

#### What Will the World Look Like in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Century?

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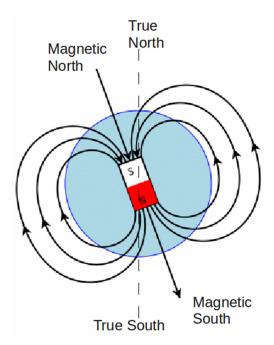
There is something about looking into the future that is really fascinating to humanity. What will things be like one hundred years from now? Will cancer be cured? Will the world powers we have today be the world powers of tomorrow? Will our reality be experienced virtually? Will we get along? Will the world be a scene of utter destruction caused by man-made global warming, or will it be destroyed by nuclear winter or disease? Will an asteroid end life as we know it or will the wrath of God burn the planet and all on it to a crisp? We believe biblical prophecy tells us a lot about the future with a startling measure of detail. Stay with us as we walk down a path of prophecy and look back so we can see the future!

Throughout the program we will look at other views from "Top 10 Ways the World Might End" as a comparison of what the world might look like in one hundred years.

Geomagnetic and gamma rays, Top 10 Ways the World Might End, watchmojo.com

#10 - Geomagnetic Reversal: There are no certainties in life, but you can always trust north and south. Except...the earth's weakening magnetic field means we could be in the first phases of a geomagnetic reversal, where the poles actually flip. Doomsayers theorize it'll cause shifting continents, solar storm vulnerability, accelerated climate change and mass extinctions. Scientists say, "No way! It's happened before and the earth survived!" But they do admit it would disrupt technology something fierce.

#9 - Gamma-ray burst: Supernovas are some of the universe's strongest explosions, and they discharge highfrequency electromagnetic radiation



known as gamma-ray bursts - which sound pretty deadly to us. But don't worry: for earth to be impacted, the supernova would have to be pretty close and aimed just right. Better hope the sun doesn't explode though. Then we're talking destroyed atmosphere, fires and acid rain-type stuff.



Many people have a sense of "doom on the horizon." When you look at things biblically from a prophetic perspective, it may not be that way at all.



Our approach is based entirely on biblical prophecy and as such, is most certainly subject to interpretation. What we reveal on this program is a result of the serious and collective study of many students of prophecy over many

years, revealing what we believe to be an accurate representation of God's plan for mankind and the earth.

Here is a really big hint as to the answer to the future of the earth and mankind:

Matthew 6:9-10: (NASB) <sup>9</sup>Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Notice the simplicity of this often-repeated prayer. The first thing Jesus models us to pray for after honoring God is God's kingdom and His will to be functioning on earth - how? Just like they are in heaven! Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He is telling us to look forward to the future.

To get to the fulfillment of that prayer, there is an order of events. Here is a simplified list of things that need to happen:

Spiritual Desolation
 Deep Trouble
 Deliverance

Resurrection
Judgment and Reconciliation
Peace

Please see CQ programs, "Is Jesus Really Returning?" (Parts I and II) from January 1, 2014 and February 2, 2014 for more information on this topic.



First, a prophecy that deals with matters of the spirit - setting up Jesus' return. Jesus was explaing his return to his followers weeks before his crucification:

Matthew 24:14-15: (NASB) <sup>14</sup>This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. (This gives us a sense that this particular prophecy covers a long time) <sup>15</sup>Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand).

# Spiritual Desolation

#### For the sake of time, we will only consider a very brief look:

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4: (NASB) <sup>3</sup>Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

The Abomination of Desolation: Who opposes and exalts himself above every socalled god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

We do not believe the Abomination of Desolation is a *person* but rather a *system*. When you look at the history of Christianity, there has been one system that has set themselves up above every other system of Christianity (self-exalted) and proclaimed to be the voice of God on earth - the Papal system.

Self-exalted - sits in the temple of God - what temple? The Scriptures say we are the temple of God's spirit. This system is sitting in place of the true church and overriding what the true church was supposed to be. That created in Christianity desolation (corruption). It is in this context that this "lawless one" calls himself God.

When you (spiritual Israelites) see this corrupting of spiritual Israel during the Papal reign then:

<u>Matthew 24:16</u>: (NASB) then <u>those</u> who are in Judea must flee to the mountains... (Time context verified in <u>Luke 21:20-24</u>)

*Judea* is a picture of Christendom and not the literal countryside. Those people flee to the pure source of truth. They are supposed to run away from the spiritual desolation.

So, big trouble has come in the spiritual world. What about the physical world - are we there yet?

Jesus continues laying out details that cover a very long time.

<u>Matthew 24:17</u>: (NASB) <u>Whoever</u> is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

Those truly most spiritual <u>but not separated from the corruption</u> have to decide to walk away. Peter prayed on the housetop when given the vision to convert Cornelius. It was a matter of wasting no time - leave all behind!

Christianity is not defined by the systems of Christianity but is defined by the individual faithfulness of those who hold true to scriptural truth.



Matthew 24:18: (NASB) Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

One coming from the world (represented by *the field*) and seeing these corruptions of Christianity must walk away.

Revelation 18:4: And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

<u>Matthew 24:19</u>: (NASB) But woe to <u>those</u> who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

Jesus is talking about the difficulties people have when trying to become his followers. It may be hard to walk away from what is comfortable to what is true.

When we look back in history, these are the things that had been happening in this space of spiritual desolation. God is not happy with the state of Christianity.

Matthew 24:20-22: (NASB) <sup>20</sup>Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath.

This personal approach sets the scene for the verses to come - the Sabbath being the end of the week - the end of the spiritually corrupted experience. The spiritual corruption or desolation does not last forever.

<sup>21</sup>For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. <sup>22</sup>Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

We follow this long trail of experiences that brings us to what is described as the *time of trouble*. But how does this unfold? Who does it affect? It will be a more severe time of trouble than we have ever seen.

Black holes/biotech disaster, Top 10 Ways the World Might End, watchmojo.com

- #8 Black Hole: This is going out not with a bang, but a whimper. Floating around the Milky Way are thousands of black holes, and any one could swallow everything in its path without warning. Then there are the theories about man-made black holes courtesy of the Large Hadron Collider. What might being sucked through a black hole be like? Think eternal winter in outer space or just plain nothingness.
- #7 Biotech Disaster: Biotechnology is a nice way of saying, "messing with genetics."
  - (Woman talking) We are now seeing the beginning stage of human evolution.
  - (Narrator) Yes, it can potentially end world hunger and eradicate disease, but the road to hell is paved with good intentions. Biotechnology also lets us customize our kids, clone people and basically screw evolution.
  - (Male reporter) Dolly is the name of the first mammal; yes a sheep, ever to be born as a result of cloning.
  - (Narrator) Ethical issues aside, imagine a race of superhumans so advanced they eliminate us? Or X-Men and zombie mutations? Or what if we bring dinosaurs back?
  - (Movie clip from Jurassic Park) We have a T-rex!





Jesus saying, "unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved" is an indication there is a pattern established that is positively deadly.

We do not believe we are in the big time of trouble yet but we are getting close.

Deep Trouble 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3: (NKJV) <sup>1</sup>But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>For when they say, peace and safety! Then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

Peace and safety - labor pains - sudden destruction - no escape.

We need to go through the misery of this deep trouble to be able to get to deliverance.

Deliverance

A quick look at a prophecy that gives a general overview of physical events:

<u>Daniel 12:1-4</u>: (NKJV) <sup>1</sup>At that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; (The favor of Israel to be restored. This has already begun. There is an overlapping of the phases.) And there shall be a time of trouble; such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. (There is deliverance in this time for God's elect - the spiritual resurrection.) <sup>2</sup>And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. (This time will lead to the earthly resurrection.) <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever. (This leads to a new way of governance.) <sup>4</sup>But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; (This time was when the spiritual desolation took place.) many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. (This "time of the end" has another sign - the great increase of knowledge and running to and fro. These signs are very obvious today.)

Now for Judgment day: Who is there? What does it look like who is in charge?





- #6 Climate Change: Climate change or global warming, man-made or natural: doesn't matter. There's no denying its repercussions on the planet: rising temperatures, droughts, extreme weather, diminishing air quality and dwindling natural resources are just the tip of the melting iceberg it could even cause the next ice age. Some say climate change is the most urgent threat facing humanity, and we're running out of time to stop it.
- #5 Supervolcano: A supervolcano is just what it sounds like: bigger, stronger and much more devastating than a regular volcano

because when one goes, all super volcanoes worldwide

go. But it's not like they're everywhere. Oh wait, does Yellowstone sound familiar? Lava flows and sulfuric acid would be bad, but the debris emitted by an eruption could block the sun and cause a big freeze. But it's rare, so there's that.





Many people have great fear and worry that the world is going to come to an end. If Jesus said, pray for *God's kingdom to come and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven*, then we need not worry. We need to see how the prophecies back that up rather than refute it. The world is *not* going to be burned up.

After we see the beginning of Israel's deliverance, the next step will be resurrection that follows the great trouble.

## Resurrection

#### It will be a time of firm governing and Jesus will be in control:

John 5:26-29: (NASB) <sup>26</sup>For just as the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son also to have life in himself; <sup>27</sup>and He gave him authority to execute judgment <2920>, because he is the Son of Man. <sup>28</sup>Do not marvel at this; for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear his voice, <sup>29</sup>and will come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment <2920>.

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The word judgment means <u>a time of trial</u>, not a final proclamation of judgment.

Reconciliation: When you reconcile things that are out of harmony, you make them work together again. When a bookkeeper reconciles numbers, the numbers balance on both sides. Judgment and reconciliation are tied very closely together.



Judgment and Reconciliation

## Jesus speaks of his authority based on Old Testament prophecy:

<u>Isaiah 11:1-5</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>And he will delight in the fear of the LORD, and he will not judge by what his eyes see, nor make a decision by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>But with righteousness he will judge the poor, and decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And he will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, And with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Also righteousness will be the belt about his loins, and faithfulness the belt about his waist.

This broad picture shows us there will be mercy, justice, and clarity - God's spirit of wisdom through Jesus on the earth. When Jesus talks about the resurrection to judgment in John 5, it is based on Old Testament prophecies God revealed to him.



A caller from Connecticut suggests: God put the rainbow in the sky as tangible proof that He will not destroy the earth. We should not put a period where God puts a comma because God is still speaking. <u>Psalms 46:10</u>: Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen; I will be exalted in the earth.

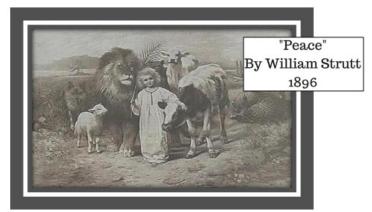


### Why the Day of Judgment? To follow up the sentence of death upon all men.

Hebrews 9:27-28:(NASB) <sup>27</sup>And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment <2920>, <sup>28</sup>so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await him.

#### Why the Day of Judgment? To give an accounting for idle words.

<u>Matthew 12:35-37</u>: (NASB) <sup>35</sup>The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. <sup>36</sup>But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the Day of <u>Judgment</u> <2920>. <sup>37</sup>For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.



### More description from <u>Isaiah 11</u> - what a place to be!

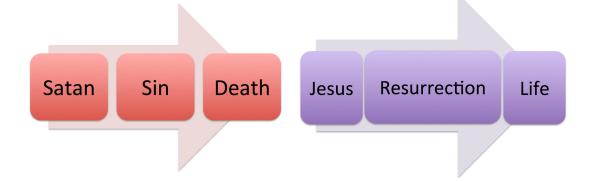
<u>Isaiah 11:6-9</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, and the leopard will lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little boy will lead them. <sup>7</sup>Also the cow and the bear will graze, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain; For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

#### Why the Day of Judgment? To judge the angels who sinned.

<u>2 Peter 2:4</u>: (KJV) For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment <2920>.

<u>Jude 1:6</u>: (KJV) And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the <u>judgment <2920</u>> of the great day.

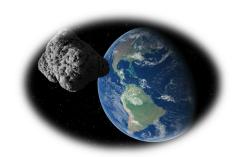
What do we have so far? A process we began tracing in our day of sin and death. It began with a spiritual judgment on false Christian systems. Sincere followers were called out of those systems. We then saw some hope for Israel as the trouble increased as never before. Then we saw a change of authority from that of Satan, sin and death to that of Jesus, resurrection and life. Judgment comes and it is in the context of a world that is transforming to righteousness.





#### Asteroid/artificial intel, Top 10 Ways the World Might End, watchmojo.com

 #4 - Asteroid: Could this really end all life on earth? Ask the dinosaurs. A big enough asteroid impact would eclipse the devastation of a nuclear blast, and the chances of it happening aren't as slim as you'd think: scientists have found asteroids that'll pass scary-close to earth in our lifetime, but claim they won't hit. Unless something changes. However, it's the ones they haven't found yet that are scarier.



• #3 - Artificial intelligence/nanotechnology: Unless you're some survivalist nut job, computers and technology significantly impact your life. So, what happens when computers surpass human intelligence, become self-aware and decide to take over? We predict a "Terminator"/"Matrix" mash-up, with lots of Apple products. Worst-case scenario? Gray goo, you know, where molecular nanotechnology goes haywire and robots self-replicate until they devour everything on earth. So that's fun.

God's plan overrides and supersedes every one of these things and they will not be allowed to happen to the point of complete destruction.

#### Judgment and Reconciliation continued...

<u>Isaiah 25:1</u>: (NASB) O LORD, You are my God; I will exalt You, I will give thanks to Your name; For You have worked wonders, Plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

God did not create the earth so that it would be destroyed. He created it for the joy of an earthly family.

#### Why the Day of Judgment? To "punish" (prune) the unjust/ungodly men:

<u>2 Peter 2:5-10</u>: (NASB) <sup>5</sup> and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; (sin has consequence) <sup>6</sup> and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; <sup>7</sup> and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled...(sin has consequence) <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment (to lop or prune, as trees and wings) for the day of judgment <2920>, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority... (Anything we do will need to be reconciled.)

<u>2 Peter 3:7</u>: (NASB) But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire (fire of reconciliation and purification), kept for the day of **judgment <2920**> and destruction of ungodly men.

## While this important and lifesaving judgment is going on, we can again see it will be done within the context of God's government through Christ:

<u>Isaiah 25:6-9</u>: (NASB) <sup>6</sup>The LORD of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; A banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, And refined, aged wine. <sup>7</sup>And on this mountain (in Bible prophecy, mountains represent kingdoms/governments) He will swallow up the covering (sin, death and Satan), which is over all peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death for all time, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, And He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>And it will be said in that day, behold, this is our God for whom we



have waited that He might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation.

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This "judgment" is a process of discovery - just like in a trial - and not a time of slamming the hammer of punishment down.

Matthew 12:16-18: (KJV) <sup>16</sup>And charged them that they should not make him known: <sup>17</sup>That it might be fulfilled **which was spoken by Esaias the prophet**, saying, <sup>18</sup>Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show **judgment** <2920> to the Gentiles.

Does everybody make it through this Day of Judgment?

Jesus was quoting from Isaiah. Does the following sound like a hammer or a process?

<u>Isaiah 42:1-4</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup>He will not cry out or raise his voice, nor make his voice heard in the street. <sup>3</sup>A bruised reed he will not break and a dimly burning wick he will not extinguish; he will faithfully bring forth justice. <sup>4</sup>He will not be disheartened or crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands will wait expectantly for his law.

The day of reconciliation is a process of building people up. Jesus brings goodness, grace, mercy, love and justice to the entire world.

- Biological warfare, Top 10 Ways the World Might End, watchmojo.com
  - #2 Pandemic or Biological Warfare: It's a threat of biblical proportions:
  - (Movie clip from "Ghost Busters") What do you mean biblical? What do you mean this Old Testament? Real wrath of God type stuff? Fire and brimstone coming down from the skies? Rivers and seas boiling, years of darkness, earthquakes, volcanoes, dead rising from the graves?
  - Pandemics like the plague and H1N1 spread through humans like wildfire the 1918 flu outbreak killed three to five percent of the world's population. Today, we have the added bonus of drug-resistant bacteria. If nature doesn't kill us, we might do it ourselves: biological warfare and weaponized viruses like Anthrax or Ebola are real threats too, maybe you'll be one of the lucky few who's immune.

As we see the process of judgment, we begin to realize how time consuming and detailed it will be, for each individual will have to be proven in a very new environment:



Jeremiah 31:29-34: (ASV) <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. <sup>30</sup>But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. (Everyone will be responsible for his or her own personal character.) <sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah... I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: (Israel will be the unified center of influence in this new world where judgment and reconciliation take place.) <sup>34</sup>and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.



What will the world look like in the 22nd century? All these things will begin to fall into place. There is an incredibly detailed process that has been underway for a very long time because God has planned it so. He allows sin and death to reign to give Christianity a time to develop and allow it to be corrupted, to pull true Christians out from that corruption and to bring upon the world a time when Israel can begin to be re-gathered and delivered, the great trouble will come, and then resurrection, judgment and reconciliation. Nothing will end the world. There is a reason humanity is in place on the earth.

## Despite all of the advantage given to each, every individual will not succeed:

Acts 3:22-23: (ASV) <sup>22</sup>Moses indeed said, a prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. To him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. <sup>23</sup>And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed (the opposite of life is nonexistence, not torture and punishment) from among the people.

### It would seem unbelievable that some will not progress, but such is the nature of free choice:

<u>Isaiah 65:17-25</u>: (ASV) <sup>17</sup>For, behold, I create new heavens (governments) and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. <sup>19</sup>And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people; and there shall be heard in her no more the voice of weeping and the voice of crying. <sup>20</sup>There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed.

There will be a period of time when everyone will have the ability to show progress and want righteousness. After resurrection, people will still have corrupt thoughts and will need to wash them away by learning righteousness. By God's mercy they will be given at least 100 years to learn.

## Yet, for those who comply with the righteousness and rule of God, the rest of this verse applies:

<sup>21</sup>And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring with them. <sup>24</sup>And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox; and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith Jehovah.

#### How broad of a peace will God's kingdom bring to earth?

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- #1 Nuclear Holocaust.
- (Movie clip) We've always talked about the possibility of something going wrong with the bomb. The hydrogen bomb.
- (Narrator) The Cold War may be over, but nuclear annihilation is still a threat. For more information, see "Iran" or "North Korea." At the touch of a button, humanity could be crushed not to mention the fallout, contaminated food, water, and air quality and worse yet nuclear winter. Consider this:





nuclear war could easily be caused by a misunderstanding. But, we've been in this boat for decades, so sleep easy.

- (Movie clip from Planet of the Apes) You maniac! You blew it up!
- (Narrator) Which potential feature keeps you up at night?
- (Movie clip) Nothing will survive! Nothing!
- (Narrator) Do you agree with our list? Or do you think some new threat will end our humanity?

We can see how all of the elements that bring God's kingdom had to work together and in order. From the lengthy spiritual desolation that begins the process of the "Time of the End" through the deep trouble and deliverance, (which are comparatively short) to the resurrection and judgment and reconciliation stages, (which are lengthy) - it all leads to *the peaceable*, *eternal kingdom*! The end of the story is actually the beginning of eternity!

<u>Daniel 2:44</u>: (NRSV) And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and **it shall stand forever**...

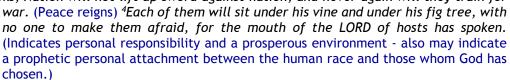
<u>Habakkuk 2:14</u>: (KJV) For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

The entire world will know the glory of God. We do not need to worry about nuclear fallout thousands of years from now; rather we can rejoice in the knowledge of God for all eternity. The role of true Christians is to work with Jesus in that government and to be faithful now so that we can assist in the brand new government of God.

<u>Psalms 22:27</u>: (KJV) All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.

#### What does the organization of this kingdom look like?

Micah 4:1-4: (NASB) ¹And it will come about in the last days that the mountain of the house of the LORD will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. (A government to surpass all governments) ²Many nations will come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths. For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. (World capital in Jerusalem) ³And He will judge between many peoples and render decisions for mighty, distant nations. (Righteous rule) Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for





#### The earth becomes bountiful, as the curse of sin is lifted off.

<u>Isaiah 35:1-10</u>: (NASB) <sup>1</sup>The wilderness and the desert will be glad, and the Arabah will rejoice and blossom; Like the crocus <sup>2</sup>It will blossom profusely And rejoice with rejoicing and shout of joy... (And the people become bountiful as well.) <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup>Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy... (They will be given a direct path to righteousness.) <sup>8</sup>A highway will be there, a roadway, and it will be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean will not travel on it, but it will be for him who walks that way, and fools will not wander



on it. <sup>9</sup>No lion will be there, nor will any vicious beast go up on it; these will not be found there. But the redeemed will walk there, <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD will return and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy upon their heads. They will find gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

<u>Matthew 6:9-10</u>: (NASB) <sup>9</sup>Pray, then, in this way: Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Now when you read <u>Matthew 6:9-10</u>, think about the prophecies, the process, and God's plan, which is written in the Scriptures. It brings us to an end of joy, peace, tranquility and God's ways, not man's ways. Jesus told us to pray for God's kingdom to come on earth because it is coming! Be aware of it, want it and look forward to it!

So, what will the world look like in the 22<sup>nd</sup> century? For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...

Think about it...!

And now <u>even more</u> to think about... only in the Full Edition of CQ Rewind!

A little more on how the Day of Judgment works:

Jesus with his true followers will be executing this judgment (having been already judged):

<u>John 5:24</u>: (KJV) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into <u>condemnation</u> <2920>; but is passed from death unto life.

<u>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</u>: (ASV) <sup>17</sup>Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. <sup>18</sup>But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Jude 1:14-16: (NRSV) <sup>14</sup>It was also about these that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, See, the Lord is coming with ten thousands of his holy ones, <sup>15</sup>to execute judgment on all, and to convict (convince of their wrong) everyone of all the deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an u229ngodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against him. <sup>16</sup>These are grumblers and malcontents; they indulge their own lusts; they are bombastic in speech, flattering people to their own advantage.

## The resurrected are to be judged on the basis of righteousness, justice and mercy:

Hebrews 4:12-13:(ASV) <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

<u>2 Peter 3:9</u>: (KJV) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.



#### God's plan gives opportunity for all to come to repentance:

<u>1 Timothy 2:3-6</u>: (NRSV) <sup>3</sup>This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; <sup>4</sup>who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself a ransom for all --this was attested at the right time.

## The Day of Judgment will work through the nation of Israel, guided by Jesus and his church:

Genesis 22:17-18: (NKJV) <sup>17</sup>blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. <sup>18</sup>In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

Galatians 3:26-29: (NKJV) <sup>26</sup>For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Jeremiah 31:28-34: (ASV) <sup>28</sup>And it shall come to pass that, like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down and to overthrow and to destroy and to afflict, so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith Jehovah. <sup>29</sup>In those days they shall say no more, the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. <sup>30</sup>But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. <sup>31</sup>Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: <sup>32</sup>not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: <sup>34</sup>and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more.

A little more on the spiritual desolation portion of our comments: Often we read of trouble periods in prophecy and assume it is the great time of trouble. Matthew 24 - Jesus' own prophecy of his return reveals *other* trouble before this, which is actually "Time of the End" trouble that eventually leads to the great time of trouble.

Matthew 24:29-31: (NASB) <sup>29</sup>But immediately after the tribulation of those days...

What days? The Luke account helps make sense of this!

## The days of tribulation under the iron rule of Christendom: The parallel Luke account:

<u>Luke 21:20-24</u>: (NRSV) <sup>20</sup>When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup>Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; <sup>22</sup>for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. <sup>23</sup>Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; <sup>24</sup>they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.



This is proof of the necessity to watch Israel in the context of Jesus' return and the end of the age, for the disfavor to Israel proclaimed by Jesus in AD 33 just weeks before his crucifixion finds its end at the very time of Jesus' return.

### Here is what this period of spiritual darkness produces, even after its iron rule is diminished:

Matthew 24:29-31: (NASB) ...the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light...

The light of truth now begins to be obscured by the new "science" of evolution, which inherently removes the ransom price of Jesus. Also, the light of the Mosaic Law now begins to be obscured by the idolatry of our modern day that essentially says that I am my own god.

...and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

## The stars are the spiritual leaders falling to their own hypocrisy and the ecclesiastical powers being shaken:

Hebrews 12:26: (NASB) And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.

### Luke's account fits in here to help verify that this is the great time of trouble:

<u>Luke 21:25-26</u>: (NRSV) <sup>25</sup>There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

#### **Back to Matthew:**

Matthew 24:30-31: (NASB) <sup>30</sup>And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. <sup>31</sup>And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet and they will gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

#### Luke adds:

<u>Luke 21:28</u>: (NRSV) Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

<u>Matthew 24:32-35</u>: (NASB) <sup>32</sup>Now learn the parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near; <sup>33</sup>So, you too, when you see all these things, recognize that he is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup>Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

#### The Luke rendering adds another dimension:

<u>Luke 21:29-30</u>: (KJV) <sup>29</sup>And he spake to them a parable; Behold the fig tree, and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.

How do we know Israel is this fig tree?

#### **Old Testament reference:**

<u>Hosea 9:10</u>: (NRSV) Like grapes in the wilderness, I found Israel. Like the first fruit on the fig tree, in its first season, I saw your ancestors. But they came to Baal-peor, and consecrated themselves to a thing of shame, and became detestable like the thing they loved.



<u>Luke 13:6-9</u>: (NRSV) <sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener see here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil? <sup>8</sup>He replied, Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.

(Source: Jamieson Fausett and Brown) Luke 13:6-9; fig tree—Israel, as the visible witness of God in the world.

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." — Abraham Lincoln

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God." — Corrie ten Boom