

Joel 2:1-2a -- "Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm on My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; surely it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness."

Zephaniah 1:14-18 -- "Near is the great day of the Lord, near and coming very quickly. Listen, the day of the Lord! In it the warrior cries out bitterly. A day of wrath is that day, a day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and battle cry, against the fortified cities and the high corner towers. And I will bring distress on men, so that they will walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood will be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; and all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy. For He will make a complete end, indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth."

Malachi 4:5 -- "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord."

Acts 2:18-20 -- "Even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth My spirit and they shall prophesy. And I will grant wonders in the sky above, and signs on the earth beneath, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great day of the Lord shall come" (quoted from Joel 2:29-31)

I Thessalonians 5:1-5 -- "Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like birth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;"

II Peter 3:10 -- "But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the element, will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up."

Among these OT (and a few NT) references to the Day of the Lord should also be included Isaiah 34:1-8; 5:18-20; Obadiah 15-21; and Zephaniah 1:7-13 and 2:1-3.

In all these references it is interesting to note that God's wrath upon mankind includes both temporal and eternal expressions of wrath. Punishment for iniquity includes both temporal punishment (i.e., punishments here on earth) and eternal punishment (in the eternal state).