



Joel 1:14-17

What Is the Day of the Lord?

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Judah Is Called to Repent

Joel 1:14

Consecrate a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly; gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.

1. Fast
2. Solemn assembly
3. Gather to Temple
4. Cry out to God

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Are New Covenant Believers to Fast?

There is no command under the New Covenant for believers to fast.

Mark 9:29 KJV

And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, **but by prayer and fasting.**

Mark 9:29 NASB

And He said to them, "This kind cannot come out by anything **but prayer.**"

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The Day of the Lord Is Near

Joel 1:15-17

Alas for the day! For **the day of the LORD is near**, and it **will come** as destruction from the Almighty. **16** Has not food been cut off before our eyes, gladness and joy from the house of our God? **17** The seeds shrivel under their clods; the storehouses are desolate, the barns are torn down, for the grain is dried up.

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Understanding the Day of the Lord

1. Judgment/Salvation
2. Near/Far
3. Narrow/Broad

Amos 5:18

Alas, you who are longing for the day of the LORD, **for what purpose will the day of the LORD be to you?** It will be darkness and not light...

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The Near and the Far D.O.L.

Isaiah 13:8-9

They will be terrified, **pains** and anguish will take hold of them; They will writhe like a woman in labor, They will look at one another in astonishment, their faces aflame. **9** Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, Cruel, with fury and burning anger, **to make the land a desolation; and He will exterminate its sinners from it.**

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The Near and the Far D.O.L.

<p>Near: Prophet's day: Earnest money</p>	<p>Far: Messiah's day: Consummation</p>
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Jeremiah 30:7
Alas! for **that day is great**, there is none like it; and it is the time of Jacob's distress, **But he will be saved from it.**

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Near and Far D.O.L. Texts

Near:
Joel 1:2-20 = Locusts used against Judah
Is.10:5-6 = Assyria used against Israel
Ezek. 14:19-21 = Babylon used against Judah
Jer. 46:10 = Babylon used against Egypt
Is. 13:17-19 = Medes used against Babylon

Far:
Joel 3:2-21; Is. 13:6-14; 34:1-8; Obad. 15; Zech. 12:1-9; 14:1-21 = Judgment on nations

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Narrow vs. Broad D.O.L.

- **Broad Day:** The eternal period of time in which God saves believers and judges His enemies.
- **Narrow Day:** The unique 24-hour period in which Messiah comes to destroy enemies surrounding Jerusalem.

The diagram shows a horizontal timeline. On the left is a red cross labeled 'Last Days'. To its right is a long blue arrow labeled 'Broad D.O.L.'. Within the 'Broad D.O.L.' arrow, there is a shorter blue arrow labeled 'Narrow D.O.L.' which is circled in red.

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The Imminence of the D.O.L.

1 Thessalonians 5:2-3
For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a **thief** in the night. 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

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Lesson: The Day of the Lord Is Near!

- We need to repent/believe
- We need to live godly lives

Mark 1:15
and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and **the kingdom of God is at hand**; repent and believe in the gospel."

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Benediction

Jude 24-25
Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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