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spirit can be keenly attuned to the power of allegories to instruct, and it becomes much easier to understand prophecies.

After my own prayers to Yahshua asking Him to help me to understand the Language of God, I found (to my surprise and delight) that the Spirit of God opened my understanding of the Bible's prophetic books. As a result, it became apparent that there is much more being divulged in these prophecies than initially meets the eye. Now, after saying your own prayer for Yahweh to open your spirit to His Language, join me as I delve into the full meaning of the phrase *"Day of the Lord."*

Is "The Day of the Lord" One Single Day?

There are many different interpretations within the Messianic and Church communities of what, when, and how long the Day of the Lord will be. As already stated, some believers think the events on the Day of the Lord will occur in one single day. Though it is certainly possible that God could lay waste to the Earth and restore it to Eden-like perfection in one day, the final book of the Bible called Revelation teaches that Yahweh will do this over a one thousand year period.

One Christian theory about the Lord's Day is that it is really seven years long, and not one single day. According to this view, Yahshua will return temporarily at the beginning of the seven years - just to retrieve His saints from the Earth before the Tribulation period. This event is known as the Pre-Tribulation Rapture. Still others hold the view that the Rapture will occur before the Bowls of God's Wrath, and the Battle of Armageddon. This is known as the Mid-Tribulation Rapture. Personally, I believe that there will be two Raptures - one before and one in the middle of the Tribulation.

Others believe the Day of the Lord will occur on one day. This will be at the very end of the Great Tribulation - when Yahshua will return to Earth to destroy the wicked, raise the righteous dead, and rule over the Earth as King of kings. This rapid 24-hour series of events is known as the Post-Tribulation Rapture, or simply as the Day of the Lord. However, though God unquestionably could accomplish everything prophesied in one 24-hour period, the assumption that Yahshua will do this may be incorrect - as will be shown in this chapter. Let's look at some of

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the many biblical prophecies about the Day of the Lord to see why. The first one introduces the Book of Revelation. Here, the Apostle John said:

“I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet...” - Rev. 1:10 (NKJ)

This opening statement tells us that what we are about to read is a Spirit-led vision. Furthermore, since the sound of a trumpet once announced the coming of kings, the voice like a trumpet is announcing things associated with the coming of the King of kings, Yahshua our Messiah. Perhaps this is why Jews associate the trumpet with Rosh Hashanah, or the Feast of Trumpets, their New Year holiday focusing on God's Reign. Finally, this Scripture tells us that the entire book is a vision of what will occur on *“the Lord's Day.”*

Since *“The Lord's Day”* and *“The Day of the LORD,”* or *“Day of Yahweh”* are the same event, and the Book of Revelation reveals a series of events that will occur over many days, we have our first clue that *“The Lord's Day”* is not a mere 24-hour day, but a longer, pre-determined period of time. Incidentally, the Lord's Day is not, and never was, a reference to Sunday. Sunday is never called *“the Lord's Day”* in Scripture, but only *“the first day of the week”* (Mat. 28:1; Mark 16:2; Luke 26:1; John 20:1,19). Therefore, this common misconception has no basis in fact.

The idea that the Day of the Lord is a one-day event can be dispelled through studying the entire Book of Revelation, which shows that it is a thousand year period. The Book of Revelation also clearly tells us the chain of End Time events on this thousand-year Great Day of the Lord, as this abridged section of Scripture shows:

“He laid hold of... the Devil... and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up... so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while... Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus (Yahshua)... And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were

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finished. This is the first resurrection... Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years. Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations... to gather them together to battle... They went up... and surrounded... the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire..." - Rev. 20:2-13 (NKJ)

Note the repeated use of the phrase "a thousand years" in this section (Rev. 20:2,4,6). This phrase is clearly not allegorical in nature, but to be taken literally. From beginning to end, the Book of Revelation describes the unfolding of a specific sequence of events. First, there are the birth pangs of the coming Tribulation period, which occur over a long period of time, when the churches are judged according to their works (Revelation, Chapters 1-3). When this time period ends, the Tribulation period begins, and the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls of God's Wrath are unleashed upon all the people living on the Earth at that time (Revelation, Chapters 4-18). Then Yahshua will come again to conquer the wicked, to rule the Earth, and establish an earthly Kingdom of Peace for a thousand years (Revelation, Chapters 19-20).

Now, it is interesting here to note that - according to the Jews - Adam and Eve first sinned seven years after they were created. Nonetheless, as discussed in Book One, though this seven-year period may have gone by without sin, it is still considered to be a part of the first six thousand years allotted for mankind's sinful works. Could it be that they were not supposed to be counted? Could it be that the Lord's Day did not begin in 1999, as suggested in Book One, but will begin in 2006, which is seven years later? If this is true, then Rosh Hashanah 2006 *could be* the official beginning of the Day of the Lord, or of the Tribulation period, *or both*. Remember, as mentioned in Chapter One, Michael Drosnin saw a warning in the Bible Codes about a possible nuclear strike that will occur in 2006.

However, as stated earlier, Adam and Eve could have remained sinless and immortal for much longer than seven years. As this book repeatedly shows, the number 7 signifies completion,

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or fullness, and can mean a complete period of time other than a day or year. It therefore may be true that Adam and Eve were not created on, but fell into sin in 4003 BC. If so, their days literally began to be numbered at that time, and they needed to keep records for future generations. Hence, they needed to develop a method of keeping track of time, and Astronomy was born. Consequently, there is a good reason to believe that the Day of the Lord started in September 1999, after the 6000 years that were divinely allotted for human history had fully passed.

The reason that the Tribulation did not begin in 1999, however, is because there is to be a *delay* before the Tribulation starts. As will be shown in the next two chapters, several divinely given prophecies besides the Psalms, and the Great Pyramid show that the Tribulation period may be scheduled to begin in 2010 or 2011. It is therefore as if God allotted mankind ten years of additional Grace because He doesn't want anyone to perish. As Michael Drosnin suggests in his books on the Bible Codes, this may be due to people's repentance, God's mercy, and the cries of His saints to give people more time to repent. However, God's mercy must eventually be checked so the Tribulation can begin.

Invariably, the prophecies we are about to discuss suggest that 2010 or 2011 AD will be the beginning of the Tribulation period, while others single out 2018 as the beginning year of the thousand-year rule of Christ on Earth. Though these dates may have been pinpointed to warn us that the Tribulation is very near but not necessarily imminent - there are compelling reasons to believe that these dates are connected to the Tribulation itself.

Before we explore the prophecies pinpointing these dates, however, let's look at the events involving the Lord's Day, as spoken of in the Book of Revelation. First of all, this book of the Bible insists that Christ will literally rule the world for a thousand-year period, during which Satan will be bound (Rev. 20:2-4). Furthermore, the Earth will be filled with peace, and it will be restored to pristine beauty (See Isaiah 2:4, 11:5-10, 35:4-10, 41:18-20, 51:3, 55:13). For a thousand years, mortal, and immortal people, and holy angels will work together to make Christ's Kingdom the happiest, most peaceful, and most beautiful time and place anyone can remember. Then, to weed out the last of the wicked, Satan will be released at the close of the thousand year reign of Christ, and he will tempt many unsaved people among the nations to rebel against their divine King of kings. This will precipitate a supernatural

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slaughter of the wicked with fire from heaven (Rev. 20:7-9). Then there will be a Great White Throne Judgment, and the remaining wicked will be destroyed in the Lake of Fire:

“Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it... And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God... And the dead were judged according to their works... Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” - Rev. 20:12-15 (NKJ)

After the Last Judgment - when all people will be given one final chance to repent - the New Heaven, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem will be established as the everlasting habitation of the righteous:

“Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.” - Rev. 21:1-2 (NKJ).

These Scriptures teach that all these chronological events do not happen in one day! They will, rather, occur on the Lord’s Day that John the Revelator spoke of in his book, which is the same thing as the Day of the Lord! Furthermore, as shown in the preceding quote from the Book of Revelation, it explicitly says a thousand years are involved in Christ’s Kingdom, which is also a part of the Day of the Lord. It therefore must be at least a thousand years long. I call this thousand-year time period a Great Day. This concept of a thousand-year Great Day is scriptural, as will be shown in a moment. However, first let’s look at the major battles that are prophesied about as occurring on the Great Day of the Lord.

The Lord’s Day, and The Two Battles of Armageddon

Another way to see the reality of this thousand-year Great Day that includes the Millennial Rule of Christ is to note that there