

SPIRITUAL DARKNESS

Spiritual darkness (choshek) was 1 of 3 Divine Judgments upon the earth as a result of the fall of Satan in eternity past (Gen.1:2; Isa.14:12-15; Ezek.28:11-19).

This lesson will study four aspects of how this Spiritual Darkness affects the human race.

1. The spiritual darkness of Gen.1:2 was extended to the earth as the domain of Satan.

(Acts 26:18) “To open their eyes so that they may turn **from darkness to light** and **from the domain of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified by faith in Me.**”

God’s light separated darkness into night and the light into day in Day one (Gen.1:3-5). Then God further separated the darkness of night into a “lesser light to govern the night (moon).” (Gen.1:14-19)

By doing this, God made something DIVINE GOOD out of cosmos diabolicus bad (Gen.1:4 and 1:18).

This became a doctrinal principle in the Bible: “Everything of God is Light and everything of the Devil is Darkness.”

(Eph.6:12) “For our struggle is **not against flesh and blood, but against** the rulers, against the powers, **against the world forces of this darkness, against** the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.”

(1 John 1:5) “This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you; that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness.**”

2. Spiritual darkness is connected often with Divine Judgment.

If this Divine Judgment is associated with a Divine Covenant, a sign is given to mankind to show God is faithfulness to a Covenant Promise (Ex.6:1-9) (**Abrahamic Covenant**).

The rainbow was a sign to the antediluvian world of the **Noahic Covenant** recorded (Gen.9:8-17).

(Gen.9:13) “I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a **sign of a covenant** between Me and the earth.”

The 9th plaque by Moses was “darkness that could felt” upon the nation of Egypt. It was a sign to both the nation of Israel and Egypt (Exo.10:21-23).

(Ex.10:23) “They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, **but all the sons of Israel had light in their dwellings.**”

3. Events of spiritual darkness are associated with the two advents of Jesus Christ and signs in the New Covenant.

- **The First event** of spiritual darkness was associated with the last three hours of Jesus Christ on the cross spiritually dying for the sins of the world (Luke 23:44-49). It was discussed at the Last Supper (Luke 22:20) and at Gethsemane (Luke 22:47-53).

(Luke 23:44) “It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour (noon to 3pm).”

- **The Second event** of spiritual darkness will be associated with the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

“The **sun** will be turned into darkness and the **moon** into blood before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.” (Joel 2:31; 2:30-32; Acts 2:19-21; Luke 21:11)

Both of these events are signs of the New Covenant to the post-diluvian world (Jer.31:31-34).

4. **The only way out of the domain of spiritual darkness is by the light of the gospel of grace salvation by Jesus Christ (Matt.12:40; John 2:18-20).**

God’s Rich Mercy is a transitional verse from unsaved status of (Eph.2:1-3) to saved status of (Eph.2:5-10).

- Eph.2:1-3 The Spiritually Dead
- Eph.2:4 The Spiritual Bridge from death to life
- Eph.2:5-10 The Spiritually Alive

Spiritual Bridge
(Eph.2:4)

Spiritually dead
(in Adam - Eph.2:1-3)

Spiritually Alive
(IN Christ - Eph.2:5-10)

Col.1:13-14

MERCY: God’s mercy meets man’s distressed needs without consideration of merit or demerit because of God’s great love with which He loved us in Christ (Eph.2:4).

(Rev.21:23) “And the city **has no need of the sun or the moon to shine on it**, for the glory of God has illuminated it, and **its lamp is the lamb.**” (New Jerusalem in New Heaven and Earth)