

### **1.2.9 The Day of the Lord**

The day of the Lord (*Yahweh*) is an Old Testament term, which becomes contextualized by the eschatological writings in the New Testament. The term is mentioned by the following Old Testament prophets in the respective texts: Isaiah 2:12-21; 13:6-13; Ezekiel 13:3-8; 30:2-3; Joel 1:15; 2:1-2, 10-11, 30-31; 3:14-16; Amos 5:18-20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:14 - 2:3; and Zechariah 14:1-4. In all these scriptures, the day of *Yahweh* is characterized as a time of thick darkness, gloominess, trouble, distress, and terror. In that day, God will pour out His destruction, “wrath” and fierce anger, punishment, indignation and fury, vengeance and fire upon the world for its evil, sin and iniquity at some time in the future (Rosenthal 1990:118-24). Therefore, the “day of the Lord” is when the “wrath of God” will be poured out upon the earth because of sin(s).

According to J. Randall Price, the clear New Testament references to the day of the Lord (Acts 2:19-20; 1 Thess 5:2-4; 2 Thess 2:1-2; and 2 Pet 3:9-10), place it within the context of Daniel’s “seventieth week” (from Dan 9:24-27; sixty-nine of the seventy weeks of years, or 483 out of 490 years, were fulfilled upon Jesus the Messiah’s death and resurrection in AD 29 or 30). This remaining “seventieth week” is also commonly referred to as the seven-year Tribulation Period addressed in the Book of Revelation and by Daniel 12, Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21. This seven-year period is also commonly broken into two 3 ½ year periods (in accordance with Dan 9:27; “but in the middle of the week”), with the latter 3 ½ year period being known as the Great Tribulation. In 1 Thessalonians 1:10 and 5:9, Paul states that God will *deliver* believers from this wrath to come and “did not appoint” believers unto this wrath, but *salvation* through Jesus Christ (the complete salvation addressed by the Eschatological Gospel). Therefore,

believers will not be on earth during the day of the Lord/Tribulation, when God pours out His wrath upon the world, but in heaven with Jesus (1995:82-3) - (Hebert 2006c:21-2).