

Seven Trumpet Warnings Seven Bowls of Wrath

Who will survive?

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THE HEAVENS WILL PERISH

Hebrews 1:10-12 [God the Father speaking to His Son] “You Lord, In the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.”

The Son of God laid the foundation of the earth “in the beginning” (Heb. 1:2, 1Cor. 8:6, Jn. 1:3, Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:19). This goes back to the Genesis creation. The “heavens” are described as a “cloak” for “the earth” (Ps 102:25-26). The heavens were created (or seen through the firmament) after the earth was created. The heavens “will perish.” They will grow old, just like a garment grows old, and Christ will “roll them up” and then change them for a new garment around the earth. Now I ask you? If our “heavens” are perished, how could anyone on this planet survive?

Several passages speak of “new heavens and a new earth” which Christ will create (Isa. 65:17, Isa. 66:22, 2Pet. 3:13). To “perish” is to die. If the earth is dead, it will not support life.

I think it very possible that the earth will be reoriented in space at the end of this age (Isa. 24:20). In that case, the view of “the heavens” from the surface of the earth, will be changed. The constellations will not look the same.

Revelation 21:1 “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” (NRS)

Isaiah 65:17 “For look, I am going to create new heavens and a new earth, and the past will not be remembered and will come no more to mind.” (NJB)

Above the “new earth” the sun and the moon will still be for signs and for seasons. “‘And it shall come to pass That from one New Moon to another, And from one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall come to worship before Me,’ says the LORD” (Isaiah 66:23).

BURNED UP

2 Peter 3:10 “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”

Mark 13:31 “Heaven and earth will pass away . . .” (*Lk 21:33, Matt. 24:36*).

Hebrews 6:7-8 “For the earth . . . if it bears thorn and briars, it is rejected . . . whose end is to be burned.”

Deuteronomy 29:23 “The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in His anger and His wrath.”

This is the curse which the LORD prophesied would come upon the land of Israel, should they forsake the covenant. Those things which happened to Israel are the TYPE (prophetic) of those things which will come upon the whole of mankind (1Cor. 10:11).

Isaiah 24:6 “Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.”

The “few men” who “are left” will be the redeemed, who are removed from this earth on the day the last plagues begin.

Zephaniah 1:14-18 “. . . On the day of the Lord’s wrath; And all the earth will be devoured in the fire of His jealousy, For He will make a complete end, Indeed a terrifying one, of all the inhabitants of the earth.” NAS

Zephaniah wrote in the days before the Babylonian destruction. When the Babylonians attacked Judea they did not kill every inhabitant. They left the poorest of the people in the land. This prophecy of destruction is a dual prophecy. It will have another - complete - fulfillment.

Genesis 6:13 “And God said to Noah, “The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth.””

Luke 17:26-30 “And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: . . . the flood came and destroyed them all. Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: . . . on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.”

In Noah’s day, the flood destroyed every human being who remained outside of the ark. On the day that Lot was led out of Sodom, the fire destroyed every living thing left inside the city. “Even so,” means “just like that.” The last plagues will destroy all life on planet earth.

Jeremiah 4:23-26 [After the great day of the Lord] “I beheld the earth, and indeed it was without form, and void; And the heavens, they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled, And all the hills moved back and forth. I beheld, and indeed there was no man, And all the birds of the heavens had fled. I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness, And all its cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger.”

Remember. Israel, the pre-flood world, and Sodom were TYPEs (prophetic examples). What happened to them, will happen to the rest of mankind.

THE “TRUMPETS” (*Revelation Chapter Eight*)

In ancient Israel, trumpets were sounded **to warn** of impending attack, or as a **call to battle**. Trumpets were also sounded on the first day of the 7th month, to warn the people to prepare for judgment day - the Day of Atonement, just ten days away. The trumpet events of Revelation serve to warn the inhabitants of earth, that the “Day of the LORD” - Judgment Day, is fast approaching.

Reviewing the effects of the trumpet plagues, and those of the final 7 last plagues (the bowl judgments) will help me to explain why I believe this entire earth will be rendered desolate and lifeless. The redeemed people of God MUST BE REMOVED from this planet before the final plagues begin because those final plagues are universal.

Just think about the effects.....

First Trumpet: One third of all the trees and all green grass are burned up (Rev. 8:7).

Second Trumpet: One third of all creatures alive in the ocean are destroyed, and one third of all ships are destroyed, possibly by an asteroid hit. A “great mountain burning with fire” is “thrown into the sea” (Rev. 8:7-8).

Third Trumpet: One third of all water sources are contaminated when “a great star burning like a torch” falls on the rivers and springs. The star is called Wormwood (bitterness). Many are made sick and many die after they drink the bitter tasting water (Rev. 8:10-11).

Fourth Trumpet: One third of sunlight and one third of moonlight is darkened.

Dust may have been thrown into the atmosphere by an asteroid hit, blocking the sun, OR by massive volcanic eruptions, OR by a massive nuclear exchange. Growth of plants for food will be limited.

Fifth Trumpet: Those without “the seal” of God are tormented for five months (Rev. 9:1-11).

It would appear the Lord’s people are protected during this time, just as Israel was protected during the final seven plagues of the Egyptian slavery.

Sixth Trumpet: One third of mankind is killed by “fire, smoke, and brimstone” (melted earth) after “four messengers” headed for the Middle East, are released (Rev. 9:13-21).

This is most probably a great Middle East war, using weapons of mass destruction.

A THIRD - A THIRD - A THIRD - A THIRD - A THIRD

Do you think perhaps the wording - “a third” - is telling us who is behind the trumpet judgments? **Satan took one third of the angels of Heaven** with him in rebellion against the LORD (Rev. 12:4).

Every man on the street has heard of “the 7 last plagues.” Few understand that the 7 trumpet plagues come first. We know that Satan plans to stand in the Temple claiming to *be* God and demanding worship (2Thess. 2:4). **He will want humanity to believe that he is Christ come to rescue mankind**, and to save our planet. He will need to fulfill (or seem to fulfill) the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation. He will need to cause plagues leading up to his appearance.

Seventh Trumpet: Dominion over the earth is taken from Satan and given to the Son of Man (*Daniel 7:9-14*). The time for judgment has come. **Christ will return in glory.** Those in covenant with Him will be rescued and removed from the earth on that day, just as the final plagues of wrath are poured out.

*In the TYPE, Lot with his wife and two of his children, were led out of Sodom by the hand of angels **before** “fire and brimstone” destroyed the city. Lot was in covenant with the LORD and is called “a righteous man (2Peter 2:7).*

*Noah (a TYPE of Christ) with 4 sons and their wives (representing the redeemed), was safely protected inside the ark with the door shut, **before** it began to rain. Jesus said, “as it was in the days of Noah” and “as it was in the days of Sodom and Gomorrah” (Matt. 24:37, Luke 17:28-30). Noah and Lot were removed from danger, before the final destruction. Likewise, the people of God will be removed from this earth before the final plagues destroy all life on planet earth.*

The 7 trumpet events come BEFORE the Glorious Return of Christ.

The 7 bowl plagues begin AFTER Christ has removed His people.

The 7 trumpet events are limited in scope, except for #7 which is the Glorious Return.

The 7 bowl plagues are universal in scope.

SEVEN LAST BOWLS OF WRATH - Universal in effect.

The seven bowls of wrath are poured out when the 7th trumpet sounds in Heaven. These plagues ARE universal in scope. These are said to be **the full “wrath of God”** “poured out without mercy” (*Rev. 15:1-7; Rev. 16:1*).

Every living person will either take the mark, or refuse. Any person who “worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark,” “will drink of the wrath of God” (*Rev.13:11*) which is poured out as seven last plagues, or bowls of wrath (*Rev. 15:1*).

Only those whose names ARE written in the Lamb’s Book of Life will refuse to worship the beast, or to take his mark. These only will escape the 7 last plagues, because they will be removed from the earth on the day that Christ returns. **Anyone left on the earth will die.**

*A note about young children: At the time of Noah’s flood, there were many young children outside the ark with their parents. There were certainly children and babies left in Sodom and the cities of the plain. I personally believe that all children and all those who lived in ignorance of the LORD, will be resurrected to continue their lives at the 8th millennium (Revelation 20:5). They will be educated and then will have to choose whom they will serve. See study: “**The 8th Day - Messiah Reigns.**”*

THE BEAST WILL RULE THE ENTIRE WORLD

Revelation 13:7-8 [The Beast of Rev. Chapter 13] “And it was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. And all who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb. . .”

*If ALL who dwell on the earth will serve the Beast, that worship will be worldwide.
If everyone who serves the Beast will suffer the last plagues,
that means last plagues will be worldwide (Rev. 14:9-10).*

A harlot rides the Beast (the political system). A “harlot” or “immoral woman,” sold her body for money or favors, outside of marriage. I believe “the harlot” of Revelation, will be Jerusalem (*i.e.* geopolitical Israel). She was once a “faithful city” but she became a harlot (*Isa. 1:21*). She was once “married” to the LORD. She gave herself to foreign powers in exchange for trade, and advantageous treaties (and billions in foreign aid). She adopted the worship of foreign gods (money and power). The LORD finally divorced her (*Jeremiah 3:8*). Rome was never a “faithful city.”

In the last days, the “whore” will endorse the Beast system. She will encourage everyone to go along with that system - to accept “the mark.”

Revelation 18:8 “Therefore let her plagues come in one day.”

*Revelation 19 details those plagues which will come upon the “great harlot.”
Once again, they are “poured out” on THE DAY that Christ returns in glory.*

BOWLS OF WRATH - universal in effect

First Bowl: A plague causing “loathsome sores” (*Rev. 16:2*).

Second Bowl: Every living thing in the sea dies (*Rev. 16:3*).

*If the ocean no longer supports life, there is no food chain.
There is also little oxygen, because sea algae produce 75% of our oxygen.*

Third Bowl: All of the rivers and all of the springs of water become like blood.
They will not support life (*Rev. 16:4*).

Fourth Bowl: The sun scorches men with fire (Rev. 16:8). Possibly a gamma ray burst, or the result of the earth being knocked into a different orbit around the sun.

The “sores” of the first plague may be radiation burns, or may be the result of biological warfare. John may be describing different effects following the same event. Everything is set in motion on the day that Christ removes His people, His Spirit, and His protection, from the earth.

Fifth Bowl: Darkness will cover the “kingdom of the beast” (Rev. 16:10).

The sun will be darkened and the moon will give no light (Matt. 24:29). “He will clothe the heavens with blackness” (Isa. 50:3).

The beast power rules the entire world - therefore this plague of darkness will be universal. If a large asteroid were to impact earth, dust would be thrown into the atmosphere, blocking sunlight. Scientists believe a similar “hit” wiped out the dinosaurs. The same could result from multiple hits by weapons of mass destruction, or from several massive volcanic eruptions.

Sixth Bowl: Demonic powers gather “the kings of the earth and of the whole world” for a global war, against the LORD (Rev.16:14).

The nations of earth will prepare to fight against Christ as if He is an invading alien force.

Seventh Bowl: “Every island fled away and the mountains were not found. Great hail from heaven fell upon men, every hailstone about the weight of a talent [100pds]” (Rev. 16:18-21).

This will be the greatest earthquake ever known! The surface of the earth will be liquified - broken apart to an incredible degree. This earthquake will open every fault over the face of the entire planet. Psalm 46:6 says the earth will melt, at the presence of the LORD.

Micah 1:3-4 “For behold, the LORD is coming out of His place; He will come down and tread on the high places of the earth. The mountains will melt under Him, and the valleys will split like wax before the fire, like waters poured down a steep place.”

Isaiah 24:18-20 “For the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth are shaken. The earth is violently broken. The earth is split open. The earth is shaken exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut.”

sunlight
oxygen - clean water - vegetation
temperate climate

ALL GONE !

I do not see a universal flood of sea water here. If the "sky" is parted, or "rolled up like a scroll" (Rev. 6:14, Isa. 34:4) that suggests our atmosphere may be disrupted. If the oceans are vaporized, the water vapor may be dispersed into outer space - leaving the planet dry and lifeless.

With no clean air, no clean water, no vegetation on land or sea, severe heat, then darkness, then multiple asteroid showers or hits, while the surface of the earth is broken up and every island sinks - do you really think there could be any human life left on this planet? Many teach that the saints will reign with Christ, during the 7th millennium, over the nations who survive these last plagues. I don't see that!

Revelation 6:12-14 "There was a great earthquake and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll which is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place."

Imagine the forces it will take! Christ said that He would return, "in the glory of His Father." This is the power that created a billion suns!

The stars will not literally "fall" to earth. John may be describing an asteroid shower, or the stars may have the appearance of falling as the earth reels to and fro.

Isaiah 13:13 "Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger."

Matthew 24:35-37 [Christ speaking] "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

PLEASE TELL ME!
HOW COULD ANY HUMAN LIFE CONTINUE ON THIS PLANET
AFTER THESE EVENTS?

2 Peter 3:7, 10-12 “But the heavens and the earth which now exist are kept in store by the same word, reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men . . .”

2 Peter 3:7, 10-12 (continued) “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

“I beheld the earth, and indeed
it was without form, and void;
And the heavens, they had no light.
I beheld the mountains, and indeed they trembled,
And all the hills moved back and forth.
I beheld, and indeed there was no man,
And all the birds of the heavens had fled.
I beheld, and indeed the fruitful land was a wilderness,
And all its cities were broken down
At the presence of the LORD, By His fierce anger”
(Jeremiah 4:23-26).

WITHOUT FORM - AND VOID

“Without form and void” (Strong’s # 08414 & #0922) – these are the same Hebrew words that were used to describe the earth on the first day of creation, before God made anything (*Genesis 1:2*). The earth was dark, and without life. This prophecy of Jeremiah, was written before the Babylonians destroyed Judea, and Jerusalem. That destruction was a TYPE (a symbolic warning) for us in these last days, before the “coming of the Son of Man” (*1 Cor. 10:11*). The Babylonians did NOT kill every man in Judea, and the cities of that day were not destroyed by “the presence of the LORD.”

Isaiah 2:17-21 “And the loftiness of man shall be lowered down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day. But the idols He shall utterly abolish. They shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.”

All of Isaiah it is claimed, was only a prophecy of the Babylonian destruction of Judea, but these verses speak of the “glory of His majesty” which was not seen at the conquest of ancient Judea. The whole earth did NOT “reel like a drunkard” nor was it “clean dissolved” when Jerusalem fell. Men hid themselves from the Babylonians - yes. At the Second Coming, men will hide themselves from “the glory of His majesty” (Rev. 6:15).

Zephaniah 1:2-3: “I will utterly consume all things from off the land,’ Says the Lord. ‘I will consume man and beasts; I will consume the birds of the heaven, the fish of the sea, and the shrines with the wicked; and I will cut off man from the face of the earth,’ Says the Lord.”

Zephaniah was a prince descended from King David. He was the great, great, grandson of King Hezekiah, and second cousin of King Josiah. He was also a prophet of God. The warning given to Israel before the Babylonian destruction - a warning of impending doom - is a DUAL prophecy. It was for them - but it is also for us.

Zephaniah 1:14-18 “Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord’s wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy; for He shall make a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.”

After Jesus removes His own people to safety, the plagues which follow WILL “rid” the earth of “ALL” inhabitants. “Walk like blind men” (v.17) might refer to the plague of darkness or to the effect of the intense brightness of His coming, as Saul was struck blind by the glory of the risen Christ, on the road to Damascus.

Nahum 1:5,6,8 “The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, And darkness will pursue His enemies.”

DESTRUCTION OF THE NATIONS

Isaiah Chapter 34

34:1-2 “Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all things that come forth from it. For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.” (See also Revelation 16:14.)

Isaiah Chapter 34 (continued)

34:3 “Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.”

34:4 “All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll. All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.” (See also Revelation 6:14.)

34:8-10 “For it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion. Its streams shall be turned into pitch, And its dust into brimstone; Its land shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night or day; Its smoke shall ascend forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; No one shall pass through it forever and ever.” (See also Revelation 14:10-11 & Revelation 19:3.)

Verses 5-6 of this chapter, tell us that this is a prophecy concerning “Edom” (the kingdom of Esau’s descendants). The LORD calls them “the people of My curse.” But the “land of Edom” is not still burning today. The ancient destruction of Edom by the Babylonians was the TYPE. The rest of the passage tells us that this prophecy concerns the whole earth - burned with unquenchable fire.

34:11 “He shall stretch out over it the line of confusion [meaning ‘without form’] and the stones of emptiness” [meaning ‘void’].

There’s your “without form and void,” just as Jeremiah 4:23-26.

ISAIAH’S DESCRIPTION DETAILS THE EFFECTS

Isaiah Chapter 24

24:1 “Behold the Lord makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, distorts its surface and scatters abroad its inhabitants.”

Isaiah Chapter 24 (continued)

24:3 “The land shall be entirely emptied and utterly plundered; for the LORD has spoken this word.”

24:6 “Therefore, the curse has devoured the earth, and those who dwell in it are desolate; therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned and few men left.”

The “few men left” will be those evacuated to safety by Christ.

24:13 “It shall be like the shaking of an olive tree, like the gleaning of grapes when the vintage is done.” (See also Rev. 6:13 & Rev 14:19-20.)

24:18 “And the foundations of the earth are shaken.”

24:19 “The earth is violently broken. The earth is split open.
The earth is shaken exceedingly.”

24:20 “The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.”

24:21 “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall punish on high the host of exalted ones, [Satan and his angels] and on the earth the kings of the earth. They [the host of exalted ones] will be gathered together as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and will be shut up in the prison. After many days they will be punished.”

Revelation 20:1-3 “And I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he should not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time” (NAS).

THE LAND WILL REST

The Lord commanded a rest for “the land” that every 7th year. No crops were to be planted. Nothing from the field or vine was to be harvested. It was called the Sabbath of the 7th year (*Lev. 25:2-7*). They were to sow again - in the eighth year.

This cycle of planting for six years followed by a year of rest was a prophecy. The earth has groaned under Satan's cruel domination, for almost 6000 years. The earth will soon rest for 1000 years. The gospel will *not* be "sown" during that time, and *no* souls will be "harvested" for the kingdom. The redeemed of Christ will begin anew, to share the good news of salvation, with those raised to life at the 8th millennium - "the rest of the dead." By that time the redeemed will be trained as "priests of God and of Christ" (Rev. 20:5-6).

NOTE: The seventy years of Babylonian captivity during which the land lay desolate, were to fulfill 70 sabbath years (rest years) which Israel had not kept. Israel had been in rebellion for 490 years (2 Chron. 36:21).

The "rest" which came to the land, after the Babylonian destruction, is a TYPE (or symbolic prophecy) of the desolation which will come upon the whole earth, because men have forsaken their Creator.

Leviticus 26:33-35 "I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths as long as it lies desolate and you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest and enjoy its sabbaths. As long as it lies desolate it shall rest – for the time it did not rest on your sabbaths when you dwelt in it."

DESOLATION is REST
Leviticus 26:33-35

THE EARTH - THE LAND

I need to make a point here about the use of the Hebrew word translated as "earth." It is the same word frequently translated as "land." It is " 'erets" (Strong's #0776). We must examine the context to know whether the word refers to the whole "earth"- as in Genesis Chapter one, OR refers to "the land" promised to Abraham's Seed. In the Greek Apostolic Writings, we have the same problem with the Greek word "ge" (Strong's #1093). It is translated as "land," and as "earth." (The ancients had no clear concept of the "earth" as a globe suspended in space.)

You now understand why some folks teach that prophecies of destruction apply only to "the land" promised to Abraham's seed, not to the entire earth. They site the prophecies of coming destruction by the Babylonians or Assyrians, and say that these prophecies were limited in scope.

I believe that clues within the prophecies, tell us that these were dual prophecy. They applied - yes - to the destruction of the ancient “land” of Israel, but **they apply with even greater force to the coming destruction of the entire “earth” at the end of this age**. Israel and the ancient “land” was the TYPE (*symbolic*), representing how the LORD will deal with the entire earth and with the whole of humanity.

THE WHOLE EARTH

First: The “the earth” created “in the beginning” “will perish” according to God the Father speaking in Hebrews 1:10-12. “In the beginning the Son of God created the entire earth, and the heavens, not just the small area of “land” promised to Abraham’s seed.

Second: Yeshua Messiah - the Son of Man, will receive dominion over the entire “earth” - not just the small portion promised to “Abraham’s Seed.” All peoples, nations and languages will serve Him.

Daniel 7:14 “And to Him (the Son of Man) was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed (NAS).

Third: After Adam’s sin, “the earth” was cursed with thorns and thistles. Thorns and thistles are not confined to “the land” area promised to Abraham’s seed. Neither was the need to obtain food through cultivation efforts. The effects of those curses are universal.

Fourth: The Lord promised Noah that He would not again destroy all things “as I have done” - with flood waters. Noah floated for a year without seeing land. If that flood covered only the small area of land promised to “Abraham’s seed,” that seems very unlikely. A universal flood seems more in keeping with recent geological discoveries. If Noah’s flood was universal, then so is the destruction at the end of this age. Jesus said, “as it was in the days of Noah” (*Lk 17:26*). The final destruction will be by fire, but like the destruction of Noah’s day, it will be universal.

WHERE DOES SATAN SPEND THE 7TH MILLENNIUM?

Isaiah 24:21 “The host of exalted ones” are “gathered in the pit.”

Revelation 20:1-3 “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.”

Revelation 20:7-8 “Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth . . .”

In the Septuagint (an ancient translation from Hebrew to Greek) the Greek word “abussos” (Strong’s #12 - meaning bottomless or boundless) was used to translate the Hebrew “bohuw” (#0922 - meaning emptiness, void or waste). See Genesis 1:2 & Jeremiah 4:23. The same Greek word “abussos” is translated as “bottomless pit” in Revelation 20:1-2 of English Bibles.

(Hebrew) “bohuw,” ⇔⇔ (Greek) “abussos” ⇔⇔ (English) “bottomless pit”
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Satan is thrown into the abyss - the emptiness, the void, the without form. We are not told more about that place. I cannot speculate further concerning just where Satan will be imprisoned.

THE EARTH HAS BEEN TURNED INTO AN UNINHABITED WASTE.

Satan wanted the earth for his kingdom. He was “cast to the earth” after the war in the heavenly realm. I think it a fitting scenario, that the desolate earth may become his place of imprisonment, bound by those circumstances which he caused. Everyone and everything will be dead except for the Devil and his angels. I realize this may not be the case. Where ever the LORD chooses to imprison the Devil, I will just be glad of it.

THE SCAPEGOAT

As noted earlier, I have long believed that events connected with Christ's return will fulfill the ancient Day of Atonement prophecy of a judgment day.

Leviticus 16:21-22 On that day, two goats were chosen by casting lots. The goat chosen as "the Lord's goat" was sacrificed as a "sin offering" "for the people." This sacrifice was to "make atonement" for "all the congregation of Israel." Its blood was sprinkled over the Ark of the Covenant in the Most Holy Place. Its blood was also sprinkled in the first apartment, and on the Alter in the Courtyard.

After all of this was done - the High Priest was to confess over the head of "the scapegoat" (or Azazel goat) "all the iniquities of the Children of Israel and all their transgressions." This goat was left alive. It was taken to an "uninhabited place" (*Strong's #4057*) and turned loose. (*The idea was to make sure that the goat could never again enter the camp of Israel.*)

*Do you see the symbolism? The confessed sins of God's people were transferred to the head of the "Lord's goat." **The LORD's goat** represented Jesus. Jesus died. His blood is on Satan's "head" (Satan found guilty), just as the blood of the Lord's goat was put on the Azazel goat.*

***The scapegoat** represented Satan. The scapegoat was left alive. The confessed sins of God's people were transferred (via blood) from the Lord's goat, to the scapegoat.*

*After "the LORD's goat" (Jesus) died and rose again, He then becomes the High Priest, who transfers the sins of God's people to the head of the scapegoat, and He becomes **the "fit man"** who will banish Satan (the scapegoat) to the uninhabited place.*

Some object to this interpretation, wondering how Satan could ever be said to "bear upon himself" all our sins. I would explain that this is supported by the judgment pronounced in Daniel 7:10-22. (*See also Rom. 3:4, Psa. 51:4*). Jesus *carried* our sins, as the Lamb of God. He *carried* our sins as the priest. He bought us time. He has *assumed the guilt*. But the judgment will sit and Satan will be declared guilty of all the sins which he has tempted God's people to commit. He is the prima and original cause. He is "the deceiver." Jesus Christ (our High Priest) will transfer the forgiven sins of God's people to the head of Satan. Then as the "fit man" He will banish Satan to "the uninhabited place" for a thousand years.

After 1000 years - there will be a great resurrection.

THOSE RAISED FIRST - AND THE REST

Revelation 20:1-6 Satan is bound for 1000 years. “And I saw thrones and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years [7th millennium]. But, the rest of the dead did not live again until the 1000 years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

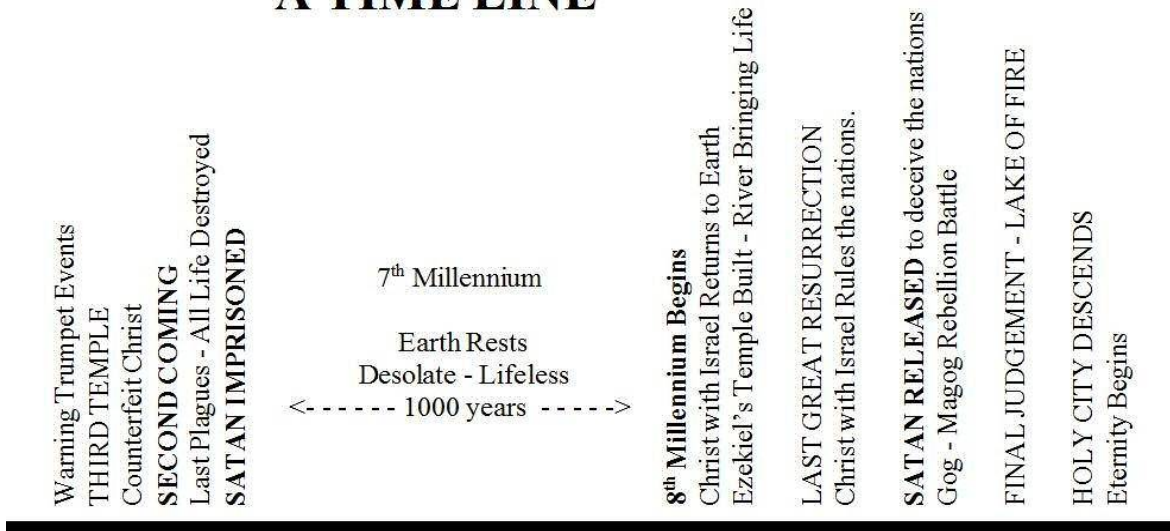
This chapter is about the 7th millennium. So I must talk about who will be alive during this period of 1000 years, and who will not be alive. Where will the living spend this time?

So far we have:

1. The redeemed: removed from the earth, transported to Heaven
May be returned to this earth for some portion of the 7th millennium
2. Satan and his angels: banished to “the bottomless pit” - “the uninhabited empty place”
3. The wicked: - confirmed in rebellion against God - judged and left to die by the plagues, their bodies consumed by fire as the earth is “burned up.” They will never be resurrected again.
4. The Beast: (a large geopolitical body) who fought against God and His people
The “False Prophet” (a false religious system)
- both thrown into the Lake of Fire, never to be resurrected again
5. The rest: left physically dead through the 1000 years, then resurrected at the 8th millennium

Just exactly how the redeemed will spend their time with Christ in the Father’s House, we are not told. Healing will need to take place, for minds and hearts. A great many questions will be asked and answered. We do know that we will become “priests of God and of Christ,” which means that we must be prepared to serve as priests for those raised at the end of the 1000 years. Speaking personally, I am not ready to rule over anyone just yet.

A TIME LINE



NOTE: Some students of prophecy believe that only those who were martyred will rise in the “first resurrection” and “reign with Him for a thousand years.” While I have no problem believing that those who gave their lives for Christ will be given an exalted place in the kingdom, other Bible passages support my belief that all of the “dead in Christ” will rise when the last trumpet sounds at His return (1Thess. 4:16, Matt. 24:30-31). When the 7th trumpet sounds, the time has come to “reward your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great” (Rev. 11:15).

RELEASED FROM HIS PRISON

Revelation 20:7 “Now **when the thousand years have expired**, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth . . .”

When the “rest of the dead” are resurrected after the 7th millennium, they will constitute “nations” - “in the four corners of the earth.” Satan will again have someone to tempt. He was bound for 1000 years. Now the battle for souls will continue. Each person must choose whom he/she will serve. And each person must be “tested.”

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SUMMARY

The Righteous - The Wicked - The Rest

1. There will be a resurrection of both righteous and wicked at the Second Coming (*Dan. 12:2-3*). **The wicked** will be judged on that day, and will be left to die as the last plagues are poured out. They will never be resurrected again.
2. When Christ returns, **the righteous** will go with Him to the place He has prepared for His “bride” - in the Father’s House. They will remain with Him for 1000 years. They will be trained and consecrated, to serve as “priests” - to serve “the rest” when they are resurrected at the end of the 1000 years.
3. **The earth** will be completely devastated by the seven last plagues. It will not support life.
4. **Satan** will be confined to “the uninhabited place” for the 1000 years of the 7th millennium.
5. **The “rest of the dead”** (persons who died in ignorance or immaturity) are NOT resurrected on the day Christ returns in glory. They will be resurrected 1000 years later, at the 8th millennium - to learn of Him and then to choose whom they will serve.

Christ (with Israel redeemed) **cannot rule over these “nations” during the 7th millennium** because these people will not “live again” until the 8th millennium - “The 8th Day.”

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