.

6. Thus there appear to be several distinct times when there will be signs in the heavens.

- a. **Isa. 2:10–20 correlates with the sixth seal where there will be a great earthquake, the sun darkened, and the moon turned to blood. This is accompanied by “stars falling from the heavens” and the sky splitting apart like a scroll.**

Rev. 6:1, “I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.”

Rev. 6:13, “And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

Rev. 6:14, “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.”

Isa. 34:4, “And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; all their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.”

b. The fourth trumpet judgment also describes such phenomena.

Rev. 8:12, “Then the fourth angel sounded: and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.”

c. Isa. 13 focuses on the destruction of Babylon, and describes similar astro-geophysical phenomena, but this seems closer to the events of Rev. 17, 18 immediately preceding the final campaign of Armageddon.

Isa. 13:10, “For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine.”

Isa. 13:13, “Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.”

d. But the only event related to the sun described in the bowl judgments is the intensified heat of the fourth bowl judgment.

Rev. 16:8, “Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire.

Rev. 16:9, “And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.”

e. When compared to Isa. 13:13 though it appears a complete darkening will come at the end.

7. Isa. 13:8 compares this to the labor pains preceding birth.

8. Joel also speaks of astro-geophysical phenomena just preceding the Day of the Lord.

Joel 2:11, “The Lord utters His voice before His army; surely His camp is very great, for strong is he who carries out His word. The day of the Lord is indeed great and very awesome, and who can endure it?”

Joel 2:31, “The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”

9. The Day also precedes the time of God's greatest blessing.

Amos 5:18, 20; Chapter 9

Amos 5:18, “Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.”

Amos 5:20, “Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?”

Zeph. 1:7, “Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; for the day of the LORD is at hand, for the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests.”

Zeph. 1:14, “The great day of the LORD is near; it is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; there the mighty men shall cry out.

Zeph. 1:15, “That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”

Zeph. 1:16, “A day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers.

Zeph. 1:17, “I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse.”