

# Isaiah

The Day of the LORD - 1  
Isaiah 2:6-9

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## Introduction

In the future, God's terrifying judgment will fall upon the earth, a period of time known as the Day of the Lord (2:11, 20; 3:7, 18; 4:1-2). Isaiah 2:6-4:6 gives a description of God's coming judgment upon the world. The Day of the Lord refers to a period of time when God's judgment will fall upon the nations, and the Lord will be exalted as the sovereign ruler over the entire universe.

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# Introduction

Right before His kingdom is established on earth, as discussed last week, the darkest night of God's judgment will cover the earth. Nature and the environment of the earth will be devastated, and millions upon millions of people will die. This period is also known as the Tribulation.

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## Isaiah 2:6-9

For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They *are* soothsayers like the Philistines, And they are pleased with the children of foreigners. <sup>7</sup> Their land is also full of silver and gold, And there is no end to their treasures; Their land is also full of horses, And there is no end to their chariots. <sup>8</sup> Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made. <sup>9</sup> People bow down, And each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them.

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The Day of the Lord will sweep across the earth for five reasons. God will **forsake** His people during the Day of the Lord. He will not abandon His people because He no longer loves them but because they are forsaking and abandoning Him. People will be guilty of five serious offenses and because of these offences, God's terrifying judgment will move swiftly over the earth.

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1. People will follow the world of the occult and sorcery. They will practice the superstitions of the east, their religions, magic, and forms of meditation and relaxation. In addition, they will practice the divination and sorcery of the west. Participating in the world of the occult and sorcery is expressly forbidden by the Lord.

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2. People will form evil alliances with unbelievers. The word “pleased” means clasp or shake hands to make bargains. Believers and unbelievers will clasp hands, forming business partnerships, seeking more and more money. They will also join hands in marriage, believers marrying unbelievers. Believers will ignore God’s commandment that demands spiritual separation. They will fellowship and participate with unbelievers in their worldly activities. Living holy, righteous lives and morally pure lives will be ignored by believers. They will become as sinful as the unbelievers they associate with.

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### Isaiah 2:7

Their land is also full of silver and gold,  
And there is no end to their treasures;  
Their land is also full of horses,  
And there is no end to their chariots.

3. God will judge people because they place their confidence and money, in the things of this world, and in their nation’s economy and military. God does not always condemn wealth but, rather, the placing of our trust in wealth instead of in Him. Militarily, there will be constant war, and there will be no end to the production of weapons. The result will be constant conflict, one war after another, and a relentless barrage of terrorist actions. Only Jesus’ return will bring real peace to earth.

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Isaiah 2:8

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They worship the work of their own hands,  
That which their own fingers have made.

4. Fourth, God's terrifying judgment will fall because people engage in idolatry and false worship. In the last days, the land will be full of false gods and false worship. False gods are the creation of people's imaginations. By having a god created by one's own desires or needs, a person can live as he wishes. Think of it this way, sinful people create a god that allows them to continue in their sin. This will be a characteristic of the last days. But as Isaiah describes in this verse, they are only false gods created by their own hands and fingers, false gods that are stirred from their own ideas and imaginations.

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Isaiah 2:9

People bow down,

And each man humbles himself;  
Therefore do not forgive them.

5. The Day of the Lord is coming because people will be beyond repentance and forgiveness. This verse is in reference to the one before. They have bowed down to their false gods, therefore, God has brought them low. Yet their hearts will not turn to the True God in repentance. Their hearts will be hard, stubborn against God and His Holy Word. They submit (humble) themselves to the objects of their trust and worship rather than the True God.

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Isaiah 2:9  
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**Therefore do not forgive them.**

Consequently, they harden their hearts against God and stubbornly reject Him time and again. Finally, they become so hardened that they are beyond repentance. They will never give up their worldly pleasures, never surrender to the Lord and seek His forgiveness. God is left with no choice. Justice and judgment must be executed against the hard-hearted and stubborn of this earth.

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## So What . . .

Though these accusations are made towards Israel, they apply to the world as a whole.

So much of what we all do can be considered idolatry. We worship ourselves, more than God. We weigh our opinion and desires against His Commands.

We each need to carefully evaluate our own lives and commit ourselves to following Him with our entire being.

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