

VENGEANCE ...

- (Psalm 94:1–4 NIV) *The LORD is a God who avenges.* O God who avenges, shine forth. Rise up, Judge of the earth; pay back to the proud what they deserve. How long, LORD, will the wicked, how long will the wicked be jubilant? They pour out arrogant words; all the evildoers are full of boasting.
- (Isaiah 34:8 NIV) *For the LORD has a day of vengeance,* a year of retribution, to uphold Zion's cause.
- (Jeremiah 46:10 NIV) But that day belongs to the Lord, the LORD Almighty— *a day of vengeance, for vengeance on his foes.* The sword will devour till it is satisfied, till it has quenched its thirst with blood. For the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will offer sacrifice in the land of the north by the River Euphrates.
- (Deuteronomy 32:35–36 ESV) *Vengeance is mine,* and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly.' For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free.
- (Romans 12:19 ESV) Beloved, never avenge yourselves, *but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."*
- (Hebrews 10:30–31 ESV) *For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will*

repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

DAY OF THE LORD ...

- (Isaiah 13:6 NIV) Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.
- (Isaiah 13:9 NIV) See, the day of the LORD is coming—a cruel day, with wrath and fierce anger—to make the land desolate and destroy the sinners within it.
- (Jeremiah 46:10 NIV) But that day belongs to the Lord, the LORD Almighty—a day of vengeance, for vengeance on his foes. The sword will devour till it is satisfied, till it has quenched its thirst with blood. For the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will offer sacrifice in the land of the north by the River Euphrates.
- (Ezekiel 30:3 NIV) For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near— a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.
- (Joel 1:15 NIV) Alas for that day! For the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.
- (Joel 2:11 NIV) The LORD thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the LORD is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?
- (Joel 3:14 NIV) Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the

LORD is near in the valley of decision.

- (Obadiah 15 NIV) The day of the LORD is near for all nations. As you have done, it will be done to you; your deeds will return upon your own head.
- (Zephaniah 1:7 NIV) Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near. The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated those he has invited.
- (Zephaniah 1:14 NIV) The great day of the LORD is near— near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.
- (Malachi 4:5 NIV) See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes.
- (Acts 2:19–21 NIV) I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
- (1 Thessalonians 5:1–2 NIV) Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- (2 Thessalonians 2:1–3 NIV) Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers and sisters, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by the teaching allegedly from us—whether by a prophecy or by word of mouth or by letter—asserting that the day of the

Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

- (2 Peter 3:10 NIV) But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

A DRAMATIC CHANGE ...

- In response to the invitation of 18:20, John next hears "a great voice of much people in heaven." The chronological relationship of these experiences is obvious, with the voice in heaven following the destruction of Babylon in all its forms. The time, therefore, must be just before the second coming of Christ. J. Vernon McGee mentions that chapter 19: ... marks a dramatic change in the tone of Revelation. The destruction of Babylon, the capital of the Beast's kingdom, marks the end of the Great Tribulation. The somber gives way to song. The transfer is from darkness to light, from black to white, from dreary days of judgment to bright days of blessing. This chapter makes a definite bifurcation in Revelation, and ushers in the greatest event for this earth— the Second Coming of Christ. It is the bridge between the Great Tribulation and the Millennium. [Walvoord, J. F. (2008). *The Revelation of Jesus Christ* (p. 268). Galaxie Software.]