

The Difference Between The Great Tribulation And The Day Of The Lord.

Are the Great Tribulation and the Day Of The Lord the same event? Everyone agrees that the Day Of The Lord (DOTL) will be a time of God's wrath but when will it occur? Is it at the same time as the Great Tribulation? The following verses show them to be separate events.

Matt. 24:21 tells us about.....**The Great Tribulation**
then AFTER the Great Tribulation

Matt. 24: 29 says that there will be a.....**Sign In The Heavens** (sun darkened, moon red etc)
Acts 2:20 also tells us about that Sign In The Heavens
and says that AFTER that sign will be.....**The Day Of The Lord.**

Clearly, the Great Tribulation and Day Of The Lord are different events separated by a Sign In The Heavens.

The Great Tribulation is not God's wrath but the Devil's wrath, through the Antichrist, and it is BEFORE the Sign In The Heavens. Believers will go through the Great Tribulation because Jesus will not return until after the Sign In The Heavens (Matt. 24:29-30). Rev. 12:12-17 speak of the Devil's wrath (fury) against Israel and Christians during the Great Tribulation.

The Day Of The Lord, which is AFTER the Sign In The Heavens, is a period associated with God's wrath. During this time God will deal with sinners as Isa. 13:9 says, "*See, the day of the Lord is coming - a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger - to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it*". However, believers will escape this wrath by being gathered (raptured) into the Lord's presence (Matt. 24:30-31). 1 Thess 1:10 tells believers "*to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath*" and 1 Thess. 4:17 says that Christians "*who are still alive and are left will be caught up ... in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air*". So, it is clear that believers will be taken from the earth before the Day Of The Lord and escape God's wrath.

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