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Introduction

The “Day of the Lord” is a significant theme in Christian eschatology, particularly within the Apostolic Pentecostal tradition. It is often associated with the second coming of Jesus Christ, the rapture, and the resurrection of the dead. This booklet will explore the comprehensive list of scriptures related to the Day of the Lord, the Apostolic Pentecostal perspective on the covenant, and the understanding that the Church has replaced Israel as the true tree of life, rooted in the events of Pentecost.

Comprehensive List of Scriptures on the Day of the Lord

Old Testament

1. Isaiah 13:6-9 - A day of destruction and judgment.
2. Joel 1:15 - The Day of the Lord is near; calls for lamentation.
3. Joel 2:1-2 - Describes a day of darkness and gloom.
4. Amos 5:18-20 - Warns against desiring the Day of the Lord; it will be a day of darkness.
5. Obadiah 1:15 - The Day of the Lord is near for all nations.
6. Zephaniah 1:14-18 - A day of wrath and distress.

7. Malachi 4:5 - A day of judgment is coming.
8. Ezekiel 30:3 - A time of trouble for the nations.
9. Zechariah 14:1-5 - The Lord will come and fight against the nations.
10. Jeremiah 46:10 - A day of vengeance for the Lord.
11. Isaiah 34:8 - A day of vengeance and recompense for Zion.
12. Isaiah 61:2 - Refers to the day of vengeance of our God.
13. Lamentations 2:22 - The day of the Lord's anger emphasizing judgment.
14. Ezekiel 7:19 - People will cast away their silver and gold in recognition of the Lord's wrath.
15. Isaiah 2:12 - The Day of the Lord will be against the proud and lofty.
16. Jeremiah 30:7 - The day of Jacob's trouble, associated with the Day of the Lord.
17. Nahum 1:8-9 - The Lord's wrath and destruction upon His enemies.
18. Micah 1:3-4 - The Lord coming down with mountains melting.
19. Haggai 2:6-7 - The shaking of the heavens and the earth.
20. Isaiah 26:21 - The Lord punishes the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.
21. Ezekiel 13:5 - Condemnation of false prophets who

do not prepare the people.

22. Amos 9:5-6 - The Lord brings destruction, emphasizing His authority.

23. Zephaniah 3:8 - The Lord will gather the nations for judgment.

24. Joel 3:14 - The valley of decision, where the Day of the Lord is near.

25. Isaiah 10:3 - What will you do on the Day of Reckoning?

New Testament

1. Matthew 24:36-44 - Jesus speaks about the coming of the Son of Man.

2. 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3 - The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-2 - Addresses concerns about the Day of the Lord and its timing.

4. 2 Peter 3:10-12 - Describes the Day of the Lord coming like a thief.

5. Acts 2:20 - Peter quotes Joel regarding signs preceding the Day of the Lord.

6. Revelation 6:17 - Who can stand on the great day of their wrath?

7. Revelation 16:14 - Gathering for the battle of the great day of God Almighty.

8. Revelation 1:7 - Every eye will see Him when He comes.
9. Matthew 25:31-46 - The final judgment, closely related to the Day of the Lord.
10. Romans 2:5 - The day of God's wrath and righteous judgment.
11. Hebrews 10:25 - Encouragement to meet together as the Day approaches.
12. 1 Corinthians 5:5 - Delivering someone for the Day of the Lord.
13. 1 Peter 4:7 - Be sober and watchful as the end of all things is at hand.
14. James 5:7-8 - Patience until the coming of the Lord.
15. Revelation 3:3 - The Lord will come like a thief.
16. Revelation 20:11-15 - The great white throne judgment.
17. Matthew 24:29-31 - Cosmic signs accompanying the coming of the Son of Man.
18. Luke 21:25-28 - Signs in the heavens and the coming of the Son of Man.
19. 2 Timothy 4:8 - The crown of righteousness for those who love His appearing.
20. Philippians 1:10 - Encouragement to be pure and blameless for the Day of Christ.
21. 1 Corinthians 1:8 - Being blameless on the Day of

our Lord Jesus Christ.

22. Philippians 1:6 - Confidence that God will complete the good work until the Day of Christ Jesus.

23. 2 Peter 3:4 - Scoffers questioning the promise of His coming.

24. Revelation 22:12 - Jesus declares that He is coming quickly with His reward.

25. Revelation 22:20 - A prayer affirming anticipation for Jesus' return.

Apostolic Pentecostal Perspective on the Covenant and the Replacement of Israel

Introduction

In the Apostolic Pentecostal tradition, the understanding of the Church as the true Israel is rooted in the belief that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost marked a significant shift in Jehovah's covenantal relationship with humanity. This perspective emphasizes that the Church, empowered by the Holy Spirit, has been grafted into the promises originally given to Israel, fulfilling the prophecies of the Old Testament and establishing a new covenant through Jesus Christ.

The Day of Pentecost: A New Beginning

On the Day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts 2, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit was a pivotal moment that not only fulfilled the promise of Jesus but also established the Church as the new covenant community. This event is seen as the birth of the Church, where believers were filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues, fulfilling the prophecy of Joel regarding the latter days (Acts 2:17-18).

Key Points:

- **Fulfillment of Prophecy:** The events of Pentecost were prophesied in the Old Testament, signifying the pouring out of the Spirit upon all flesh (Joel 2:28-32). This marks the inclusion of Gentiles into the family of God, fulfilling Jehovah's promise to bless all nations through Abraham's seed.
- **Covenantal Shift:** The Church is viewed as the continuation of Jehovah's plan, where the promises made to Israel are now extended to all who believe in Jesus Christ. This is supported by passages such as Galatians 3:26-29, which states that all believers are children of God through faith in Christ and are heirs according to the promise.

The Church as the True Israel

The Apostolic Pentecostal belief asserts that the

Church has replaced Israel as the chosen people of Jehovah, not in a way that negates Jehovah's promises to Israel, but rather in a way that fulfills them through Christ. This perspective is supported by several New Testament scriptures.

Key Scriptures:

- Romans 11:17-24: Paul discusses how Gentiles are grafted into the olive tree, representing Israel. This metaphor illustrates that while Israel retains its place in Jehovah's plan, the Church is now part of that same covenantal lineage.
- 1 Peter 2:9-10: Peter describes believers as a "chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation," indicating that the Church has taken on the identity that was once exclusive to Israel.

The Role of the Kinsman Redeemer

The concept of the Kinsman Redeemer, as exemplified in the Book of Ruth, is a crucial element in understanding the Apostolic Pentecostal view of salvation. Just as Boaz redeemed Ruth, Jesus, as our Kinsman Redeemer, fulfills the requirements of the law to redeem humanity from sin.

Key Insights:

- **Redemption through Jesus:** Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is the ultimate act of redemption, fulfilling the role of the Kinsman Redeemer. His blood provides the means for the remission of sins, as outlined in Acts 2:38, which emphasizes the necessity of repentance and baptism in Jesus' name.
- **Covenantal Relationship:** The relationship between Christ and the Church is one of covenant, much like that of Boaz and Ruth. The Church is called to live in faithfulness to this covenant, reflecting the loyalty and commitment seen in Ruth's character.

Conclusion

The Apostolic Pentecostal perspective on the Day of Pentecost and the Church's role as the true Israel highlights the continuity of Jehovah's redemptive plan throughout history. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit signifies the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the establishment of a new covenant that includes all believers, Jew and Gentile alike.

Reflection and Application

As believers, we are encouraged to embrace our identity as the Church, the new Israel, and to live in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called to be witnesses of His grace and redemption, sharing the message of salvation through water

baptism in Jesus' name and the infilling of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This understanding deepens our commitment to Jehovah and strengthens our community as we await the return of our Kinsman Redeemer.

This perspective serves as a reminder of the importance of covenant faithfulness and the call to engage actively in the mission of the Church, reflecting the love and grace of Jehovah to the world around us.