

Ezekiel 30:3

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day; it shall be the time of the heathen.

Analysis

The 'day of the LORD' is a major prophetic theme denoting divine intervention in history for judgment and salvation. Here it targets Egypt but also includes 'the time of the heathen'—God's judgment extends to all nations. The 'cloudy day' metaphor suggests darkness, gloom, and divine wrath. This principle finds ultimate fulfillment in Christ's return (2 Peter 3:10).

Historical Context

The Day of the LORD concept appears throughout prophets (Joel 2:1-11, Amos 5:18-20, Zephaniah 1:14-18). It refers to any time God directly intervenes in history, with ultimate fulfillment in final judgment.

Related Passages

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

Study Questions

1. How does awareness of future judgment day affect your present priorities and decisions?

2. What does the certainty of Christ's return and final judgment mean for how you live today?

Interlinear Text

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H3588	is near	For the day	is near	For the day	of the LORD	For the day	
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a cloudy	it shall be the time	of the heathen		H1961			
H6051	H6256	H1471		H1961			

Additional Cross-References

Obadiah 1:15 (References Lord): For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.

Ezekiel 7:7 (Parallel theme): The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land: the time is come, the day of trouble is near, and not the sounding again of the mountains.

Ezekiel 34:12 (Parallel theme): As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Ezekiel 7:12 (Parallel theme): The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.

Ezekiel 30:18 (Parallel theme): At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt: and the pomp of her strength shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.

Joel 1:15 (References Lord): Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

Ezekiel 32:7 (Parallel theme): And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Zephaniah 1:7 (References Lord): Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.

Zephaniah 1:14 (References Lord): The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly.

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