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Darkness

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Darkness.

Topics.

- We hope for light and darkness but walk in gloom.
- Give glory to the LORD before he brings darkness.
- The day of clouds and thick darkness.
- A day of darkness and gloom.
- The sun, moon and stars are darkened.
- A third of the sun, moon and stars are darkened.

WE HOPE FOR LIGHT AND DARKNESS BUT WALK IN GLOOM

ISAIAH 59:9-10

- Therefore, justice is far from us (Israel), and righteousness does not overtake us; we hope for light, and behold, darkness, and for brightness, but we walk in gloom. ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind; we grope like those who have no eyes; we stumble at noon as in the twilight, among those in full vigor we are like dead men. (Isaiah 59:9-10).

Here darkness signifies:

- A lack of righteousness, justice, and the knowledge of the LORD, and of vigour, vitality, joy, and happiness.
- Uncertainty and of any clear guidance and vision.
- False doctrine, superstition, and spiritual blindness.
- Confusion, chaos, turmoil, disorder, distress, and calamity.

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GIVE GLORY TO THE LORD BEFORE HE BRINGS DARKNESS

JEREMIAH 13:16

- **Jeremiah 13:16:** Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness.

Here darkness signifies a lack of wisdom and knowledge, especially of the LORD and His ways and laws.

THE DAY OF CLOUDS AND THICK DARKNESS

EZEKIEL 34:12T

- As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. (Ezek. 34:12).

Here darkness signifies nations, armies and wars that have driven the people of Israel from their land.

A DAY OF DARKNESS AND GLOOM

JOEL 2:1-2

- Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. (Joel 2:1-2).

Here darkness signifies, mighty armies, war horses, chariots and numerous warriors on God's Holy Mountain leaving everything behind them a desolate wilderness as they move forward

THE SUN, MOON AND STARS ARE DARKENED

JOEL 2:10-11

- The earth quakes before them (mighty and fierce armies) the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining. ¹¹The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; (Joel 2:10-11).

Here darkness signifies, mighty armies that God is using to bring His judgment upon His people, because they have turned from Him to worship the gods of the surrounding nations and have become grossly corrupt and wicked.

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A THIRD OF THE SUN, MOON AND STARS ARE DARKENED

REVELATION 8:12

- **Revelation 8:12:** The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

The following verses show that the darkening of the sun, moon and stars symbolizes God's judgment.

- The stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. ¹¹I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. (Isaiah 13:10-11).
- When I blot you out, I will cover the heavens and make their stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. ⁸All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over you, and put darkness on your land, declares the Lord GOD. (Ezekiel 32:7-8).
- Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness. (Jer. 13:16).

The fact only a third of the heavenly host are darkened means:

1. The light of the sun, the moon, and the stars are not entirely blotted out.
2. The darkness is not total.
3. Some light remained.

This carries the idea that there was a continuance of the existing state of things. The darkening of the sun, the moon and the stars may have come about by:

- The darkness is caused by an eclipse of some kind
- The darkness was supernatural, something like the darkness that came over Jesus as he hung on the cross of Calvary, when Jesus breathed his last breath.
- The sun, the moon and the stars were covered with thick clouds.

The following verse shows that light is a symbol of understanding God's word, joy and safety, while darkness signifies a lack of understanding God's word, misery and adversity.

- Give glory to the LORD your God before he brings darkness, before your feet stumble on the twilight mountains, and while you look for light he turns it into gloom and makes it deep darkness. (Jer. 13:16).

The sun, moon, and stars symbolize:

1. **The sun:** being the brightest of light symbolizes Christ.
2. **The moon:** symbolizes the heads of the church.
3. **The stars:** symbolise faithful members of the church.

With these in mind darkness symbolises the following things:

- **Christ's words corrupted:** the darkness symbolises the words of Christ and the Gospel, being twisted, distorted, and corrupted so that the light it should give is darkened and no longer has the power upon the conscience, the mind, and the heart to convict and save to eternal life.
- **The church corrupted:** the moon gets its light and beauty from the greater light being the sun, likewise the church and its members get their light and beauty from Christ the Son of God, but if that light is dimmed by doctrinal distortion and corruption, that light is obscured and darkened and robbed of its power to bring life.
- **Governments corrupted:** in the same way that the lights of heaven are placed higher than the earth, kings, governors, and rulers are placed higher than the people they govern, and are to be a kind of influence and dispense light (i.e., good counsel and laws that benefit society) to the nations they govern. In this context the sun, the moon and the stars being darkened, signifies governmental failing and corruption in political management.
- **Misery and adversity:** generally light, is a symbol of joy and safety, while darkness is a symbol of misery and adversity. The antichristian ten horned beast empire is opposed to Christ and his Kingdom as darkness is opposed to light. The greater the darkness (whatever it may symbolize) the greater the destruction.
- **Death to living things:** the sun, the moon and the stars give light in the darkness and bring life to the earth and as such should they be darkened, much of all living things on earth would die.

- **Heads of the church and of governments:** whether it is the heads of the secular world or the heads of the church when their great influence over those who they govern and guide becomes corrupted, and their wisdom distorted and their hearts deceptive, those who follow them are led on a wrong path which is at its end followed by dreadful judgments.

Gods warning to all: all are warned against these powers of darkness:

- By the Ten Commandments and the written word of God.
- By faithful ministers and faithful churches.
- By everyone's own consciences knowing what is right and wrong.
- By the many signs of the times.

This means if secular people or Christians are surprised or deceived, it is because they have taken no thought as to what God values, or listened to their own conscience, but been content to set their minds on sinful worldly things rather than the things of God.

Various speculations: there are many speculations concerning what the third of the sun, the moon and the stars being darkened means when the fourth trumpet sounds (Rev. 8:12), because there is no certain evidence whether it refers to rulers or governments. However, the general meaning is, that calamity will come when this fourth trumpet sounds as if darkness had spread over the sun, the moon, and the stars, leaving the world in gloom. What the precise nature of the calamity is, is not indicated by the language, which means anything that would bring gloom and disaster would be in harmony with the symbolism.

Jesus said:

- There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. (Luke 21:25-26).

If the antichristian world does not heed the warnings of these lesser judgments, they must expect greater judgments to come. God withdraws His favour from the earth according, to the world's rejection of Him and His ways. The more the world cast God out of the consciousness of its schools, governments, society, their homes, and their lives the more He withdraws His favour from the earth, and the more He withdraws His favour from the earth the greater the distress, perplexity, the roaring of the sea and the waves, and peoples dread will be.

God does not sit in heaven and choose to distance Himself from us for no reason, we are the ones that have the power to be in His favour or out of it. The greater the distance we put between us and Him the greater the distance He will put between Him and us. His love and grace are forever toward us, it is never withdrawn, His eternal voice is forever crying out, "Come unto me."

But, He like every gentleman will never violate the will of another. His invitation goes out to all, and all are left free to reject or accept it. This invitation could be likened to a wedding invitation to the richest and most powerful Groom on earth, all who accept it (noble or lowly, rich, or poor) will enjoy the greatest wedding feast they could ever have known. In contrast, those who reject the invitation will by their free choice miss out on the abundant joyful celebration of the wedding feast. Likewise, those

who reject God's invitation to the wedding feast of His Son to his Bride, will by their own free choice, not only miss out on all the spiritual and eternal blessings, and joys the Groom would have loved to bestow upon them, but also by their own choice bring God's judgment upon themselves.

Some upon reading this might think: this choice could be likened to a man holding a gun to a person's head and saying, "chase me or I will shoot you," (not much of a choice). The difference is God's ways are good, other than love Him, His number one commandment is to Love our neighbour as ourselves," which means do good to others and not harm. This is, why God, desires we chose Him, He knows if our hearts are filled with His love, we will live according, to love, and true love does no harm to another. It is His desire that mankind lives in peace, and without love for our neighbour this can never happen.

It should be mentioned here, accepting God's invitation is not about committing ourselves to going to church every Sunday (though this can be a good thing) or about strictly adhering to religious customs and traditions, but about inviting the Lord Jesus Christ into our hearts to be our Saviour and the King of our lives and living our lives with him as our best friend and from his love in our hearts having a natural desire to live a life that honours His and our Heavenly Father and the good name of our Saviour and King.

THE DARKENING OF THE SUN, MOON, AND STARS

The darkening of the sun, moon, and stars, can signify the ruin and destruction of a kingdom, in proportion to the darkness, the greater the darkness the greater the destruction. In the following verses Isaiah and Ezekiel show that the darkness of the sun, moon, and stars signifies a general failing in government.

- For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. ¹¹I will punish the world for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; I will put an end to the pomp of the arrogant, and lay low the pompous pride of the ruthless. (Isaiah 13:10-11).
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God's severe judgment and punishment for the world, because of its evil and wickedness is described as a day when the stars, the constellations, the sun, and the moon will not give their light.

NOTICE: the way God will bring this darkness about is by covering the sun, the moon, and the stars with a cloud. (Ezek. 32:7).

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