

The Day of the LORD

Isaiah 2:6-22

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Isaiah 2:6-11

6 You have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob. They are full of superstitions from the East; they practice divination like the Philistines and clasp hands with pagans. **7** Their land is full of silver and gold; there is no end to their treasures. Their land is full of horses; there is no end to their chariots.

8 Their land is full of idols; they bow down to the work of their hands, to what their fingers have made. **9** So man will be brought low and mankind humbled-- do not forgive them. **10** Go into the rocks, hide in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty! **11** The eyes of the arrogant man will be humbled and the pride of men brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day.

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“Under the reign of evil kings, idol worship flourished in both Israel and Judah. A few good kings in Judah stopped it during their reigns. Though very few people worship carved or molded images today, worshipping objects that symbolize power continues. We pay homage to cars, homes, sports stars, celebrities, money, etc.”

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Idol worship is evil because:

- **It insults God to worship something He created rather than Him**
- **It keeps us from knowing and serving God**
- **It causes us to rely on our own efforts rather than God**

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Romans 1:21-25

21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

24 Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. **25** They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator -- who is forever praised. Amen.

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Isaiah 2:12-18

12 The LORD Almighty has a day in store for all the proud and lofty, for all that is exalted (and they will be humbled), **13** for all the cedars of Lebanon, tall and lofty, and all the oaks of Bashan, **14** for all the towering mountains and all the high hills,

15 for every lofty tower and every fortified wall, **16** for every trading ship and every stately vessel. **17**

The arrogance of man will be brought low and the pride of men humbled; the LORD alone will be exalted in that day, **18** and the idols will totally disappear.

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Joel 2:28-32

28 "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. **29** Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days. **30** I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

31 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. **32** And everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance, as the LORD has said, among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

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Amos 5:18-27

18 Woe to you who long for the day of the LORD! Why do you long for the day of the LORD? That day will be darkness, not light. **19** It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

20 Will not the day of the LORD be darkness, not light-- pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? **21** "I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. **22** Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.

23 Away with the noise of your songs!
I will not listen to the music of your
harps. **24** But let justice roll on like a
river, righteousness like a never-
failing stream! **25** "Did you bring me
sacrifices and offerings forty years in
the desert, O house of Israel?"

26 You have lifted up the shrine of your king, the pedestal of your idols, the star of your god-- which you made for yourselves. **27** Therefore I will send you into exile beyond Damascus,' says the LORD, whose name is God Almighty.

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Matthew 24:10-13, 30-31

10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, **11** and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. **12** Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **13** but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

30 "At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. **31** And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

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“The day of the LORD is the ultimate threat, and poses in its most acute form the question of where our ultimate trust is placed. The profound insight of the passage as a whole is that human wickedness in all its rank variety is a manifestation of one basic evil, namely, trust in ourselves rather than trust in God-pride...”

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“the splendor of his majesty”

Isaiah 2:19-22

19 Men will flee to caves in the rocks and to holes in the ground from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. **20** In that day men will throw away to the rodents and bats their idols of silver and idols of gold, which they made to worship.

21 They will flee to caverns in the rocks and to the overhanging crags from dread of the LORD and the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to shake the earth. **22** Stop trusting in man, who has but a breath in his nostrils. Of what account is he?

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Revelation 6:12-17

12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake.

The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, **13** and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

14 The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

15 Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.

16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! **17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Applications

- **Trust in Jesus alone**
- **Worship Him alone**
- **Be ready, The LORD can come back anytime**

Final Thoughts

“Putting our trust in the creation instead of the Creator and trying to elevate ourselves to the place of God can only result in humiliation when the true God is revealed.”

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Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

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Justice is Coming

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Philippians 2:9-11

9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, **10** that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, **11** and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.