

“The New Heaven and the New Earth: **The Great and Awesome Day of the LORD**”
Zechariah 14:1-15

*“The **great day of the LORD** is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.” (Zephaniah 1:14-16; **Hebrews 12:18-21**)*

*“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, **before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes**. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.” (Joel 2:30-32; cf. **Matthew 24:29-31**)*

- **The Breakdown of the Book of Revelation:**
 - The Church Age (Revelation 2-3)
 - The Rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ; 1 Corinthians 15:50-54)
 - The Great Tribulation (Revelation 6-18)
 - The 2nd Coming (Revelation 19)
 - The Millennial Kingdom (Revelation 20)
 - The Eternal State (Revelation 21-22)
- **What is the “Day of the Lord” Biblically? — Zechariah 14:1**
 - In a general sense, it is when God shows that He is sovereign over all things by bringing judgment on His enemies and thereby accomplishing His purposes.
 - It is also important to realize that many “days of the LORD” biblically, have already taken place (Jeremiah 46:2,10).
 - The Day of the Lord has a **general sense** that begins during the Tribulation period and ends during the Millennial Kingdom and in a **specific sense**, the Day of the Lord is the 2nd Coming of Christ.
- The Day of the Lord has a **wrath and blessing** aspect to it (Zechariah 14:8-9,12-15; cf. Joel 3:9-16, 17-21).
- **God’s pattern** is to bring Nations against Israel and then use that as a means to bring the Nation of Israel to repentance.
 - Israel has been rebellious against God since the beginning (Deuteronomy 9:7,24; **Nehemiah 9:16-17; Isaiah 1:2-9**)
 - Assyria judged the Northern Kingdom of Israel (Amos 5:18-20).
 - Babylon judged the Southern Kingdom of Judah (Ezekiel 7:19; 13:5).
 - Babylon to judge Egypt (Jeremiah 46:10).
 - Medo-Persia to judge Babylon (Isaiah 13:6,9).
- On the “Day of the Lord” Jesus will destroy the armies of the Nations of this world (Revelation 19:11-15; Matthew 24:21-22,29-31; Zechariah 12:8-10; Isaiah 53).

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of May we are partnering with Heartbeats to collect monetary donations for their 2024 Campaign: "Reaching Her". They have a goal of reaching \$75,000 during this campaign to fund vital marketing efforts aimed at reaching abortion-vulnerable women, before the abortion industry does, as well as meeting operational needs that are essential to their mission. For more information about Heartbeats and about this campaign, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats.

★**NEW MEMBERS CLASS:** If you are interested in becoming a church member, we will be offering a two week New Members Class on Sunday, May 19th, and Sunday, May 26th, from 9-10am in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in taking the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Elder Zach.

★**LADIES NIGHT IN:** Ladies, we are having a "*Ladies Night In*" on Friday, May 17th, starting at 6pm, at Andy's house (1062 National Drive SE; Hebron). The plan is to kick Andy out of his house for the night and for the ladies to hangout, watch a movie, enjoy pizza for dinner, and for those who are able to, stay the night together. We will have bagels and yogurt for breakfast the next morning. The plan is to be wrapped up, cleaned up, and out the door by 10am on Saturday, May 18th. We would love for everyone to join us for this "*Ladies Night In*", whether you are only able to stay for an hour, for a few hours, or for the whole night! There is a sign-up list on the table in the entryway, please sign-up to help provide the food for this event!

★**HEALTHTREE 5K/1 MILE WALK:** If you would be interested in joining a team of people to run a 5K or walk 1 mile on Saturday, June 8th, at 9am (at Wolfe Park in Columbus), please register at <https://give.healthtree.org/team/582040> under Team Legacy Plus. The cost is \$35 per person. HealthTree raises money to accelerate research and find cures for blood cancer. Please see Krystal if you have any questions or need more details!

★**CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER:** Our monthly Church Night of Prayer will be on Sunday, May 19th, from 5:30-7pm. If you would like to participate in this, we have a sign-up list on the table in the entryway. We have that hour and a half broken up into 15 minute increments, you are welcome to sign up for as many time slots as you would like to. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body.