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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

The Day of the Lord

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Matt. 24:30, “Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.”

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Mark 13:24, “But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light;”

Luke 21:25, “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;”

But this is preceded by:

- 1. The seal judgments outlined in Matt. 24:4–7.**
- 2. The abomination of desolation in Matt. 24:15.**
- 3. The most intense period of the tribulation, Matt. 24:21, which is the period of the final bowl judgments.**
- 4. And then immediately after that period, the sun is darkened and the moon will not give its light.**

Joel 2:31, “The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.”

Daniel's Seventy "Weeks"

The Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jer. 30:7)

The
Coming
Prince

DAN. 9:24-27

Messiah
Returns

The "Beginning of
Labor Pains" Matt. 24:8
"but the end is not
yet." Matt. 24:6



Increased labor
pains;
"then the end will
come." Matt. 24:14

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years**

Third Temple
(Tribulation)
Dan 9:27

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The Tribulation is for ISRAEL

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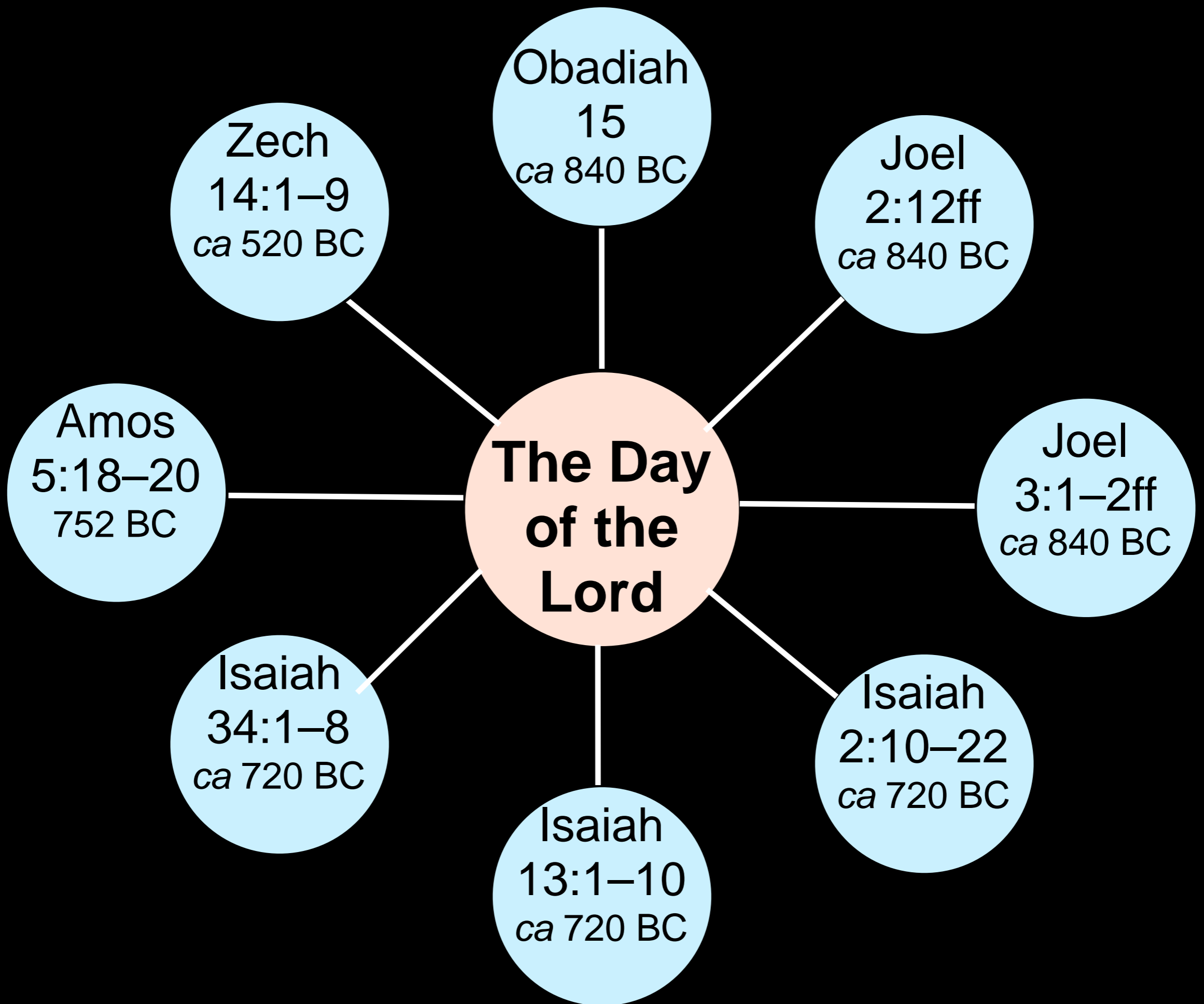
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In addition to this specific phrase, synonymous phrases which refer to this event are: “that day,” “the day,” “the great day of the Lord” (Zeph. 1:14), “the day of God” (2 Pet. 3:12; Rev. 16:14).

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” refers to God’s special interventions into the course of world events to judge His enemies, accomplish His purpose for history, and thereby demonstrate who He is—the sovereign God of the universe (Isa. 2:10–22; Ezek. 13:5, 9, 14, 21, 23; 30:3, 8, 19, 25–26)

4. The future 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).



Obad. 15, “For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near; as you have done, it shall be done to you; your reprisal shall return upon your own head.

Obad. 16, “For as you drank on My holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yes, they shall drink, and swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

Obad. 17, “But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.”

- 1. Describes the judgment on all of the nations and the restoration of Israel. Points to the end of the Tribulation.**
- 2. The Day of the Lord ends with the establishment of the Kingdom, Obad. 21.**

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.”

From Joel we learn:

- 1. There is a special usage that puts the cosmic changes at the end of the Tribulation calling the period immediately around the arrival of the Messiah as the “great and awesome” day of the Lord.**

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

6. The Day 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).

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

Isa. 2:10, “Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty.”

Isa. 2:19, “They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.”

Isa. 2:21, “To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the crags of the rugged rocks, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.”

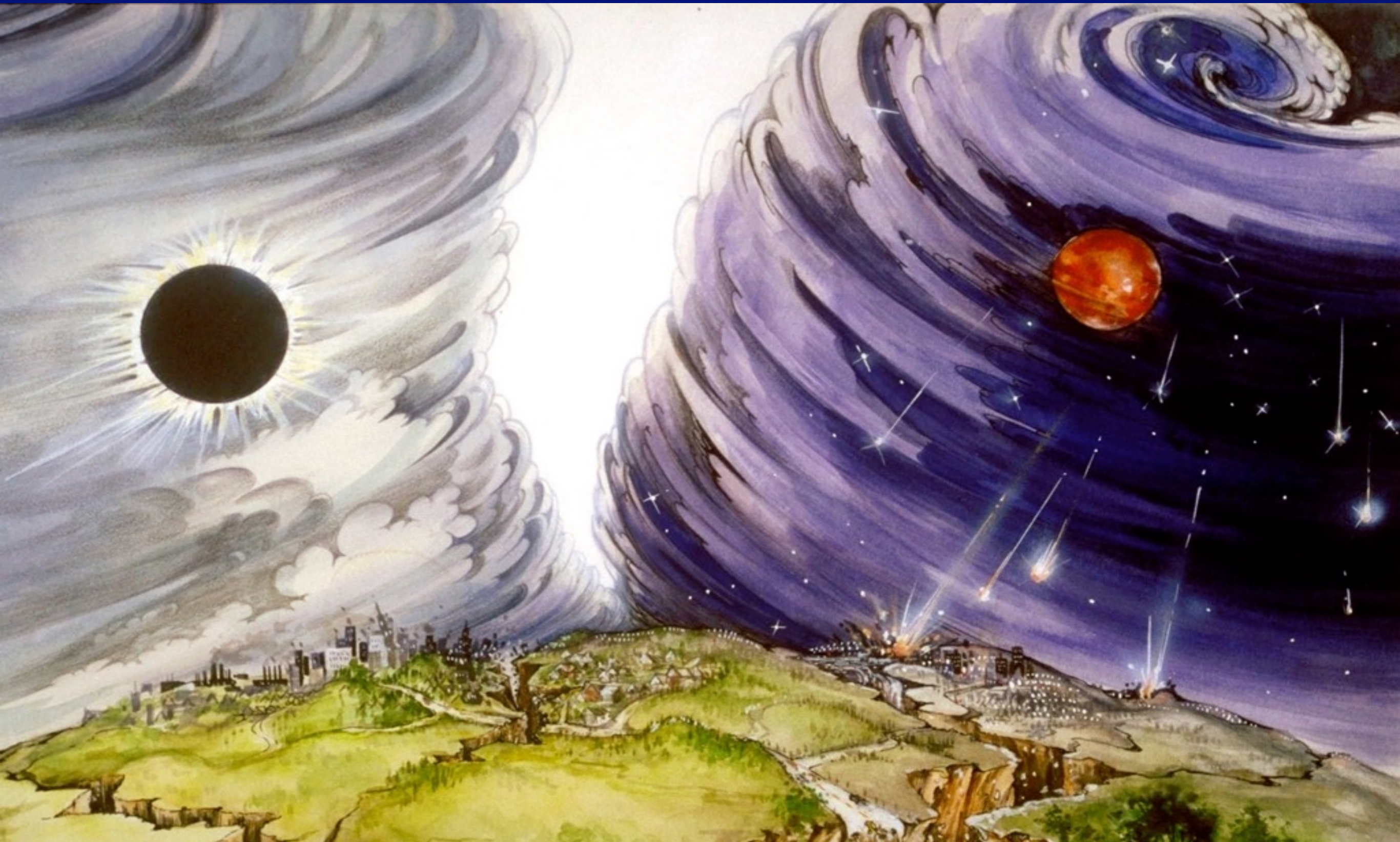
8. Thus there appear to be several distinct times when there will be signs in the heavens.

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. 6:12, “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, “And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.”



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.”

Isa. 34:5, “For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; indeed it shall come down on Edom, and on the people of My curse, for judgment.

Isa. 34:6, “The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made overflowing with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.”

b. The fourth trumpet judgment also describes such a 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 future 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. Isa. 13:13 indicates that a complete darkening will come at the end.

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

4. What do we learn from these passages?

Joel 3:15, “The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness.

Joel 3:16, “The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; the heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

Joel 3:17, “So you shall know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no aliens shall ever pass through her again.”

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. 1:17, “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.”