

Nothing good happens in the dark except ...

God's presence comes near to his people in a cloud of darkness (Sinai/Temple - [Exo 20:21](#); [Deu 4:11](#); [5:22-23](#); [2Sa 22:10-12](#); [Heb 12:18](#) c.f. [1Ki 8:12](#); [2Ch 6:1](#)).

Jesus as a great light appears to people dwelling in darkness ([Mat 4:16](#); [22:13](#); [Luk 1:79](#); [Joh 1:5](#); [Joh 8:12](#); [12:35,46](#); [Act 26:18](#); [2Co 6:14](#); [Eph 5:8](#); [1Pe 2:9](#); [2Pe 1:19](#); [1Jn 2:8-9](#)).

Jesus seeks out a place to pray ([Mar 1:35](#)).

Jesus reveals his power by walking on the water in the darkness ([Joh 6:16-21](#)).

The resurrection takes place in the darkness ([Joh 20:1](#)).

Darkness in Genesis through to Esther and the New Testament

God separated the light from the darkness and named the darkness ([Gen 1:2,4-5,18](#)).

God made the lights to separate the light from the darkness and to rule over the darkness ([Gen 1:14-18](#)).

It was in the context of "a dreadful and great darkness" that God revealed the coming Egyptian oppression and deliverance ([Gen 15:17](#)).

Darkness caused by locusts, the blotting out of the sun, moon and stars and the cloud separating Israel from Egypt are signs of judgment (Exo 10:15,21-22; 14:20; Jos 24:7).

God's presence on Sinai is obscured from view by thick darkness (Exo 20:21; Deu 4:11; 5:22-23; 2Sa 22:10-12; Heb 12:18 c.f. 1Ki 8:12; 2Ch 6:1).

Groping blind in the darkness is a sign of judgment (Deu 28:29; Act 13:11). Judgment as being cut off in darkness (Jos 24:7; 1Sa 2:9).

The LORD lightens one's darkness (2Sa 22:29).

A great light was seen by the people dwelling in darkness (Mat 4:16; 22:13; Luk 1:79; Joh 1:5; Joh 8:12; 12:35,46; Act 26:18; 2Co 6:14; Eph 5:8; 1Pe 2:9; 2Pe 1:19; 1Jn 2:8-9).

Evil people love the darkness (Joh 3:19; 1Th 5:4-5; 1Jn 1:6).

There are cosmic powers over this present darkness (Eph 6:12; Col 1:13).

In the darkness Jesus went into a desolate place to pray (Mar 1:35).

Jesus walks on the water in the darkness (Joh 6:16-21).

Jesus is arrested in the hour of the power of darkness (Luk 22:53).

Judgment as being thrown into the outer darkness (Mat 8:12; 25:30; 2Pe 2:4,17; Jud 1:6,13) .

Darkness as a sign of eschatological judgment (Mat 24:29; Mar 13:24; Act 2:20; Rev 8:12; 9:2; 16:10). c.f. the death of Christ (Mat 27:45; Mar 15:33; Luk 23:44).

The resurrection takes place in the darkness (Joh 20:1).

God darkens hearts and eyes in judgment (Rom 1:21; 11:10; Eph 4:18; 5:8; 1Jn 2:11).

Cast off the works of darkness (Rom 13:12; Eph 5:11).

Judgment will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart (1Co 4:5).