

# Destruction of Planet Earth: The Wrath of God Revealed!

## Part 1

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## Treasure Trove of Truth and Revelation

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To nonbelievers and scoffers, God's Word -- the Bible -- is a book full of ancient myths and fair tales. It is something which modern, intelligent, educated people just laugh at and dismiss; at least so the mockers claim. However, for those men, women and children who love God, and who believe that the Bible is His Authoritative Word, it is a treasure trove of unlimited truth and revelation. Sometimes that revelation is uplifting and inspiring, while at other times it would be downright frightening, if it were not for the fact that we know that God -- our Heavenly Father -- loves and cares for His own, and that He will allow nothing to happen to His beloved children, unless it is for our own good. This is a truth to which I can personally bear witness.

If you wish to explore this particular topic at a later date, you may want to consider reading such articles as "Beholding the Evil and the Good", "Love and Light, or Rod and Wrath?", "Love, Mercy, Forgiveness and Chastisement", and "Free Will and Personal Choice".

## The Wrath of God

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While I have written a number of articles which dwell upon the amazing future which awaits God's born-again, saved

children, this current series will center upon some of the more unnerving, prophetic, future events which await sinful mankind, and the Earth itself. These events have to do with the Wrath of God which will someday be poured out upon the rebellious inhabitants of this planet, in the form of a variety of Endtime Plagues and Judgments.

No doubt, just mentioning words such as "wrath", "plagues" and "judgments" will cause some misguided people to sit up and say "Wait a minute! That's not the God that I know! My God is a loving Being who would never do anything harmful to His children. He is a God of Love, and most certainly not a God of Wrath as you seem to believe. My friend, if you have been misled by that erroneous doctrine, which really has no Biblical support, then I encourage you to read on.

I also encourage you read the aforementioned articles, as well as other articles such as the six-part series entitled "The Great Tribulation and the Rapture", and "The Fruits of Disobedience". As you will see, our God is both a God of Love, as well as a God of Wrath. How He chooses to react to us, depends a lot on how we each react to Him. For the time being, just to dispel any doubts that you may have regarding this important issue, please consider the following verses:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."  
John 3:36, KJV

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"  
Romans 1:18, KJV

"Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience."  
Ephesians 5:6, KJV

"And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"  
Revelation 6:16-17, KJV

"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb . . . And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."  
Revelation 14:10, 19, KJV

"And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God . . . And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever."  
Revelation 15:1, 7, KJV

"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth . . . And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath."

Revelation 16:1, 19, KJV

"And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."

Revelation 19:15, KJV

So as you can plainly see, a time of Judgement and Wrath is indeed prophesied to come upon the Earth at some point in the future. This is not a manmade doctrine; it is Biblical fact. Do you still have any doubts about it?

## Global Warming

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For some time now, ever since the controversial issue of Global Warming was brought to the fore of people's minds, I have contemplated whether or not there is any Scriptural evidence to support the belief that Global Warming is real. A few Bible verses which I have often quoted when writing about this issue, which may possibly add some validity to the reality of Global Warming, are the following ones, which are found in the sixteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation:

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."

Revelation 16:8-9, KJV

While Global Warming may possibly be what is being described in the previous verses, there are other possibilities which I have begun to consider, which may be even more valid, and which may better fit what is being stated in those verses. I base my new considerations on the fact that in the previous verses, the word "scorch" is derived from the Greek word "kaumatizo". According to Thayer's Greek English Lexicon, it means to burn with heat, to scorch, or to be tortured with intense heat.

While I am not a climatologist or a scientist in any regard, my personal understanding is that Global Warming is a very gradual process. It is not something which just suddenly happens from one day to the next, or even from one year to the next. In similar fashion, when one places a pot of water on the stove, it does not come to a boil immediately. The temperature of the water must slowly rise until it reaches 212 degrees Fahrenheit -- or 100 degrees Celsius -- before it will reach a full boil.

Furthermore, it is my understanding that Global Warming will not cause people to be scorched with intense heat. The word I

wish to emphasize here is "scorched". When I see that word "scorch", I think of something like a flamethrower, or maybe meat that is being cooked on a barbecue grill, or over a hot campfire. While we humans sometimes like to use the phrase "scorching heat", the fact of the matter is that it is really an over-exaggeration in most cases.

As many of you will already know, Global Warming is believed to be caused by, or at least aggravated by -- depending on who you wish to believe -- a gradual buildup of heat within the Earth's atmosphere, which results from modern industrial emissions and pollutants -- that is, heat-trapping gases such as carbon dioxide -- which in effect prevent the heat from escaping back out into Outer Space. It is like putting a lid on the pot. In other words, it is what has come to be termed the "Greenhouse Effect", whereby a hot, humid atmosphere is artificially created within a controlled environment. But, to be fair, it is also important to point out that others are of the opinion that Global Warming has very little to do with human activity, and is simply a natural part of the Earth's life cycle.

While the Sun is believed to play a crucial role in the process of Global Warming -- being as it provides the heat which is later trapped within the Earth's atmosphere -- it seems to me that the aforementioned verses from the Book of Revelation may possibly be indicating something different to us. According to the accepted theory, Global Warming occurs in large part as a result of activities that happen on the Earth; that is, human activity. In other words, while the Sun is clearly involved, the Earth is actually the main player. However, with the previous verses, I am given the impression that the Sun is actually the main cause behind people being "scorched with great heat" on the Earth. God is using the Sun to mete out His Judgments on the rebellious people of Planet Earth. The Sun is the mechanism of God's chastisements.

As I pondered these thoughts, I read the verses which come right after the aforementioned ones. Consider the following:

"And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds. And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

Revelation 16:10-12, KJV

I have begun to suspect that what occurs in the previous three verses, is a direct result of what occurred in verses eight and nine. In other words, first we are told that the Sun scorches men "with fire" and "with great heat"; and then we are informed that the kingdom of the Beast is cast into darkness. How can that possibly be? I believe that we are also being told that people "gnawed their tongues for pain" because of the "pains and sores" which resulted from them being scorched by the Sun in the previous two verses. Thus, it seems evident to me that these things do not possibly result from just Global Warming alone. There is more going

on in these verses; at least so it seems to me.

This great heat would also explain why the Euphrates River dries up. This latter point is something which I have also briefly mentioned in a few other articles as well. In case you are not personally aware of it, even now, droughts and water shortages are already a major political issue in the nations of the Middle East. But my main point is that all of these events result from something happening to the Sun, or perhaps happening to the Earth in relationship to the Sun. So the question is, what is it?

At this point in our discussion, we are going to delve into a bit of personal speculation. Please bear in mind that what I am about to share with you are just my unproven theories, and nothing more. They may not even be scientifically sound theories. Those of you who possess more scientific knowledge than I, will be able to make your own determination as to their plausibility.

### Depletion of the Ozone Layer

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While most of the nations of the world have been signatories to the Montreal Protocol on Substances That Deplete the Ozone Layer, which is a protocol to the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, and are thus obligated to work towards reducing and eliminating their use of ozone-depleting substances such as Chlorofluorocarbons -- or CFC's -- as well as Hydrochlorofluorocarbons -- or HCFC's -- according to the information that I have read, the Earth's ozone layer is still not expected to fully recover until the year 2050. This is of course assuming that all of the signatory nations stay focused and on track. Given the nature of modern politics, national economic interests and other factors, I must wonder how well -- or how poorly -- the nations of the world are really doing at this current time.

As many of you will already know, the Earth's ozone layer protects all life on Earth from being subjected to dangerous levels of ultraviolet radiation from the Sun. Depending on its wavelength, ultraviolet radiation comes in three forms; that is, UV-A, UV-B and UV-C. UV-C is the most dangerous of the three, and would be extremely harmful to all life on our planet. However, we can be thankful that by God's Design, it is completely blocked from reaching the Earth by the ozone layer. While UV-B is somewhat less harmful, nevertheless, it is still responsible for causing sunburn. Furthermore, it is important to know that excessive exposure to UV-B can result in genetic damage, including skin cancer. The least harmful of ultraviolet radiation is UV-A. However, most of it does reach our planet, and excessive exposure to it may possibly result in genetic damage.

What I find amazing is the fact that if all of the ozone that is contained in the ozone layer were to be compressed to the pressure of the air at sea level, it would only measure three millimeters thick. Despite this fact, the Earth's ozone layer actually absorbs 97-99% of the Sun's high frequency UV light. Talk about God's amazing design, and His Divine Care for His children!

Having now shared with you the previous scientific facts, consider what would happen if, either through man's neglect and his failure to repair the ozone layer, or simply due to an Act of God, that is, a Judgment of God, the ozone layer was to be completely destroyed, or at the very least, it was to be seriously depleted; not just over the polar regions, as at this current time, but everywhere. If over exposure to UV-B can result in skin cancers -- is this the "pains and sores" that is described in the previous verses from the Book of Revelation? -- imagine what exposure to UV-C might do to us.

## Solar Flares

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While the Earth is located at a distance of one AU -- or 93 million miles -- from the Sun, this distance does not protect us from the effects of invisible Solar Flares. Solar Flares, which are large releases of electromagnetic energy, affect our planet in the form of high-speed clouds which consist of electrons, ions, and atoms, one or two days after said event has erupted on the surface of the Sun. These effects include the disruption of long-range radio communications, radars and similar technologies. Solar Flares also pose serious radiation hazards to spacecraft and astronauts, which is one reason why manned space flights are deemed to be a very risky business. If you are reading this series on the Endtime Prophecy Net website, below you can view an online animation of a Solar Flare in OGG video format. In order to play it again, place your mouse over the image, and then click on the triangle which appears on your screen. This video works with Firefox and Google Chrome. It may not work with other web browsers.

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I have sometimes wondered if, in His Divine Wisdom, God chose to use these various forms of dangerous radiation as a means to prevent man from carrying his violence and sins out into Outer Space, and potentially to other inhabited worlds. If we as a race are unable to overcome our problems and differences here on Planet Earth through peaceful, diplomatic means, and choose instead to resort to war, economic embargos, targeted assassinations and other forms of violence, why should we be blessed with the ability to explore Outer Space? I am reminded of the following verse. While the ancient Prophet Habakkuk was not actually referring to modern space flight -- he was really prophesying against the land of Edom -- nevertheless, from a modern perspective, I think that it is an applicable verse:

"Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD."  
Obadiah 1:4, KJV

To continue, due to the effect that they have on the Earth's outer atmosphere, Solar Flares can also affect low-orbiting satellites, resulting in orbital decay. Solar Flares are also believed to produce Coronal Mass Ejections, which we will be discussing in part three of this series. Similar to CME's, more powerful Solar Flares are capable of knocking out electrical power grids for months at a time. I have read that the most powerful Solar Flare to have ever been observed

occurred on September 1, 1859. Not only was this particular Solar Flare visible to the naked eye -- which in itself is highly unusual -- but it also produced auroras as far south as Cuba and Hawaii. Furthermore, the 1859 Solar Flare set telegraph systems on fire!

Concerning their frequency, depending upon whether the Sun is in an active phase or a quiet phase, Solar Flares can occur as often as several times during the course of a day, or as little as once a week, or even less. Furthermore, less powerful Solar Flares occur more frequently than larger ones. However, keep in mind that all it takes is one powerful one to wreak havoc upon the Earth.

My question is this: What would happen if the Earth were to be bombarded by -- or pass through -- a major Solar Flare of unprecedented proportions, such as a class X50 Solar Flare, for example? Aside from the widespread damage which would no doubt result to electronic systems and such, how would being bombarded by such heavy doses of electromagnetic radiation, -- including deadly ultraviolet radiation -- after our bodies? How would such an event affect our skin, our genetic makeup, and our biological processes? And what about the Earth itself? As some of you will already know, the Book of Revelation does speak of one third of the trees being burned up, and all of the grass on our planet being burned up, as we see by these verses that are found in Revelation chapter eight:

"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."  
Revelation 8:6-7, KJV

Exactly what this "hail and fire mingled with blood" is, I honestly do not know. I would suspect that it might possibly be a reference to solar plasma striking the Earth except for one thing: the blood. Is it possible then that these verses are actually referring to the immediate aftereffects of a nuclear bomb, in which everything -- including bloody body parts -- would fall to the Earth? As I said, I honestly do not know at this point in time; but there is one thing that we ought to consider: If this "hail and fire mingled with blood" is going to destroy one third of the trees, as well as all of the grass, what will it do to actual people?

Now ask yourself this question: What if at some point in the future, something currently unknown, and totally unexpected, alters the course of our planet through the heavens, so that its trajectory is brought in closer proximity to the Sun? How would a closer orbit to the Sun affect the Earth, if we were bombarded by a Solar Flare? How much more damage would be done? If you doubt this possibility, then I urge you to keep reading.

Earth's Orbit Altered  
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As I mentioned a moment ago, Solar Flares striking the Earth are not remote occurrences. They actually occur on a regular basis. However, there are other things which occur in the

heavens which can serve as a catalyst, and make just such a scenario, as I previously described, possible.

Many of you reading this series will no doubt be familiar with NEO's; that is, Near Earth Objects. As our knowledge of Outer Space around us has increased, the heads of national governments, astronomers and other kinds of scientists have found it necessary to make it their business to regularly track a plethora of space objects -- space debris, if you prefer -- which pose a potential threat and danger to our planet. In astronomical lingo, these objects are referred to as PHO's; that is, Potentially Hazard Objects.

Generally speaking, a Potentially Hazard Object is defined as any asteroid or comet which possesses an orbit which can bring it into close proximity with Planet Earth, and which possesses a size large enough to cause significant regional damage in the event of impact. More specifically, an object is considered to be a PHO if its minimum orbit intersection distance -- or MOID -- with respect to Earth is less than 0.05 Astronomical Units, and its diameter is at least one hundred and fifty meters, which is about four hundred and ninety-two feet. Were it to strike on land, planetary impact by an object of this particular size is sufficient to result in regional devastation unprecedented in our human history.

If such an object were to strike one of our oceans, it could also result in a major tsunami. The tsunami which struck the Japanese archipelago following the March 2011 9.0 undersea earthquake -- which is known as the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake or the Great East Japan Earthquake -- is actually minimal by comparison, yet look at how much damage it caused. As you may know, the nation of Japan is still recovering from that earthquake and tsunami.

PHO's are comprised primarily of PHA's -- or Potentially Hazardous Asteroids -- and PHC's -- or Potentially Hazardous Comets. As of August of this current year -- 2011 -- a total of 1,244 Potentially Hazardous Asteroids are known to exist. This is a topic which I will be discussing more in depth in a separate article at some future date. It is already in the works.

While a direct strike by a Potentially Hazardous Object would no doubt be very devastating for our planet, there is another danger which directly relates to my previous comments, and that is this: What if such a strike by a Potentially Hazardous Object were to result in our planetary orbit being altered to some degree? Not being an expert in the areas of astronomy or astrophysics, I honestly do not know how large such an object would have to be, or even at what speed it would have to be traveling, in order for this to occur. However, assuming that such a devastating scenario is indeed possible, as I asked a moment ago, what if this theoretical alteration was sufficient to bring the Earth into a closer trajectory to the Sun?

Taking the previous thoughts a step further, what if, as a result of the Earth's orbital alteration, we were so close at our perihelion -- that is, the Earth's closest point in its orbit around the Sun -- that our planet would be engulfed by -- or at least pass through -- a major Solar Flare? Would such an event fulfill the prophecy in the Book of Revelation

in which we are told that men "gnaw their tongues for pain", and are tormented "with fire" and "with great heat"? What do you think?

## Great Tribulation on the Earth

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In thinking about the previous theoretical scenarios, I am reminded of a number of verses in the New Testament that were both spoken by Jesus, and written by his First Century followers. These verses describe a period of great calamity and tribulation which will be so terrible, that even Jesus Himself tells us that there has never been a period like it before on the Earth, and never will be again. Furthermore, the Lord informs us that it will be so frightful, that men's hearts will fail them -- widespread heart attacks? -- due to the great fear which will engulf them, as they witness the terrible things that are happening upon the Earth, as well as in the heavens with the Sun, the Moon and the stars. Even the Prophet Joel writes about these things, and the Apostle Peter likewise warns us how the Earth will be engulfed by fire. Consider the following verses which describe this period of Great Tribulation on the Earth:

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel."  
Joel 3:14-16, KJV

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened . . . Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"  
Matthew 24:21-22, 29, KJV

"And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken."  
Mark 13:25, KJV

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken . . . Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."  
Luke 21:25-26, 33, KJV

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled

together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"  
Revelation 6:12-17, KJV

"And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."  
Revelation 8:8-12, KJV

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men . . . But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up . . . Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"  
2 Peter 3:7, 10, 12, KJV

I have long believed that when Jesus said that no flesh would be saved unless He and His Father cut short the period known to many Bible students as the Great Tribulation, that this meant that we would simply destroy ourselves, either through nuclear war, or perhaps by some other means. However in light of the previous verses, I have begun to wonder if what Jesus really meant, is that, were it not for His Father's Mercy, all of the people of the Earth would perish as a result of God's Judgments and great Wrath, as they are described in the aforementioned sample verses.

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## Part 2

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### Satan's Fall

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If there is one challenge which has always been presented to Bible scholars and Bible students alike, it is knowing where and when to place certain prophetic events in God's Divine Timeline. Equally challenging is having the wisdom to know when to interpret certain prophecies and verses in a purely symbolic or metaphorical sense, and when to understand them in a very literal sense. Sometimes our task is made easy for us. For example, in the following verse which was spoken by Jesus, I believe that the Lord is speaking in a metaphorical sense:

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."  
Luke 10:18, KJV

Obviously, Satan really isn't a bolt of lightning; but we know that when lightning strikes, it is extremely fast, it is unexpected, it is very bright, and the thunderous roar which accompanies it can be very loud when one is located near the point of origin. So perhaps the Lord is simply informing us how fast -- and how unexpected -- Satan's fall occurs, as we will see in a moment. Of course, the Apostle Paul also informs us that the Father of Lies can appear as an Angel of Light -- albeit a false one -- as well, as we see by this verse:

"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light."  
2 Corinthians 11:14, KJV

On a side note, I find it quite interesting that in the 2005 version of the famous sci-fi movie "War of the Worlds", the three-fingered aliens secretly transport themselves to the Earth in -- believe it or not -- lightning bolts, in order to access their destructive machines which they had earlier hidden beneath the Earth's surface.

## Symbolic and Literal Stars in the Bible

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When stars are mentioned in the Bible, sometimes they are meant to be understood in a real, physical sense, while at other times -- such as in the Book of Revelation -- they are sometimes used to describe actual spiritual entities; that is, obedient Angels, fallen Angels, demons, and even the Son of God Himself. For example, consider the following verses:

"And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit."  
Revelation 9:1, KJV

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."  
Revelation 12:3-9, KJV

"I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star."  
Revelation 22:16, KJV

So as you can see, precisely as the Apostle Paul likewise informs us, there are unseen, spiritual powers, entities and principalities which dwell in the heavens, who have been given different areas of authority and responsibility. In the following verse, the phrase "high places" finds its origin in the Greek word "epouranios". This word basically means "existing in heaven", and is translated in the New Testament as heavenly, celestial, in heaven, and one time -- in this verse -- as "high places":

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

## Ephesians 6:12, KJV

While the previous verses reveal that stars are sometimes meant to be understood in a purely symbolic sense in God's Word, we must not overlook the fact that at other times they are meant to be understood in a very literal sense as well. It is my current belief that this is indeed the case with the verses that we looked at earlier. In my view, one clue which demonstrates that this is so, is the fact that they are mentioned in conjunction with the Sun and Moon. Unless we somehow wish to likewise interpret the Sun and the Moon in a spiritual sense, then we can only conclude that when Jesus prophesies of the stars falling from heaven, and when the Apostle John describes great stars which fall from the heavens and poison the oceans and the rivers, they must be speaking in a very literal sense.

In light of these facts, is it any wonder then that Jesus tells us that men's hearts will be "failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth"? It's going to be a very terrible, dreadful, fearful time for the inhabitants of the Earth; particularly for those people who have not placed their faith and trust in the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ. While we Christians will be rejoicing at Christ's imminent Return, nonbelievers of the world will be cowering in fear, and ashamed, in the caves of the Earth, as they try to hide from the Wrath of God, and witness the terrible destruction all around them.

## Great Endtime Global Earthquake

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In Revelation 6:12-17, which I quoted in part one, we are told that a great earthquake occurs prior to the Sun being darkened, the Moon turning to blood, and the stars falling from the heavens. At this point in our discussion, I would like to draw your attention to some additional verses where we are also told that a great earthquake strikes the Earth. Consider the following:

"Which removeth the mountains, and they know not: which overturneth them in his anger. Which shaketh the earth out of her place, and the pillars thereof tremble. Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south. Which doeth great things past finding out; yea, and wonders without number."  
Job 9:5-10, KJV

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the

LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger."  
Isaiah 13:9-13, KJV

"And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."  
Revelation 16:18-20, KJV

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."  
Revelation 20:11, KJV

It is very clear from the previous verses that this tremor is unlike any earthquake humanity has ever experienced before. No matter which earthquake comes to our minds, it is nothing compared to what is yet to come. This prophesied earthquake will be so powerful and so destructive, that the Apostle John describes it as "a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth." Furthermore, it will be so global in scope, that John informs us that "the cities of the nations fell . . . And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."

Folks, we are talking about cataclysmic, global destruction which will result from one earthquake; or perhaps there will be a major earthquake which will serve as the catalyst for initiating a whole chain of destructive earthquakes that will occur in rapid succession. After all, Jesus did warn us that there would be "earthquakes in divers places" in Matthew 24. While until now I have assumed that He meant that this would occur over a period of time -- even decades perhaps -- I am now wondering if maybe He actually meant all at once, just prior to His Return.

I don't know how many of you have actually experienced a strong earthquake, but they are not something that one soon forgets. I am not talking about tremors that measure 4.0 or 5.0 on the Richter Scale. In my own life, I have experienced quite a few 6.0 and 7.0 earthquakes over the decades. This is no doubt because I have lived in areas of the world which are more prone to such seismic events. This includes Mexico and Japan, as well as the West Pacific region.

In fact, about two decades ago, I was at the center of an 8.0 earthquake. To be more precise, the epicenter of that tremor was located about eighty miles to the southeast of our home. However, with an earthquake that is that strong, eighty miles is not enough to sufficiently mute so mighty a shaking of the Earth. I can still faintly recall the grinding under our feet as the earth shook and heaved all around us. In fact, they say that it moved our entire island home about a foot on its limestone base.

Mechanisms of God's Divine Chastisements

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While we know that the Hand of God is clearly behind all of these end-of-the-world events, we also need to keep in mind that the Bible reveals that quite often, the Lord uses the actual physical forces of nature -- which He designed -- as mechanisms of His Divine Chastisements. One primary example of this, of course, is the Flood that occurred in the days of the Patriarch Noah. God has also seen fit to use droughts, fires, pestilences -- that is, various plagues and diseases on both human and beast -- famines, etc., as mechanisms of His Divine Chastisements.

In fact, as I point out in such articles as "The Fruits of Disobedience", God will even use our enemies -- including our political enemies -- as His instruments of correction, rods of chastisement, and vessels of wrath against us, when it suits His Divine Purposes. These truths are evidenced by verses such as the following:

"Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And then the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you."  
Deuteronomy 11:16-17, KJV

"When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou afflictest them: Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk, and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) That they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers."  
1 Kings 8:35-40, KJV

## Earth Moved Out of Her Orbit

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With the previous thoughts in mind, I have begun to wonder about what will be the physical cause of the aforementioned great earthquake which will completely level our planet. Are we to believe that all of the tectonic plates of the world are just going to suddenly start colliding together at once, such as in a domino effect? While the great God of Heaven may possibly choose to bring about so great an earthquake in such a manner in order to reveal His Wrath to the people of this Earth, it has occurred to me that it is possible that He may rely upon some currently unseen external force, which will be responsible for this great temblor which will leave

the entire Earth flattened, and human civilization trembling in fear, as it beholds the vast destruction which lays before it.

This takes us back into the realm of personal speculation and interpretation of the Scriptures. In the previous verses, we are told three times that God has already moved, or will move, the Earth out of her place. In Job chapter nine we are told "Which shaketh the earth out of her place"; in Isaiah chapter thirteen we are told "Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place"; and in the twentieth chapter of the Book of Revelation we are told "from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

While we may be tempted to interpret the previous verses as referring to regionalized earthquakes, I suspect that this is not what the verses are implying at all. In my view, clearly, they are describing the entire Earth being moved out of its current orbit. Furthermore, we are given several Scriptural clues regarding how this may possibly happen. Please notice that in the verse from the Book of Isaiah, we appear to have what amounts to a cause and effect statement. The Lord says "Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place." In other words, the Earth moving out of her place seems to be related to, and result from, the Lord shaking the heavens. When God shakes the heavens, it seems that something is going to happen which will move the Earth out of her place; that is, out of her current orbit.

#### Powers of the Heavens Shall Be Shaken

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If you recall the verses that I shared with you earlier from the Gospels, then you will know that Jesus said the very same thing in all three Gospels. He specifically said:

". . . the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"  
Matthew 24:29, KJV

". . . the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken."  
Mark 13:25, KJV

". . . for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."  
Luke 21:26, KJV

#### Like Untimely Figs: A World Caught Off-Guard

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As I already said, while we may be justified in interpreting these "powers" as spiritual powers and entities which dwell in the Heavenly Realm, the fact that Jesus mentions the Sun, the Moon and the stars in the same verses, seems to indicate to me that He is actually referring to the forces of nature -- such as gravity -- which hold these heavenly bodies, as well as planets, comets, asteroids and other Space objects, each in their particular orbit. In my view, that may be why, once these powers or natural forces are shaken, Jesus tells us that "the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind."

Do you really understand what that means? I think it is very significant that the Lord specifically says "untimely figs". Untimely figs are obviously not ripe yet. They are not meant to be harvested or eaten yet. In other words, because these Endtime prophetic events are going to occur "out-of-season" so-to-speak, national governments, astronomers and other men of science are not going to be expecting them to happen. They are going to be caught totally off-guard. What is going to occur will be totally contrary to their learned expectations. These prophetic events which will occur in the heavens and on the Earth will contradict all of their computer models and pet theories regarding how the world -- and the Universe -- are supposed to operate. God will humble the wisdom of this current world, and silence the skeptics. As the Apostle Paul writes in his first Epistle to the Corinthian brethren:

"For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."  
1 Corinthians 1:19-21, KJV

"Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain. Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;"  
1 Corinthians 3:18-21, KJV

As a Thief in the Night  
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The fact that the unbelieving world at large will be caught off-guard by these coming cataclysmic events is perfectly in agreement with the many admonitions that we find in the New Testament, where we are told that humanity as a whole will be totally unprepared for the Lord's Return. As Jesus tells us, the timing of His Return will be as in the days of Noah. No reasonable person was expecting it to rain. "Ha! Rain? How ridiculous!" they must have thought. Oops . . . it rained! The five wise virgins will be ready for their Lord's Return, while the five foolish virgins will be without oil, and will be caught totally unprepared. One will be taken in the field, while the other will be left behind, when the Lord returns as a thief in the night. As the Apostles Peter and Paul tell us:

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-4, KJV

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise,

and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up."  
2 Peter 3:10, KJV

The fact that national governments, the scientific community and the world in general will be caught so off-guard by the events of the Endtime leads me to another interesting topic. As we saw earlier in this series, in Matthew 24:29, Jesus said "Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." In Revelation 16:10, we were also informed that the Beast's kingdom "was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain."

The big question in my mind is this: What is the source of this darkness? Now obviously, if the Sun has been darkened, then the Moon will not be able to give her light, being as the Moon reflects the light of the Sun. If we were to take a simplistic approach in our endeavors to understand Matthew 24:29, we could say that at the time of His Return, Jesus is simply indicating that there will be a New Moon, accompanied by a total solar eclipse, as well as a meteor shower, all in the same day, or perhaps at least in very close proximity to each other. Whether or not it is even possible for a New Moon and a total solar eclipse to occur in the same day, I am not certain, being as I have not conducted any degree of research concerning this matter.

Let me also remind you that because of the fact that we read the Bible in black and white print, in a linear fashion, at times it can be difficult to determine whether or not there are any time gaps between different events. The individual who wrote the verses may perfectly understand what he has written, but for those of us who are reading his words a few thousand years later, the clarity can easily be lost. So are there any time gaps between the Sun being darkened, the Moon failing to give her light, and the stars falling from heaven? I honestly do not know. I can only speculate that if there is any time between these various Endtime events, it is very minimal. The reason why I say this, is because Jesus tells us that these celestial events will occur "immediately after the tribulation of those days", and right before He returns.

## Universal Laws of Physics / Intelligent Design

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However, the main point I wish to emphasize here, is that as I have already indicated in previous paragraphs, personally, I am not fully convinced that the Lord is describing solar or lunar eclipses. Jesus clearly states that "the powers of the heavens shall be shaken." The word "powers" is derived from the Greek word "dunamis", which implies strength, power and ability. The word "dunamis" is in turn derived from "dunamai" which means to be able, or to be capable.

In other words, my understanding is that everything in the physical Universe -- stars, planets, moons, etc. -- is able, or capable, of maintaining its rotation, its revolutions, its brightness, its atmosphere, its trajectory through the stars and its very composition and existence, as a direct result of the very laws of the physical Universe which were created by

God. God's universal laws of physics are the invisible forces that make it possible to keep everything in its proper place, and doing what it does.

Of course, these universal laws of physics are upheld by the very Will of God. As a result, planetary bodies never cease to follow their assigned orbits. Day after day and year after year, the Sun and the Moon also faithfully follow their paths through the sky. Likewise the stars, asteroids, comets and so many other Space objects, both known and unknown, keep to an established course, as ordered by the Lord. The Bible offers us hints of this Intelligent Design and order by our Creator in verses such as following. As King David writes, the very heavens are the Signature of our Divine Creator:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good."

Genesis 1:1, 14-18, KJV

"They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera."

Judges 5:20, KJV

"Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not; and sealeth up the stars. Which alone spreadeth out the heavens, and treadeth upon the waves of the sea. Which maketh Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and the chambers of the south."

Job 9:7-9, KJV

"Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?"

Job 38:31-33, KJV

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;"

Psalms 8:3, KJV

"[To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.] The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

Psalms 19:1-6, KJV

"To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever: The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever: The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalms 136:5-9, KJV

"He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names."

Psalms 147:4, KJV

"Praise ye the LORD. Praise ye the LORD from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the LORD: for he commanded, and they were created."

Psalms 148:1-5, KJV

"Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:"

Isaiah 40:21-22, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the LORD that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;"

Isaiah 44:24, KJV

"Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:"

Jeremiah 31:35, KJV

"Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The LORD is his name:"

Amos 5:8, KJV

As I stated a moment ago, King David basically said that the heavens are the Signature of our Divine Creator, and proof of His existence. It should come as no surprise then that over a thousand years later, the Apostle Paul would make a similar statement, in which he too would declare that, because of the Lord's Creation which exists all around us, we have absolutely no excuse for denying His existence, as we see here:

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:"

Romans 1:20, KJV

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Universal Laws Of Physics Unravel  
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So to reiterate, when the Lord says that "the powers of the heavens shall be shaken" just prior to His Return, it sounds like something very major to me. My impression is that the very physical laws of the Universe are going to unravel; and that whereas before everything was kept in its proper place, chaos is going to break out. This would certainly explain how the stars will fall from heaven. Let us not forget that Jesus said that people's hearts will be failing them for fear, as a result of the things which are coming upon the Earth, as a result of God's Wrath being meted out against them. So in my opinion, the Lord must be indicating certain events which will totally shock and scare the world.

In my view, it just does not make sense that in this modern age of science and technology, where most people understand at least the basic mechanics of the phases of the Moon, as

well as the nature of lunar and solar eclipses, anyone is going to become alarmed by a solar or a lunar eclipse, or a new moon. So again, the powers of the heavens being shaken must imply more, much more. Let me remind you yet again that the Bible describes great global destruction coming upon the Earth in the years ahead, which, as we have seen, will be a result of God's Wrath being poured out upon the rebellious inhabitants of the same.

## Life Expectancy And Phases Of The Sun

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In part one we discussed the Sun, and the dangers which are posed by Solar Flares. At this point in our discussion, we are going to delve deeper into the actual mechanics of the Sun, and examine possible future scenarios, as they pertain to the aging of a star, and the potential fate of the Earth.

According to astronomers, the life expectancy of the Sun as a main sequence star is about ten billion years. They believe that at this current time, it still contains enough hydrogen to fuel its nuclear fusion process for another five billion years or so. At that time, some five billion years from now, hydrogen fusion will be replaced by helium fusion, and our Sun will convert into a Red Giant, whereas now it is referred to as a Yellow Dwarf. One by-product of this ongoing stellar process is that the Sun's radius will expand about two hundred and fifty times beyond its current radius. Obviously, this is bad news for the Earth. However, at the same time, computer models indicate that these same solar processes will result in the Sun losing about thirty per cent of its present mass, which in effect will cause the orbit of the planets to move outward.

## Astrophysicists Say Planet Earth Is Doomed

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Despite the fact that according to computer simulations, the Sun will eventually lose about thirty per cent of its current mass during its Red Giant phase, this still does not take our planet out of harm's way. The truth of the matter is that if we accept what astrophysicists are now telling us, as well as what computer models are revealing to us, it seems that we are doomed no matter how we choose to look at it; or to be more accurate, far-future generations of humans are doomed. On the "Sun" page, under the "Life Cycle" subtopic, the Wikipedia website has this to say:

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"If it were only for this, Earth would probably be spared, but new research suggests that Earth will be swallowed by the Sun owing to tidal interactions. Even if Earth would escape incineration in the Sun, still, all its water will be boiled away, and most of its atmosphere would escape into space. Even during its current life in the main sequence, the Sun is gradually becoming more luminous (about 10% every 1 billion years), and its surface temperature is slowly rising . . . The increase in solar temperatures is such, that in about another billion years the surface of the Earth will likely become too hot for liquid water to exist, ending all terrestrial life."

"Following the red giant phase, intense thermal pulsations will cause the Sun to throw off its outer layers, forming a planetary nebula. The only object that will remain after the outer layers are ejected is the extremely hot stellar core, which will slowly cool and fade as a white dwarf over many billions of years."

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In short, the Bible is not the only source that predicts the destruction of the Earth. Even modern science does as well. Of course, the difference is that modern astrophysics and astronomy attribute the destruction of our planet to natural forces working in the Universe, whereas the Bible plainly tells us that in reality, it is a result of the Wrath of God.

### Arrogance Of Modern Science

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It is important that you understand that what I just shared with you is based upon questionable computer models, and the current perspective of the scientific community. It is not based upon God's Word, or upon God's Perspective. While my words will no doubt be offensive to some people who embrace the scientific point of view, I believe that it is ludicrous, as well as arrogant, for man to even begin to think that he possesses an understanding of how God's Universe operates. Furthermore, I think it is foolish to even attempt to assign time frames to events which may be millions or billions of years into the future, assuming that they will ever happen at all. Not only that, but God alone is the One who determines when things begin, as well as when they will end. Once again I am reminded of the following verses:

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past."  
Ecclesiastes 3:14-15, KJV

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"  
Isaiah 46:9-10, KJV

### Our Desire To Know And To Understand

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Don't misunderstand me. It is by no means my goal to downplay scientific research and discovery. Most of us are intrigued by the mysteries of the Universe. We want to know what is out there, and we desire to understand how it works. Of course, I am no different. I remain totally awed by the vastness of the Universe, and I truly marvel when I view images of what man's telescopes, probes and other exploratory space vehicles have already discovered out there.

However, when we attempt to apply our limited thinking and

understanding to what God has already done, or to what He may do at some point in the far future, and then make such definitive statements as if we really know, is it possible that we are stepping a bit beyond our bounds? Only God knows exactly how long He has ordained a particular star to shine, and to give light and life to a planet, because only He has been there since the very beginning, and only He set things in motion. Again, the Prophet Isaiah writes:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."  
Isaiah 55:8-9, KJV

My point in sharing all of this with you is simply this: As I noted in part two, in spite of his scientific knowledge, and the things which man has learned regarding our immediate neighborhood in Outer Space, when the earth-shaking events of the Endtime begin to occur, particularly those things which will transpire right before the Return of Jesus Christ, the people of this Earth will for the most part be caught totally off-guard. All of their science will not have predicted or anticipated what is going to occur. As a result, they will be terribly frightened, and no government-sponsored initiatives will be able to change that.

Will The Sun Contract Into A Black Hole?

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Please consider the following: Astronomers claim that our Sun still has billions of years of life remaining, but what if their computer models are wrong? What if by God's Design and Foreknowledge, the nuclear fuel of our Sun -- hydrogen -- is suddenly and unexpectedly depleted; and rather than progress to its next phase of existence as a Red Giant which is fueled by helium, something totally unexpected occurs? What if the internal equilibrium is breached, and rather than a temporary contraction of the core, gravitational collapse ensues, and our Sun is in fact converted into a powerful black hole?

No doubt some astronomers and astrophysicists will scoff at such a notion, and will claim that our Sun does not possess the mass which is required for this to occur. To those of you who think this way, how do you know? Are you God? Did you create the Sun? Do you know the future that He has planned for it, as well as for us? Are you so arrogant as to think that your science and computer models trump God's Will? Do you think that He must bend to your questionable theories and speculations regarding the Universe which He created?

While we all must recognize that formulating theories is an essential step to new discoveries, we must also be careful that, as a result of our pride and arrogance, we don't make the mistake of erroneously presenting such theories as solid scientific fact, before they truly merit such an honorable classification. It seems evident to me that at this current time, this is precisely what is happening. There is so much scientific information available nowadays which people have been led to accept as proven fact, when in reality, it still belongs in the realm of theory and personal speculation.

I believe that this may be particularly true when we discuss long-term events, such as those which are related to sciences such as astronomy and astrophysics. Again, we must not allow our pride and arrogance to make assertions for which there is no clear, indisputable evidence. No one truly knows how old the Earth is. No one truly knows how old the Sun is. No one truly knows how old the Milky Way Galaxy is. No one knows how old the Universe is. Except God Himself. So let's stop trying to dictate how God's Universe must operate, based upon the limitations of our own finite and imperfect minds.

### Kingdom Of The Beast Full Of Darkness

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As many of you will already know, the gravity field of a black hole is believed to be so great, that nothing escapes its grasp, not even light. That is precisely the point that I wish to make. As we have already seen, the Bible clearly informs us that at the time of Christ's Return, the Sun will be darkened, and the Moon will no longer give her light. We are also told that the kingdom of the Beast will be full of darkness, and that people will gnaw their tongues for pain. It is clear then that it is going to become extremely dark. Exactly for how long I honestly do not know; but if it is for an extended period of time, what that also means is that it will also become extremely cold. If this were to occur in the middle of dead winter, the situation would be even worse for those people affected by it.

So rather than a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse occurring, is it possible that Jesus was implying something else; that is, something more permanent, such as the Sun turning into a black hole, which absorbs rather than emits light? Of course, I honestly don't know the answer to this question, but I do view it as one interesting possibility. If the Lord was able to "turn on" the Sun and the Moon at the dawn of Creation, He is most certainly capable of turning them off as well if it suits His Divine Purposes, such as when it is time to cast the kingdom of the Beast into total darkness.

### Total Electronic Blackout

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While I have presented the previous theoretical scenario to explain how the Sun and the Moon may possibly be darkened, and why the kingdom of the Beast will be full of darkness, there are a few other possible explanations to consider.

If we stop to consider the modern age in which we live, and in particular, how we all depend so much on electricity and a plethora of electronic devices, the fact that the kingdom of the Beast will be full of darkness could be implying that there will be a total electronic blackout. Imagine yourself without your precious iPhone -- oh dread! -- or your spiffy computer, or telephone services, or water flowing into your home, or gasoline for your car because pumps aren't working. Now imagine millions or billions of other people in the very same situation. Worse yet, imagine that this occurs for an extended period of time with no apparent relief in sight.

What can we expect? National or global freak out! But don't worry; because by the time that we reach this point in God's

Divine Timeline, the aforementioned great global earthquake will have already occurred, and most -- if not all -- of the aforementioned services will have already been wiped out. It is important that you are on the Right Side when that occurs.

## Coronal Mass Ejections

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How might this happen? One possibility which has occurred to me is a Coronal Mass Ejection of unprecedented proportions which, similar to an electromagnetic pulse weapon -- such as an atomic bomb being exploded in the atmosphere above the Earth -- would knock out all electronic equipment, leaving a large part of the world in absolute total darkness. If movie producers can create such effects in their cinematographic productions, how much more can the great God of the Universe create them in real life if He so pleases, such as when it comes time to judge the violent kingdom of the Beast?

For those of you who may not be familiar with them, a Coronal Mass Ejection -- or CME -- is a massive burst of plasma and electromagnetic radiation from the Sun. When these powerful bursts reach the Earth, and interact with the magnetosphere, in addition to causing Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis, they can also disrupt radio transmissions, as well as cause extensive damage to satellites and electrical transmission systems, resulting in potentially massive and long-lasting power outages.

As you will no doubt notice, the effects of a Coronal Mass Ejection are very similar to those which result from a Solar Flare. To be honest, I am not certain what the difference is between these two solar-related phenomena. While the online sources I examined state that they are related in some way, they don't seem to specify how they are related; or perhaps the science is simply too profound for my limited personal understanding. I am even wondering if Coronal Mass Ejection and Solar Flare are simply two different terms which describe the very same solar event.

If you are reading this series online, below you can see an animation of a Coronal Mass Ejection which occurred September 30 to October 1, 2001. In this animation, our solar disc -- the Sun -- is concealed behind the coronagraph's mask in the center of the animation. Masking becomes necessary in order to acquire images of the outer layers of the Sun, such as the corona. In similar fashion, if one uses the right kind of equipment when a total solar eclipse occurs, he can observe the corona during the brief period of darkness. Notice the burst in the lower right corner of the animation.

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## Ancient Egypt And Gross Darkness

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While I have offered a few scientific possibilities in order to explain how this Endtime darkness might occur, there is one other explanation worthy of our consideration, and that is this: If we consider that God is the Creator of the entire Universe, and that all things were made by Him, and are thus subject to His Will and Laws -- both spiritual and physical

-- then it becomes obvious that He can simply make it happen, simply by speaking the word.

For example, similar to what we read about the kingdom of the Endtime Beast being full of darkness, in the Old Testament we also learn that one of the plagues of Egypt was that the Lord sent three days of darkness by the hand of His servant Moses. In fact, the darkness was so thick -- or gross -- that we are told that the Egyptians had to grope around in order to find their way. In the following verses where we see the phrase "even darkness which may be felt", the word "felt" finds its origin in the Hebrew word "mashash" which means to feel or to grope:

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings."  
Exodus 10:21-23, KJV

What I also find interesting is the fact that this was a very selective kind of darkness. It was obviously not a natural darkness. How could it be, if the Egyptians were affected by it, while the Israelites were not? Is it possible that the darkness which will fill the kingdom of the Beast will be a similar kind of gross darkness? Speaking of gross darkness, consider these verses which just now came to me:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."  
Isaiah 60:1-2, KJV

In the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah we also find this verse:

"Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness."  
Jeremiah 13:16, KJV

Sun Moon And Stars Are Darkened  
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That God can somehow create selective darkness is likewise revealed in the following verse that is found in the Book of Revelation, which we discussed earlier:

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."  
Revelation 8:12, KJV

We can easily attribute a third part of the Sun being smitten to a partial solar eclipse. In similar fashion, we can also

attribute a third part of the Moon being darkened to a partial lunar eclipse as well. However, what explanation can we offer for a third part of the stars being darkened, or for a third part of the day and the night being darkened as well? Please note that, as with today, in the Bible a full twenty-four day is divided into two twelve-hour periods. This becomes clear when we read what Jesus had to say in the Gospel of John:

"Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world."

John 11:9, KJV

Taking this point into consideration, this seems to indicate that the Book of Revelation is telling us that four hours of natural daylight will somehow be lost, and that the Moon will likewise not shine for four hours during the night as well. If these are two successive occurrences, could the previous verse possibly be signifying an eight-hour-long event?

### Satan And Fallen Angels Cast To The Earth

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Regardless of how we choose to look at this issue, there is no logical, scientific way to explain this mystery. There is simply no natural, astronomical way for a third of the stars to just suddenly blink out of existence. Therefore, I must conclude that this will be a supernatural occurrence which only God Himself will be able to perform, or at least allow to occur.

As I discussed in part one, what I find interesting is the fact that just as we are told in the previous verse that a third of the stars will be darkened, Satan will also cast a third part of the stars to the Earth as well; meaning, I believe, the Fallen Angels who side with him in his battle against Michael the Archangel. Allow me to share those key verses with you again:

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth . . . And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."

Revelation 12:3-4a, 7-9, KJV

As I mentioned earlier in this series, the problem that I see with assuming that the stars which fall from heaven in Matthew 24:29 are the same stars -- or Fallen Angels -- who accompany Satan in the previous verses from Revelation, is that in His same remarks, Jesus also mentions both the Sun and the Moon being darkened as well. This seems to imply, at least in my view, that He is referring to real, physical stars. However, upon further contemplation, I have realized that there is one possible way to bring a certain degree of harmony to these various verses. First, let's consider the

verses again altogether:

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:"

Matthew 24:29, KJV

"And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."

Revelation 8:12, KJV

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Revelation 12:3-4a, 7-9, KJV

Genesis 6 and the Book of Enoch

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The idea I am about to share with you is a rather esoteric personal theory. I will leave it up to you to determine its merit. As I first asked in my 1997 article entitled "Hell and the Lake of Fire", is it possible that up until a time in our recent history -- and maybe even now -- the majority of the evil spirits and Fallen Angels who follow Satan have been kept at bay in the darkness of Outer Space, beyond the Earth's atmosphere, perhaps even as far away as the outer fringes of our Solar System? Before you outright dismiss this possibility, please consider the following verses:

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day . . .

Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

Jude 1:6, 13, KJV

As you may know, I have sometimes used the first verse when discussing the rebellious Sons of God -- or Fallen Angels -- who sinned in Genesis chapter six, and who I believe are now imprisoned deep in the bowels of the Earth, waiting for their time of judgment by the Lord. You will notice that the first verse specifically states "under darkness". However, please also notice that the second verse refers to "wandering stars" and the "blackness of darkness". In other words, it seems to be implying Outer Space, as opposed to under the Earth. As I mention in the article "The Book of Enoch: Truth or Heresy", as well as in the series "Nephilim: The Giants of Genesis", according to the Book of Enoch, about two hundred Fallen

Angels took part in the rebellion which occurred in Genesis chapter six. These are the evil entities who I believe are now abiding their time -- in prison -- inside the Earth.

Considering then that a full third of the Angels are cast out of Heaven with Satan in the twelfth chapter of the Book of Revelation, is it possible that the Bible and the Book of Enoch are actually discussing two different groups of Angels; that is, one small group of two hundred which currently finds itself imprisoned in the Earth by the Lord's command; and a second group -- still in the heavens -- who will be cast to the Earth -- along with Satan -- at some unspecified future date?

Father of Lights, Sun, Buckler and Shield  
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If we are willing to consider this possibility, is it also possible that the physical mechanism which God has chosen to use to keep this larger group of Fallen Angels at bay -- at least for now -- is the very powerhouse of light that we call the Sun? "What?!" you say, "Surely you must be joking! That is the most outlandish thing I have ever heard!" Perhaps so, but please consider the following: As you may know, within the Christian religion -- as well as in many other religions -- the Sun is used as a symbol to represent God. Even in the Bible, King David made a metaphorical reference to this fact in the Book of Psalms, as we see here:

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."  
Psalms 84:11, KJV

The idea of King David referring to God as the physical Sun should really come as no surprise to us. As I have mentioned before, in the New Testament, the Apostle James makes a very similar statement with the following:

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."  
James 1:17, KJV

Doesn't the phrase "Father of Lights" remind you of the Sun? I discuss this topic more at length in such articles as "The Children of Light: Are You One of Us" and "This Little Light, Glory of the Lord and Our Bright Future". I think you will find them quite inspiring to read.

But please take note of the other descriptive word that King David uses to describe God in the previous verse from the Book of Psalms: shield. This word "shield" is derived from the Hebrew "magen", which signifies a shield or buckler, and a means of defence. King David uses this same terminology in his eighteenth Psalm where he writes the following:

"As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him . . . Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great."

Psalms 18:30, 35, KJV

In the previous two verses, the words "buckler" and "shield" are derived from the very same Hebrew word "magen". In fact, for those of you who may not be aware of it, in the Hebrew language, the six-pointed Star of David -- which is also referred to as the Shield of David -- is called the "Magen David". So as you can see, for many centuries the Jews have used a six-pointed star to symbolize God, and James refers to God as the "Father of Lights" in His Epistle as well. But there is more.

Please go to part four for the continuation of this series.

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Sun Is Our Life-Giver and Protector  
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While this series has concentrated on some of the potential dangers that our own Sun poses to us, both now, as well as in the future, it should not be overlooked that, just like our great God who is the Father of Lights, the Sun has also been a great blessing to us all. In fact, if it were not for the presence of the Sun in our Solar System, we would not even exist, and the Earth would surely be a cold, dark, dead planet, wandering through the darkness of Outer Space. But that is not all.

Not only does the Sun provide us with life and light, but it is also our shield and protector, exactly as King David said. How so? Quite simply, if it were not for the Sun, the Earth would no doubt be in even more danger of being struck by a comet, an asteroid, or some other space object. Thankfully, many such Deep Space drifters perish in the fiery orb of the Sun before they have a chance to wreak havoc on our planet. Concerning those objects which don't crash into the Sun, the heat of the same often weakens them, and causes them to begin to disintegrate, before they reach our immediate vicinity.

## Ominous Thick Dark Cloud Of Absolute Evil

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In a spiritual sense, God the Father -- who is our Father of Lights -- likewise shields us, his fragile creatures, by His very Brightness and Goodness, from the evil which lurks just beyond our sight in the Spirit Realm. In other words, just as the Sun protects and shields us from "Outer Space darts" such as comets and asteroids that often zip by our planet, in His Divine Love and Mercy, God likewise protects us from all of the deceptive darts of our spiritual enemy -- Satan and his minions -- as we see by the following verse:"

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."  
Ephesians 6:16, KJV

So, as we learned in part one of this series, while God is a God of Wrath, He is also a great God of Love as well. Again, it all depends on how we each choose to react to Him.

Isn't it wonderful to see how the teachings of the Old and the New Testaments fit so perfectly together. Surely this reveals the Divine Authorship of the Holy Scriptures. From King David to the writers of the New Testament, we see such a unity in thought, belief and purpose. Both speak of God the Father being symbolized by the Sun. Both speak of the mighty shield of His Protection. Both speak of the tactics of the Evil One.

I mentioned a moment ago the possibility that a great horde of evil spirits, deceptive demons, Fallen Angels and other wicked entities may exist outside of the Earth's atmosphere, and perhaps even on the fringes of our Solar System, and that God may possibly be keeping them at bay -- at least for this current time -- either by the mere Power of His Will, along with the help of the Obedient Angels who are at His charge, or perhaps by evening using the physical Sun as a mighty, bright shield to repel them. Impossible you say? Maybe not.

As I explain in the aforementioned articles, from the opening chapter of the Book of Genesis, to the closing chapters of the Book of Revelation, the Bible reveals a sharp contrast between the light and darkness. A constant war is being waged between the Sons of Light, and the evil Children of Darkness. While we often use these terms in a symbolic or metaphorical sense, is it possible that these beings actually fear the physical light as well? It would certainly explain why a lot of people claim to be attacked by "alien beings" during the dead of night when all is dark and still, wouldn't it? So it

isn't really too much of a stretch to consider that the Sun may actually be serving a dual purpose which we don't yet fully understand.

If this ominous, thick, dark cloud of absolute evil is really lurking out there in the dark depths of Outer Space, waiting for an opportunity to encroach on the Lord's territory, what if that day finally arrives? What if someday the Lord chooses to lift His Protection from our planet?

## A Dual Reality: Physical and Spiritual

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I mentioned earlier that there may be a way to find a degree of harmony and unity between these various verses concerning the Sun and the Moon being darkened, the stars falling from heaven, and Satan and a third of the Angels being cast out of Heaven. Having now shared the previous information with you, and setting the stage for these profound and esoteric ideas, please consider the following.

It has long been my personal belief that we live in a dual reality; that is, one physical, and the other spiritual. We cannot usually see into the Spirit Realm because our senses are not tuned properly to be able to perceive it. The few people who have been given this ability, or who have had an experience with a visitor from the same, have left us with a number of amazing stories: the Prophet Elijah and the Lord's Chariots of Fire, Ezekiel and his wheel within a wheel, the Apostles Peter, James and John witnessing Jesus transform on the Mount of Transfiguration, the visions of the Prophet Daniel, John's Book of Revelation, Moses' encounters with the Lord on the summit of Mount Sinai and in the Tabernacle, and Joshua receiving assistance from the Captain of the Lord's Host during the battle for Jericho, to name a few.

I also believe that the physical affects the spiritual, and the spiritual affects the physical, and that they can each be a reflection of the reality of the other. To give you a simple example, we cannot see stress; yet stress can actually make us physically sick in a variety of ways. Neither can we see sadness, yet sadness makes us physically cry, and can also affect our health. We cannot see love, yet love fills us with joy and fulfillment. I also believe that some illnesses, such as mental and psychological illnesses, can also have spiritual causes. As I explain in articles such as the four-part series "Demonic Possession And Sickness: A Biblical Perspective", I also believe that certain physical afflictions may also have spiritual root causes.

I concluded part three by asking a serious question: What if God, in His Wrath, should someday choose to remove His Divine Protection from the Earth? If the physical and the spiritual both affect each other, and are a reflection of each other, how would this be revealed? Wouldn't what is happening in the Spirit Realm be reflected by events which are also happening in the physical realm on the Earth as well?

## When Demons Come Rushing In

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If God the Father -- the Father of Lights and the Sun -- is

now keeping Satan and his evil minions -- a third part of the stars -- at bay right now in the outer regions of Space, and if the physical Sun is somehow playing a role in this, then the parallel here is that if the physical Sun should be darkened -- as Jesus said it will be in both the Gospels, as well as in the Book of Revelation -- it will obviously be a reflection of the spiritual reality that God has lifted His Protection from our planet, and His Spirit has departed from the Earth. Consequently, the people of Earth will be left in total spiritual darkness, and will become vulnerable to the deception and wrath of the Prince of Darkness and his demons.

In the physical realm, the Lord tells us repeatedly that the actual stars will be falling from the heavens. The spiritual parallel is that Satan and his minions will also be cast out of Heaven. Again we see that what is happening in the Spirit Realm is also occurring in the physical realm as well. Just as asteroids and comets usually remain hidden from our view in the darkness of Outer Space until they pass by our spacial neighborhood, so it is with the Prince of Darkness and the Father of lies, and the Fallen Angels who associate with him. The minute that the lights go out -- meaning the Sun will be darkened -- those demons of darkness will come rushing in, and will take over the Earth. Is it any wonder then that in the Book of Revelation, we are told the following concerning the Endtime Babylon the Great:

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird."  
Revelation 18:2, KJV

#### Lovers of Darkness and Haters of Light

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Similar to people who knowingly reject Christ, Satan and his demons cannot stand the Light of God. In fact, they hate it, and they try to hide from it in their clouds of darkness and deception. They are spiritual wickedness in high places. But the minute that the Sun is gone, woe to the Earth! As we saw earlier, the kingdom of the Beast will be cast into darkness. As Jesus said in the Gospel of John:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."  
John 3:19-21, KJV

We may not be able to physically see demons of darkness, but rest assured that they are ever present, always doing their dirty work, and trying to hinder the Work of God. As I said, the minute that the Sun is darkened -- meaning God's Divine Protection has been lifted and His Spirit is removed from the Earth -- those foul beings will come rushing to our planet to begin their short-lived reign of terror.

Moon Darkened: Rapture of the Saints

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What about the Moon? If God the Father is represented by the Sun, and if the Moon reflects the light of the Sun, then we can say that we -- God's Church -- are represented by the Moon, because we reflect God's Light to the people of Earth. Again, please refer to the aforementioned articles regarding this topic. Please again notice the amazing parallel between what will be happening in the Spirit Realm, and what will be occurring in the physical realm. If the actual physical Sun being darkened is a reflection of God's Protection being lifted, and His Spirit departing from the Earth, then what can the Moon being darkened symbolize? Well, what happens to the Church when Christ returns? Consider the amazing truth that is revealed in the following verses:

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."  
 Matthew 24:30-31, KJV

"For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."  
 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18, KJV

In short, when the Moon is darkened, we Christians -- who are the Bride of Christ, and the spiritual light of the world -- will be gone! We too will depart from the Earth; at least for a time. It will be up, up and away for us! The Saints of God will be raptured! We will be caught up into the clouds to be with our Lord forevermore. In short, what we have seen is this:

Physical -----	Spiritual -----
Sun darkened	God's Protection is removed and His Spirit leaves the Earth
Moon darkened	The Church, who is the light of the world, is raptured
Stars fall from heaven	Satan and one third of the Angels are cast to the Earth, gross physical and spiritual darkness and deception ensues

God's Mercy and Longsuffering  
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As I explain in a number of other articles, the Bible tells

us that God is very loving, very merciful and very patient. As the Apostle Peter informs us, God is longsuffering, and He is not willing that any should perish, as we see here:

"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water."

1 Peter 3:18-20, 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."

2 Peter 3:9, KJV

As you can see, due to His longsuffering, we are told that "God waited in the days of Noah". God wanted to save a part of humanity, so He purposely waited until Noah and his sons had time to complete the Ark. How long did He wait? Based on the following verse, it appears that He waited for one hundred and twenty years, before He finally sent the Flood:

"And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years."

Genesis 6:3, KJV

If that isn't an example of mercy and longsuffering, then I don't know what is. What an impatient lot we humans are by comparison. However, in spite of His own Goodness and Mercy, even God's patience can reach a limit. By the way, that is exactly what longsuffering is; it is patience.

## Satan's Wrath

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When the Day of Christ's Return arrives, once again, God's patience will have finally run out. Because people have not appreciated His Love and His Mercy, once we Christians are gone from the Earth, God will remove His Protection, as well as His Spirit, and He will allow rebellious man to experience Satan's full Wrath. As the popular, old saying goes, you can never truly appreciate God's Mercy, until you have known the Devil's justice; although in this case, we might say Satan's wrath. As we read in the Book of Revelation:

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Revelation 12:12, KJV

With God's permission, Satan will lead that ominous, thick, dark cloud of absolute evil to the Earth, where they will terrorize the world in ways it has never known before. He, along with his human agents, will serve as the vessel of God's Wrath and Judgment upon the Earth, because the people of the Earth will have rejected the Mercy of the Lord, due

to their own stubbornness and delusion. The Prophet Jonah, after momentarily rebelling against the Lord's Will for his life, had this to say:

"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy."  
Jonah 2:8, KJV

One thing that you need to understand is that Satan is not only a deceiver, he is also a usurper and a copycat. Just as I have described this dark cloud of evil who will accompany Satan to the Earth, the Scriptures inform us that there is another cloud; that is, a cloud which consists of all of the departed Saints of God. As we are told in the Epistle to the Hebrews:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."  
Hebrews 12:1-2, KJV

To continue, as we have seen, that "spiritual wickedness in high places", that is, that dark cloud of absolute evil in the heavenly regions -- Satan and the Fallen Angels -- will be cast down to the Earth, once God's Protection and Spirit have departed from it, and we, His Saints, are gone. As we saw earlier in this series, the Apostle Paul tells us:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."  
Ephesians 6:12, KJV

## The Son of Perdition

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As I point out in other articles which discuss the Endtime, such as "Who Is Hindering The Antichrist?", at that time, Satan himself may possibly enter -- that is, possess -- a human being, who the Apostle Paul refers to as "the son of perdition". Consider the following verses:

"Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his

mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness."  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, KJV

At that time, not only will physical darkness reign on the Earth, but spiritual darkness will as well. There again we see another parallel between the physical and the spiritual. Earlier, we discussed how the kingdom of the Beast will be filled with darkness. Now we can see that said darkness will only be a physical reflection of the real spiritual darkness. This will not be the first time that the powers of darkness have reigned upon the Earth. In fact, two thousand years ago, just prior to His execution by the Jewish leadership and the Romans, Jesus had this to say to His murderers:

"When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness."  
Luke 22:53, KJV

Please notice that in the previous verses, the Apostle Paul informs his readers that they "know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed." In other words, even at that time two thousand years ago, this Satan-inspired leader was being held back from making his appearance on the world stage. Those three words -- withholdeth, letteth and let -- are all derived from the same Greek word "katecho" which means to hold back or to restrain.

So even two thousand years ago, someone was preventing this Satan-inspired and Satan-empowered false god from making his appearance in the world until it was "his time" to do so, as Paul informs us. A variety of theories have been proposed regarding who this someone might be. They range from God the Father Himself, to the Holy Spirit, to the Archangel Michael, to the presence of the Church. My personal view is stated in the aforementioned article. Whichever position you personally embrace, the point is, once that preventive presence or force is removed from the Earth, Satan -- along with his "fallen stars", the rebellious Angels -- will reign supreme on this planet for a short time.

To reiterate, when all of these physical signs begin to occur prior to Christ's Return -- the Sun being darkened, the Moon failing to give her light, and the stars falling from heaven -- they will be physical manifestations of events which are happening in the Spirit Realm as well.

Order Turns to Chaos: Deep Impact / Global Earthquake  
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Once the Lord loosens the natural powers of the heavens, and

order turns to chaos as celestial bodies begin to fall out of their assigned orbits -- and they are indeed assigned by God -- all hell is going to break loose. Again I ask, is it any wonder that the entire world is going to totally freak out when they see what is coming upon them? Movies such as "Deep Impact" and "Armageddon" don't begin to reveal the true horror that the world will experience when they realize that their doom is near. It is my personal speculation that something -- that is, a Potentially Hazardous Object, such as a large asteroid or comet, or maybe something even larger and more deadly -- is going to come hurdling towards the Earth when God loosens the powers of the heavens.

As I have already explained, if such an object does collide with the Earth with sufficient force, not only will it result in a devastating earthquake which will level our planet, as per God's Word, but it may in fact knock the Earth out of its current orbit, which could potentially lead to the scenario that I described earlier, whereby the Earth is drawn closer to the Sun, a global fire ensues, and millions or billions of people are killed, due to the intense heat.

What I also find interesting is the fact that the Bible tells us that this will not be the first time that God has shaken the Earth. In the following verses that are found in Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews, we are clearly told "Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven", as we see here:

"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

Hebrews 12:25-27, KJV

It is apparent then, that God has shaken our planet before. Whether these verses are meant to be understood in a purely symbolic manner, or in a literal sense, I am not absolutely certain. However, I have begun to wonder if this might be a reference to the Flood that occurred in the days of Noah, and the earth-shaking events which occurred some one hundred and ten years later during the days of Peleg, when we are told that the Earth was divided. I discuss this particular point more at length in other articles.

As you know, scientists inform us that the Earth is tilted twenty-three degrees on its axis. Exactly how did this come about? In some of my earlier articles, I speculate that the weight of the water -- particularly as it began to recede to certain parts of the Earth following the Flood -- may have resulted in the Earth being tilted to its current position. I would think that this would have resulted in some major earthquake activity. It is, however, just a personal theory.

With the previous verses from the Epistle to the Hebrews, we discover yet another parallel between what is occurring in the Spirit Realm, and what is also occurring in the physical realm. As we have seen, the Lord is going to shake the entire

Earth with a might global earthquake which will literally flatten the planet. Islands will sink, cities will fall, and the world will never look the same again. At the same time, we are told that God will shake the powers of the heavens. In other words, the physical heavens will be shaken, which will result in the stars falling like untimely figs. But God will also shake the spiritual powers of Heaven as well, and Satan and his evil cohorts -- that evil cloud of wickedness which currently remains hidden in the darkness of Outer Space -- will fall to the Earth.

## A Dark Evil Cloud

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As I thought on this subject, I began to imagine what it will possibly be like when that demonic, evil horde -- which will be led by the Prince of Darkness himself -- approaches and descends to the Earth. In my mind, I picture this dark, ominous-looking, evil cloud filling the sky. Perhaps it will be something like what occurred in Egypt thousands of years ago. As that black demonic ink fills the sky above the Earth, the stars will appear to blink out one by one, until a third of them have disappeared from view. Then, that vile serpent Satan will appear, feigning to be an Angel of Light, and so many deceived people in the world will foolishly embrace him as their savior. The Endtime hour of the power of darkness will begin, and darkness will reign in the kingdom of the Beast.

Please go to part five for the conclusion of this series.

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## Blasphemy of the Beast

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Once thing which amazes me -- and saddens me -- concerning these Endtime plagues and catastrophes, is that not only do the people of the Earth realize that it is God who is doing these things to them, but they continue to blaspheme His Name as well. They are so hard-hearted and evil, that rather than repent and beg for God's mercy, they curse Him in the midst of their afflictions instead, right along with the Beast, as we see by the following verses. Please take note that in the first set of verses, it clearly says that they "repented not of their deeds". Is it any wonder that so many experience the Second Death?:

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds . . . And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

Revelation 16:8-11, 21, KJV

"And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time."

Daniel 7:25, KJV

"And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done."

Daniel 11:36, KJV

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven."

Revelation 13:5-6, KJV

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty . . . And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

Revelation 16:13-14, 16, KJV

Ministry of Two Sackcloth Witnesses

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Considering how hard-hearted these people will be, how is it that they will realize that it is God who is afflicting them with these Endtime plagues? I believe that the answer may be found in Revelation chapter eleven, where we find a lengthy description of the ministry of the Two Sackcloth Witnesses. In other words, as I explain in more detail in the article "The Two Sackcloth Witnesses of Revelation 11", the Lord's Two Prophets will be announcing the Judgments of God against the unbelieving world for a period of three and a half years, whether they want to hear it or not. They will be telling them why they are experiencing the Wrath of God, and why the world is filled with so much destruction.

As we saw earlier, when people refuse the Light of God's Truth, preferring instead to remain in spiritual darkness, they in fact turn against the light, and hate the light, and even try to extinguish it, just as the unbelieving Jews made every attempt to extinguish Jesus' life two thousand years ago. Thus it will be with these Two Sackcloth Witnesses as well. Once they have completed their mission on Earth, God will allow them to be killed by their antichrist enemies. However, three days later, God will shock the world when He resurrects His two servants, and then returns them to the Heavenly Realm. Please refer to the aforementioned article for a more in-depth look at my personal views regarding this topic.

#### Demonstrate Humility In Our Understanding

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As I explained earlier, trying to properly understand where particular prophetic events should be placed in God's Divine Timeline is not an easy task. Even being an expert in human history -- which I am not -- sometimes does not suffice; the reason being that some portions of God's Word are just that cryptic. It is for this reason that we all must be willing to demonstrate a bit of personal humility when it comes to the discussion of God's Word. This is particularly true when we are discussing prophetic events. As I have said before, until something actually happens, we just don't know with absolute certainty, and to claim otherwise is foolishness, and stems from vanity and pride.

In fact, as I explain in a number of articles, such as "The Misguided End of the World Predictions of Harold Camping", "Sorry . . . Jesus Is Not Coming at Any Moment", and "Comet Elenin, Hercolubus, Nibiru, and Planet X", it is precisely because certain preachers and teachers have been so foolish as to make specific date predictions which have failed to come to pass, that not only has our faith been mocked by the unbelieving world, but many of our Christian brethren have become doctrinally confused by these "trumpets" which make an "uncertain sound", as the Apostle Paul tells us:

"And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?"

1 Corinthians 14:7-8, KJV

While Paul was writing about the Gift of Tongues, the same principle can be applied to the discussion of prophecy as well. There is such a plethora of interpretations today, not to mention the army of misguided, wannabe false prophets, that it is no wonder that so many of our Christian brethren are confused, and not knowing what to believe. I hope that my articles don't contribute to their confusion. As you may know, that is why I endeavor as much as possible to validate my views by providing Scriptural support for them.

## Earth Not Destroyed at Christ's Return

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Having stated the above, my current understanding is that the Earth itself won't be totally destroyed at the time of Jesus Christ's Return. In examining all of the previous verses that I have shared with you, I hold to the view that, if anything, the surface of the Earth may possibly be totally burned -- as per the Apostle Peter's description, just as a farmer must turn his fields each year -- and then restored to its former beauty, following the Battle of Armageddon. As you may know, it is during that great battle that Jesus Christ will destroy the Beast and the False Prophet, imprison Satan, and set up His own Kingdom on the Earth. In other words, the planet will still be here. It will just be the surface that is actually burned, and then receives a makeover. This is my current thinking on the subject.

Common sense dictates that if Christ and His resurrected Saints are going to rule on the Earth during the period that we Christians refer to as the Millennium, then obviously, our planet must still be here. As I explain in the article entitled "From Armageddon to the New Earth", I have pondered the possibility that the Lord might choose to not restore the Earth to its former glory during the Millennium, so that it will serve as a stern reminder to those blessed people who still remain. What does seem certain to me is that at the time of the Great White Throne Judgement which occurs in Revelation chapter twenty, the Earth and heavens do in fact flee away, as we saw in earlier verses. This is of course followed by the creation of the New Heaven and the New Earth in Revelation chapter twenty-one, as we see by this verse:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea."

Revelation 21:1, KJV

Please note that because of the way the Greek word "ouranos" is used in the New Testament, the phrase "new heaven" could be referring to a new atmosphere around the new Earth, or it could be referring to something much greater than that. In other words, Outer Space itself. At this point in time, I am not certain which is the correct interpretation. There are arguments to favor both views.

## Science, Technology and Modern Conveniences

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Before concluding this series, I would like to bring one more

thought to your attention. In this modern age of science and technology, we have become so accustomed to explaining things through scientific terms. To a certain degree, this is good. However, there is a negative aspect to this as well. You see, thousands of years ago, man was much more connected to both the Creation and the Creator. This can even be said of a few hundred years ago as well. As a result, it was easier for him to recognize the Hand of God working in the affairs of men.

Today, however, as a direct result of our science and our technology, and our many inventions and modern conveniences, we have distanced ourselves from God and the natural world. We are like chickens running around the world with our heads chopped off, always in a hurry to get somewhere. As a result, it has become more difficult for us to recognize when the Lord is working in our lives in some way. I am reminded of the following verse that was written by the Prophet Daniel:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."  
Daniel 12:4, KJV

Don't Harden Your Heart  
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In other words, to a large degree, many of us have stilled the Voice of God's Spirit speaking to our hearts, and have resisted the conviction that He is trying to place upon us when we do wrong. Today, when powerful earthquakes occur, we simply point to science and its explanation of tectonic plate movement. When droughts, floods or heat waves occur, we again point to science and its explanation concerning "el niño", "la niña", changing weather patterns, or some other such thing. Unlike our God-fearing forefathers, we are no longer willing to consider that these things occur in our lives because God may be displeased with us in some way, and is trying to get our attention. We simply refuse to recognize that these things are mechanisms of His Wrath and displeasure.

Folks, this is a dangerous spiritual place to be in. For our own good, we must not be so foolish as to harden our hearts as the Israelites did thousands of years ago during their time in the wilderness, or as many people continue to do today as well. In the New Testament, we find the following admonitions:

"Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness . . . While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."  
Hebrews 3:8, 15, KJV

"Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts."  
Hebrews 4:7, KJV

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?"  
Jeremiah 17:9, KJV

"For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."

Mark 6:52, KJV

"And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?"

Mark 8:17, KJV

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, For the hardness of your heart he wrote you this precept."

Mark 10:5, KJV

"Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen."

Mark 16:14, KJV

"He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them."

John 12:40, KJV

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

Acts 7:51, KJV

"Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness."

Ephesians 4:18-19, KJV

### Guaranteed Recipients of God's Wrath

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One of these days, God is going to make absolutely certain that we understand that He is indeed sorely displeased with us, when His Divine Wrath is revealed from Heaven. He is going to let us know that by hardening our hearts against Him, we have in fact sealed our fates, and guaranteed that we will become recipients of His Wrath. I am reminded of the following verses that were written by the Apostle Paul, and directed to the brethren in Rome. Paul wrote thusly:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;"

Romans 1:18, KJV

"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;"

Romans 2:5, KJV

### A Rude Awakening, But Too Late

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When all of the events that I have described in this series

begin to come to pass, and when destruction is all around, only then will many people begin to wake up, and realize their error, and it will indeed be a very rude awakening. Why a rude awakening? Because right now, so many of them are spiritually asleep, and they don't even realize it. Let me remind you again of the Apostle Paul's admonition regarding remaining spiritually awake:

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,"  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-9, KJV

Perhaps that is one of the reasons why Jesus informs us in Matthew chapter twenty-four that "all the tribes of the earth [shall] mourn" when they "see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven." They will no doubt be shocked out of their spiritual sleep and lethargy; and they will realize that they have been terribly wrong. As I have explained throughout this series, while Christ's Return will be a glorious occasion for the saved Children of God, such will most definitely not be the case for the unrepentant and rebellious children of the world. Perhaps only then, as they feel the full Wrath of God, and witness the Earth being destroyed around them, they will realize that they have waited too long.

When their temporal world begins to crumble all around them, and destruction can be seen and felt everywhere, only then will some people repent of their sins, and cry out to God for His Mercy. Sadly, as we have seen, some hard-hearted people will continue to blaspheme God to the very end; that is, to their very end and destruction.

### Now Is the Day of Salvation

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Obviously, it should not be like this. Rather than wait for the Wrath of God to fall upon our heads, we should repent of our sins of wickedness, rebellion and unbelief now, while there is still time to do so, and turn to and embrace the Light of Jesus Christ. As we are told in the Scriptures, now is the day of Salvation. We should not put it off another day, because we may not have another day. Please consider the following verses:

"[For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.]"  
2 Corinthians 6:2, KJV

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

Psalms 90:10, KJV

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Isaiah 40:7-8, KJV

"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?"

Luke 12:20, KJV

"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"

Hebrews 9:27, KJV

"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

James 4:14, KJV

The Choice Is Yours

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As I explain in such articles as "Do You Want Love and Light, or Rod and Wrath?", we should each endeavor to live a godly, wholesome, righteous life now, while we still have the choice and freedom to do so, rather than wait until the Wrath of God forces us to do so. The choice is really up to you. What will you do? Please choose wisely, because if there is one thing that the Bible makes very clear, it is that to make the wrong choice means to end up in a very terrible place. This is made plain by verses such as the following:

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Matthew 7:13-14, KJV

". . . he that cometh after me . . . will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

Matthew 3:11b-12, KJV

"The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Psalms 1:4-6, KJV

"How oft is the candle of the wicked put out! and how oft cometh their destruction upon them! God distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble before the wind, and as chaff that the storm carrieth away."

Job 21:17-18, KJV

". . . He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."  
Matthew 13:37b-42, KJV

"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God . . . For our God is a consuming fire."  
Hebrews 10:31, 12:29, KJV

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."  
Revelation 20:15, KJV

"But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."  
Revelation 21:8, KJV

"Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?"  
2 Peter 3:11-12, KJV

The time is growing shorter with each passing year. At some point -- perhaps when you least expect it -- Jesus Christ will return with the Holy Angels, in order to Rapture His children out of this wicked world. Will you be ready? Will you be one of them? Or will you be left behind to face the destruction and Wrath of an angry God? Again, the choice is really up to you. Please receive Jesus Christ as your Savior today.

With these words I will bring another series to its close. I trust that you have found it informative and inspirational, and I hope that it has been a blessing in your life.

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