

1.3.3.2 *Day of the Lord Prophecies*

As mentioned above in the definition of day of the Lord (*Yahweh*), there are many Old Testament prophecies of the coming of the day of the Lord, also known as “Jacob’s Trouble” or the Tribulation. The day of *Yahweh* is an Old Testament term, which becomes contextualized in the eschatological writings of the New Testament. The day of *Yahweh* is when the “wrath of God” will be poured out upon the earth because of humanity’s cumulative sin. 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.” This remaining 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 period is also commonly broken into two 3 ½ year periods (Dan 9:27, “but in the middle of the week”), with the latter 3 ½ year period being known as the Great Tribulation. The day of *Yahweh* is mentioned by the following Old Testament prophets: Isaiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Amos, Zephaniah, and Zechariah. In all these cases, it is characterized as a time of thick darkness, gloominess, trouble, distress, and terror with God pouring out His destruction, “wrath” and fierce anger, punishment, indignation, fury, vengeance, and fire upon the world for its evil, sin and iniquity at some time in the future (Rosenthal 1990:118-24). As mentioned above in section 1.3.2, Wisdom in his article “The Valley of Decision (Joel 3)” addresses the day of the Lord also, “To the prophet, the ‘valley of decision’ represents the place of the grand finale of the war between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world” (1995:35).

Biederwolf (1985) cites the following verses that address the day of *Yahweh* in the same vein: Psalm 2:9 (30); Psalm 68:21-3 (34); Psalm 110: 2, 5-6 (41-3); Isaiah 24:1-12, 19-21 (72-5); Isaiah 27:1 (83-4); Isaiah 34:1-4 (97-8); Isaiah 63:3-6 (124-6); Isaiah 66:15-24 (140-6); Jeremiah

46:1, 28 (169-70); Ezekiel 30:3 (181); Ezekiel 38 and 39 (189-196); Daniel 12:1 (233-5); and Haggai 2:20-3 (279-80). Church also adds the following Psalms citations to the day of *Yahweh*/Jacob's Trouble prophecies: Psalms 10:16 (63); 24:8 (91); 73:17-19 (203-4); 88-94 (246-53, 77-81); and 138-144 (351-60).

These "day of *Yahweh*" prophecies join with the *Parousia* prophecies to lend credibility to the concept of the Eschatological Gospel being founded and addressed in the Old Testament. Many of these prophecies are joined with the *Parousia* prophecies to show the chronological order of the day of the Lord coming before the *Parousia*. After these two sets of prophecies, there remain the Millennial Kingdom prophecies, which complete the vision of all the events surrounding the *Parousia* and the complete fulfillment of the Eschatological Gospel.