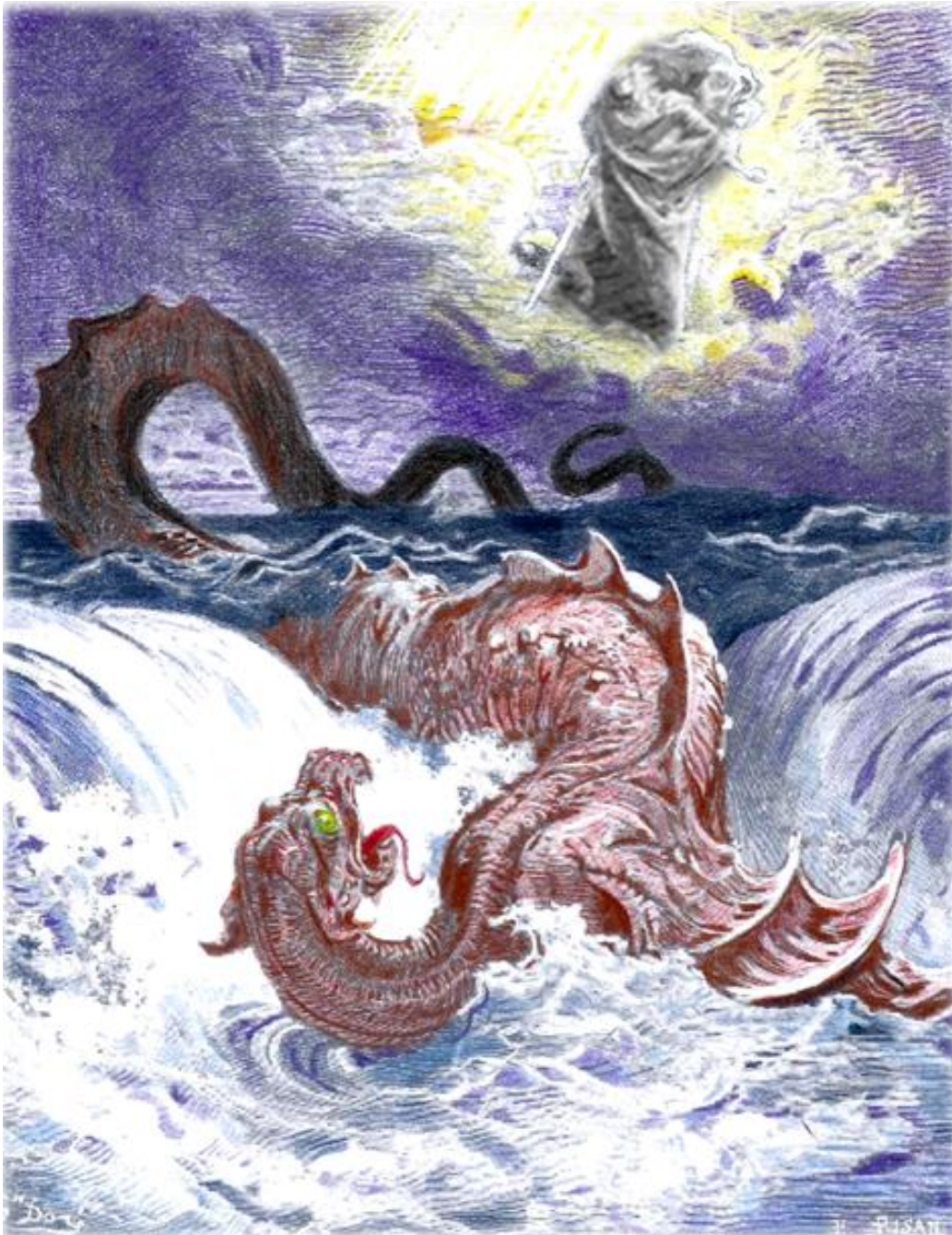


# The Day of the LORD

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The Slaying of Leviathan by Gustave Dore—Isaiah 27:1<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 27:1—In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

## **A Pre-millennial,<sup>2</sup> Dispensational<sup>3</sup> Eschatology<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup> PRE-MILLENNIAL is a term referring to the timing of Christ's return, in this case, Christ will return at the beginning of his 1,000 year physical, earthly, literal reign. This is scriptural, if its contextual reference is taken literally. Pre-millennialism is distinguished from Amillennialism meaning there is no 1,000 year reign of Christ. To the amillennialist the 1,000 years is NOT literal but a long indeterminate period of time. This, of course, is NOT biblical if one believes in pre-millennial dispensationalism and leaving words in their proper context. Post-millennialism means Jesus will return at the end of a 1,000 years. Of course, this too, is not biblical. It implies that man will usher in an unprecedented millennium of incomparable blessing . . . You have got to be kidding, right? Man will usher in an unprecedented millennium of blessing . . . Since when? Just look at man's abysmal record of history! (See author's comments #4 on intro. page regarding Revelation 20:2)

<sup>3</sup> DISPENSATIONAL simply means that God has dealt with men in different ways throughout history. Not only is the term "dispensation" used in the Authorized Version, but numerous verses substantiate the use of the term "dispensation." Within the Old Testament there are a number of dispensations. There is the dispensation of the ante-diluvian and the post-diluvian worlds. One saw the Earth subjected to God's global judgment by water. The other awaits God's global judgment by fire. There is the dispensation of the old and new testaments (law vs. grace; limited blood sacrifice by animals vs. the unlimited blood atonement of Jesus Christ; the letter of the law vs. faith), the dispensation of the Incarnation, namely Jesus' birth and earthly ministry and the beginning of the Apostolic Church Age (baptism of repentance to prepare one's heart to receive the Truth, Jesus Christ vs. baptism by the Holy Spirit and the imputed righteousness of Christ because of the Spirit indwelling the saint). Also within the dispensation of the Incarnation and the birth of the Apostolic Church, on the one hand, there is an absence of particular apostolic gifts (i.e. apostolic tongues speaking and apostolic tongues interpretation as well as apostolic prophecy, see Mark 16:17, 18 ). Finally, there is the completion of the canon of Scripture which would render any and all ecclesiastical authority as subservient to the completed, inerrant, perfectly preserved word of God.

<sup>4</sup> ESCHATOLOGY [ɛskə tɒlləʒi] > noun—es • cha • tol • o • gy, Origin: Greek--eskhatos/eschatos (meaning last or farthest); First known use: 1844 As the definitive source of everything spiritual, the Bible utilizes this theological term to encompass the study of biblical last things: the second half of Daniel's 70th Week, construction of the Jewish temple, the two witnesses in Jerusalem, the seven trumpet and vial judgments, the Battle of Armageddon, the Millennial Reign of Jesus Christ, the rapture of Bible believers, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Great White Throne Judgment, the bottomless pit, the abandonment of hell and the consignment of the damned to the lake of fire, the destruction and judgment of the apostate church (Rome), the new heaven—new Earth—and New Jerusalem, the eventual fate of the wicked on the renewed Earth, etc.

## Why the Book, *The Day of the LORD*?

1. Biblically objective and not subjective, *The Day of the LORD* is the first book of its kind on Bible prophecy in over 20 years
2. Superior in its approach to the consummation of all things, *The Day of the LORD* is eternal in its perspective regarding prophecy and not man-centered or temporal
3. 'Black and white' in its interpretive approach to scripture; it is also 'to the point' in its treatment of man and his future
4. While supportive in its view of the Hebrew peoples, *The Day of the LORD* is historically and biblically direct as well as accurate. Drawing upon the truths revealed in Jesus' Olivet Discourse, *The Day of the LORD* reveals what really happened during the "abomination of desolation" recorded in the parousia accounts regarding the Lord's Second Coming – in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21
5. Learn the truth about the Jewish Diaspora (dispersion) from Palestine and why General Titus and his Roman legions were allowed to march on Jerusalem
6. Discover the obscure location of a little known valley southwest of Amman, Jordan and east of the Dead Sea that will be the final burying place of the rebellious multitudes of Gog and Magog at the end of Jesus' millennial reign
7. See the purpose behind the cover-up of Simon Bar Kokhba as the Jewish 'messiah' instead of Jesus Christ
8. In recent news, selling their earthly possessions and hanging on every word of an aging 'Bible teacher' from California (Harold Camping, President of Family Radio), see what scripture really says about Jesus' Second Coming. Why does the cultic behavior of men and their following, have such a universal appeal when Jesus repeatedly warned his followers there would be many that would imitate him, and seduce the deceived deeper into error?
9. How about the absolute shock and horror that there are only 3.5 years remaining in Daniel's 70th Week, not 7 years?
10. The phrase "those days" found in Matthew 24:19, 22, 29 and Mark 13:17, 19, 20, 24 reveals a stunning prophetic truth. The tribulation and the great tribulation are identical. The conclusion that can be drawn is that we are not anticipating the tribulation . . . We are in it!

11. The word “Immediately” in Matthew 24:29 means next in prophetic sequence
12. Learn what the Bible says about the “beginning of sorrows” and the similarity these events have to the six seals in Revelation 6
13. Discover the personality in Daniel 9:27 and why the Jesuits have purposely covered up his true identity
14. In Daniel 9:27 what is the significance of the 7 year period the Bible mentions?
15. What does the often ignored prophetic verse in Daniel 9:26 really mean? What spiritual significance did it have to the Jewish nation and the human race as a whole? Are there any implications that can be drawn from this verse and the present Arab-Israeli conflict currently brewing in the Middle East?
16. Ascertain why there are only 3.5 years remaining in Daniel’s Seventy-Week Prophecy
17. Is the Preterist view of eschatology really new? With the phrase “there is nothing new under the sun” borrowed from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiastes, how was it that Hymenaeus and Philetus were able to shipwreck the faith of some in the New Testament?
18. Discover the tragedy of those who have waded into the ‘muddy waters’ of eschatology only to emerge compromised in their faith for Jesus Christ, the Word of God.
19. Who and what is really behind the modern day Tongues Movement?
20. Discover what lies ahead on the prophetic horizon as the author discloses man’s future beyond the context of Daniel 9:24-27
21. Pre-millennial in its prophetic timing and dispensational in God’s treatment of men, learn of the unseen, predetermined forces that are hurling men, and this planet, to an inexorable and irrevocable confrontation with their Creator, Jesus Christ
22. Discover what the Bible says about the ominous and surreal event the ungodly will have when they encounter their invincible Creator in the “valley of the mountains” (Zechariah 14:5). This event will involve those making a quick exit from the city of Jerusalem as well as the ungodly nations descending from the plain of Megiddo, via this “valley of the

mountains," to Jerusalem--the flashpoint known in apocalyptic circles as the Battle of Armageddon.

23. Twelve fascinating appendices, from historical, geographical and theological matters of interest, to the oath and induction of Loyola's soldiers programmed for their unquestioned service to their exalted Jesuit master, the Black Pope (Jesuit General).