THE BIBLE'S BIG PICTURE ON THE DAY OF THE LORD

Introduction: Starting Where We Are ... & Where we Are Going (tonight)

1. Five Key Aspects of the 'Day of the Lord' in the OT

- 1) It is the Day of '*Yahweh*' (e.g., Amos 5:18-20)
- 2) It is a personal 'theophany' of Yahweh.

The Passover Theophany(Exodus 11:4-5)The Red Sea Theophany(Exodus 14:19-21)The Sinai Theophany(Exodus 19:6-20; 20:18-21)Thunderstorm Theophanies(Psalm 18:6-15 Psalm 29, Judges 5.)

- 3) It is a theophany of Covenantal Judgement (c.f. Deut. 32:23-24; 28:63-64)
- 4) The judgement is *revelatory*, not evaluative (e.g., Isaiah 2:18-21)
- 5) It is a Day that Confirms the Word of God. (e.g., Zephaniah 1:12; Malachi 2:17–3:2)

2. Part A – Salvation and the Day of The Lord

Exodus 12 & 13 - Yahweh saves His People through Judgement

Isaiah 59:1-60:3 – Yahweh saves His People through Judgement so that they may glorify Him before all nations.

Isaiah 61:1-11 – 'Salvation through Judgement' brings Yahweh's Righteousness to all nations.

Isaiah 11:1-9 - The Messiah is God's Agent of 'Salvation through Judgement'

2. Part B – God's Mission and the Eschatological Day of the Lord

Ezekiel 36:16 - 39:29 – Don't Fear the Future [Gog and Magog]

3. The Gospel & the Day of the Lord

- 3.1. What John the Baptist Prepared us for.
- 3.2. What Happened at the Cross.
- 3.3. What Happened in the Resurrection.
- 3.4. What Happened in the Great Commission.
- 3.5. What Happened at Pentecost.
- 3.6. What Happens Now: The Church in the World Healthy Trees and Diseased Trees (Matt 7:15-20) Wise builders and Foolish Builders (Matt 7:24-27) Both Wheat and the Weeds (Matt 13:24-43)
- 3.7. Matthew 24 Living for the Gospel in the Last Days

24:1-14 - See ... that you are not Deceived
24:44 - See ... that you are ready for Christ (Parable of Virgins) (Parable of Talents)
25:31-46 -- See that you Glorify God, by Honouring Christ

4. <u>Questions</u>