

CLIMATE CHANGE/GLOBAL WARMING

REAL OR NOT REAL, OF MAN, OR OF GOD?

THIS STUDY ALSO COVERS SOME OF THE EVENTS WHICH
TAKE PLACE ON EARTH DURING THE
GREAT TRIBULATION

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PREFACE

The subject of Global Warming / Climate Change is very much in the news at this time, with many nations suffering from severe weather conditions as well as other “natural” disasters. – Many scientists and climatologists argue that these weather conditions are largely man made but can offer little proof of that. The main claim of “scientists” is that the increase of co2 levels in the atmosphere is man-made and the cause of global warming, but fail to mention that there were periods in the past with higher temperatures (the Medieval & Roman Warm Periods), when there was no man made co2 & long before any industrialisation. – However other equally eminent (but not Government or industry funded) scientists say that these climate changes are the result of a completely natural cycle of which man is powerless to control.

Historical temperature records kept in the Northern hemisphere show distinctly that there have been warmer periods than those we are now experiencing. - However, as temperature records in the southern hemisphere have only been kept for about the last 200 years, they are comparatively useless for gauging weather patterns in this hemisphere.

From the Northern Hemisphere we have historical records, which show that the Medieval (about 800 to 1000 AD.) warm period lasted longer than the current and reached about the same peak.

Ice core and clam-shell data taken in Southern Greenland have shown that Greenland experienced a warm spell between 800 and 1300 AD., and trees, herbaceous plants, including barley were grown up to the 70th. Parallel.- For verification, go to; <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greenland>

That warm period was followed by what became known as “The Little Ice Age” which lasted from about A.D.1350 to A.D.1850. The present warm period commenced about A.D.1850 with its effects felt more from about 1950. – However, there was an even warmer period in history than the present and the Mediaeval. The Roman warm period lasted from about B.C.250 to B.C.80 the temperatures at that time reaching higher than any since recorded, **and there was little or no man made co2 around.** There is archaeological evidence of vineyards having been established and flourishing in England during those warm periods, as they have been during the current warm period.

Yes, the climate is heating up as it has in the past, and in normal circumstances it may be due to start cooling again within the next 100 years.

The reason I mention all this is simply to show that there is nothing new about climate change, the earth has been continually moving in cycles between cold and hot since its creation and will continue to do so until God intervenes, which he can do at any time. – Man made co2 levels may have a minor effect on local areas, but are just a drop in the ocean on a world scale. God, not man, controls the climate. At this point we need to realise that God warned us in the Bible that He will soon intervene with some drastic climate changes, and what we would call “Natural Disasters” and He has stated that Christians will see the beginnings of them just prior to the Rapture (Removal) of the Church, and it is possible we are now seeing these beginnings. Matt. 24: 3-8 reads;

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.⁵For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.

⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows".

The purpose of this study is to show the nature of these events and an approximate time when they can be expected.

You will find that a period of time known in the Bible as the “Tribulation” gets mentioned frequently in this study, this is due to the fact that most of what God has to say about climate change is set in that period.

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Man foolishly thinks he is in charge of the world and can control its destiny, and though it is true we can affect our local areas to some small degree one way or another; man has no control whatsoever on the overall climate conditions. Mankind's efforts are so puny, insignificant and futile when we look at the effects on the environment (controlled by God alone) of the solar flares, volcanic eruptions, cyclones, changes in the earth's magnetic fields and other such forces. – Yes, it is a good thing to keep our own environment as clean as possible, but our efforts must be seen for what they are, as just a drop in the ocean compared to what God controls. Therefore, we must not fool ourselves into thinking that we can usurp God's control. Global warming could indeed be commencing, but there is no conclusive proof that it is man-made. Rather it would appear that the sun and other issues over which only God has control are the causing factors. Pollution is a different issue for which we are definitely responsible. For purely scientific proof of previous warmer periods and the fallacy of the co2 scare go to the sites below.

<https://www.lavoisier.com.au/articles/greenhouse-science/climate-change/Baliunas.pdf>

<https://www.lavoisier.com.au/articles/greenhouse-science/climate-change/evans2007-4.php>

See also the speech by Dr. David Evans on ; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Di5FyndJbz0&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

On Nov. 2 1922 The following appeared in the Washington Post. (The original source of the story resurfacing recently was from an [Inside the Beltway column](#) of August 14th, 2007. The newspaper article was located in the Library of Congress archives by James Lockwood).

Here is the text of the Washington Post (Associated Press) article:

The Arctic ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consul Ifft, at Bergen, Norway.

Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers, he declared, all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met with as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the gulf stream still very warm.

Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts, which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds.

The source report of the Washington Post article on changes in the arctic has been found in the [Monthly Weather Review for November 1922](#). It is much more detailed than the Washington Post (Associated Press) article. It seems the AP heavily relied on the report from Norway Consulate George Ifft,

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Deviation from the normal course Algué explains as usually due to the presence not far away of another typhoon. However, there is record of a hurricane in Fiji which recurred so sharply on its course that its center passed twice over the city of Levuka, and yet no other disturbance was known to be anywhere near. Furthermore, this hurricane traveled northwest from Levuka after its first passage over that city, the opposite direction from that which tropical cyclones normally take in that latitude in the southern hemisphere.²⁷

Bifurcation of cyclones.—Sometimes it happens that a well-developed cyclone apparently divides into two independent, comparable storms, each of which henceforth follows an independent course. Algué suggests that topographic barriers may be the cause, but the cases he considers do not make this explanation altogether satisfactory.

Secondary whirls sometimes develop within a cyclone, producing destructive winds far from the center of the main cyclone. Algué has repeatedly observed such secondary centers in the Philippines. Doctor Okada reports that two or three secondary centers sometimes occur within a typhoon.

Typhoons and mountains.—It is stated in some standard meteorologies that tropical cyclones can not cross a mountain range 3,000 feet high. This is often disproven in the Far East, for typhoons sometimes cross mountains of greater height than this in Taiwan (Formosa), in the Philippines, in Japan, and elsewhere. Mountainous Formosa often appears to deflect typhoons which approach it at a small angle, and sometimes cuts the typhoon in two, according to Froc, but, on the other hand, other storms clearly cross it with no apparent regard for its mountains, the highest of which reach over 13,000 feet. Doctor Okada reports that studies made on lofty Fuji, near Yokohama, and on the higher mountains of Formosa indicate the depth of most typhoons to be approximately 5 or 6 kilometers (16,000 to 20,000 feet).

Although it is commonly stated that typhoons weaken decidedly as soon as they come upon the land, both Froc and Okada have observed many cases where this was not true in southeast China, the typhoons maintaining most of their force until encountering lofty mountains.

THE CHANGING ARCTIC.

By GEORGE NICOLAS IFFT.

[Under date of October 10, 1922, the American consul at Bergen, Norway, submitted the following report to the State Department, Washington, D. C.]

The Arctic seems to be warming up. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters, and explorers who sail the seas about Spitzbergen and the eastern Arctic, all point to a radical change in climatic conditions, and hitherto unheard-of high temperatures in that part of the earth's surface.

In August, 1922, the Norwegian Department of Commerce sent an expedition to Spitzbergen and Bear Island under the leadership of Dr. Adolf Hoel, lecturer on geology at the University of Christiania. Its purpose was to survey and chart the lands adjacent to the Norwegian mines on those islands, take soundings of the adjacent waters, and make other oceanographic investigations.

Dr. Hoel, who has just returned, reports the location of hitherto unknown coal deposits on the eastern shores of Advent Bay—deposits of vast extent and superior quality. This is regarded as of first importance, as so far most of the coal mined by the Norwegian companies on those islands has not been of the best quality.

²⁷ R. L. Holmes: Quart. Journ. Royal Meteorol. Soc., January, 1905.

The oceanographic observations have, however, been even more interesting. Ice conditions were exceptional. In fact, so little ice has never before been noted. The expedition all but established a record, sailing as far north as 81° 29' in ice-free water. This is the farthest north ever reached with modern oceanographic apparatus.

The character of the waters of the great polar basin has heretofore been practically unknown. Dr. Hoel reports that he made a section of the Gulf Stream at 81° north latitude and took soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters. These show the Gulf Stream very warm, and it could be traced as a surface current till beyond the 81st parallel. The warmth of the waters makes it probable that the favorable ice conditions will continue for some time.

Later a section was taken of the Gulf Stream off Bear Island and off the Isfjord, as well as a section of the cold current that comes down along the west coast of Spitzbergen off the south cape.

In connection with Dr. Hoel's report, it is of interest to note the unusually warm summer in Arctic Norway and the observations of Capt. Martin Ingebrigtsen, who has sailed the eastern Arctic for 54 years past. He says that he first noted warmer conditions in 1918, that since that time it has steadily gotten warmer, and that to-day the Arctic of that region is not recognizable as the same region of 1868 to 1917.

Many old landmarks are so changed as to be unrecognizable. Where formerly great masses of ice were found, there are now often moraines, accumulations of earth and stones. At many points where glaciers formerly extended far into the sea they have entirely disappeared.

The change in temperature, says Captain Ingebrigtsen, has also brought about great change in the flora and fauna of the Arctic. This summer he sought for white fish in Spitzbergen waters. Formerly great shoals of them were found there. This year he saw none, although he visited all the old fishing grounds.

There were few seal in Spitzbergen waters this year, the catch being far under the average. This, however, did not surprise the captain. He pointed out that formerly the waters about Spitzbergen held an even summer temperature of about 3° Celsius; this year recorded temperatures up to 15°, and last winter the ocean did not freeze over even on the north coast of Spitzbergen.

With the disappearance of white fish and seal has come other life in these waters. This year herring in great shoals were found along the west coast of Spitzbergen, all the way from the fry to the veritable great herring. Shoals of smelt were also met with.

BIRDS STORM-SWEPT OVER THE NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN.

By WILLIS E. HURD.

[Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 10, 1922.]

An interesting memorandum was recently received by the Weather Bureau in connection with a marine weather report from Mr. W. Scott, fifth officer of the American S. S. *Manchuria*. It deals with the appearance of several varieties of small land birds a considerable distance at sea on the 27th to 29th of October, 1922, during a voyage from New York to Hamburg, and is presented here, with an inclusion of the list of observed bird varieties, for the scientific interest involved.

S. S. *Manchuria*,
Voyage 50—N. Y.—HAMBURG,
October 28, 1922.

It may be of some interest to the Department of Plants and Animals or to the Smithsonian Institution to note that on October 27, latitude 40° 36', longitude 66°, to noon 28th, latitude 41° 45', longitude 69° 27',

The above can be checked out at the following site.

<https://wattsupwiththat.com/2008/03/16/you-ask-i-provide-november-2nd-1922-arctic-ocean-getting-warm-seals-vanish-and-icebergs-melt/>

Remember; that was 1922. Surely man made co2 was not a great problem then!

The following is an extract copied from Wikipedia on 19 Dec. 2011. (Added to this Study same date).

⊙ ^ [Strassel, Kimberley A. \(2009-06-26\). "The Climate Change Climate Change The number of skeptics is swelling everywhere." *wsj.com*. *The Wall Street Journal*. Archived from \[the original\]\(#\) on 2011-06-26. Retrieved 2011-06-26. "Dr. Kiminori Itoh, a Japanese environmental physical chemist who contributed to a U.N. climate report, dubs man-made warming "the worst scientific scandal in history." Norway's Ivar Giaever, Nobel Prize winner for physics, decries it as the "new religion.""](#)

⊙ ^ ["U. S. Senate Minority Report: More Than 700 International Scientists Dissent Over Man-Made Global Warming Claims Scientists Continue to Debunk "Consensus" in 2008 & 2009 \(Updates Previous Report: "More Than 650 International Scientists Dissent Over Man-Made Global Warming Claims"\)" \(pdf\). *epw.senate.gov*. \[U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee\]\(#\) \(Minority\). 2009-03-16. Archived from \[the original\]\(#\) on 2011-06-26. Retrieved 2011-06-26. "Nobel Prize Winner for Physics in 1973, Ivar Giaever, a fellow of the American Physical Society, declared himself a dissenter in 2008. "I am a skeptic," Giaever announced in June 2008. "Global warming has become a new religion," Giaever added. "I am Norwegian, should I really worry about a little bit of warming? I am unfortunately becoming an old man. We have heard many similar warnings about the acid rain 30 years ago and the ozone hole 10 years ago or deforestation but the humanity is still around. The ozone hole width has peaked in 1993," he continued. "Moreover, global warming has become a new religion. We frequently hear about the number of scientists who support it. But the number is not important: only whether they are correct is important. We don't really know what the actual effect on the global temperature is. There are better ways to spend the money," he added."](#)

⊙ ^ [Morano, Marc \(2009-03-17\). "U.S. Senate Minority Report Update: More Than 700 International Scientists Dissent Over Man-Made Global Warming Claims". *epw.senate.gov*. \[U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee\]\(#\) \(Minority\). Archived from \[the original\]\(#\) on 2011-06-26. Retrieved 2011-06-26. ""I am a skeptic... Global warming has become a new religion." – Nobel Prize Winner for Physics, Ivar Giaever."](#)

⊙ ^ [Gjaever, Ivar \(2011-06-26\). "De forunderlige klimamytene \(*The peculiar climate myths*\)" \(in Norwegian\). \[aftenposten.no\]\(#\). *Aftenposten*. Archived from \[the original\]\(#\) on 2011-06-26. Retrieved 2011-06-26. ""It is amazing how stable temperature has been over the last 150 years." translated from "Det er fantastisk hvor stabil temperaturen har vært de siste 150 år.""](#)

⊙ ^ ["Nobel Prize-Winning Physicist Resigns Over Global Warming". *Fox News*. 2011-9-14. Retrieved 2011-9-15.](#)

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Therefore, the answer to the question of “what can we do about climate change?” is simple; we can do precious little about it, but from the Bible, we can know what climate changes God has planned. We can also know the assurance from God’s Word that the Christians will only have to be present on earth for the beginnings of what will be very severe and unpleasant environmental events and “natural” disasters. – The Bible tells us of some very severe environmental events of the past, the first is briefly described in the first two verses of the Bible with God bringing the universe and our earth into existence; we are not given any scriptural clues as to when that was; simply just “In the beginning”. Then in verse 3, He began His six creative acts to prepare the Earth for mankind and the placing of man upon it about BC 4162 See Study # 1.

The next great climatic event was the Great Flood of about B.C. 2530, which God sent because of man’s sins, it is mentioned in Gen. chapters 7 and 8. That flood covered at least all of the then known world and was brought about by forty days and forty nights of torrential rain, as well as the breaking forth of all the fountains on land and under the sea.

At the end of that flood, God promised that the earth would never again suffer this fate. However, God did say, that due to mankind’s sins, the earth was reserved for a judgement of fire.

Man however, has only recently shown some concern about the environment and foolishly thinks he can control it, but just as God has shown us some of the climatic events of the past, He has also told us some of the climatic events which are still future and which man is powerless to change.

The Bible tells us that immediately after the removal of the Christians from Earth (The Rapture), there will commence a seven-year period on Earth known as The Tribulation. The Tribulation will be the worst period in the Earth's history for the suffering of mankind. At the beginning of the Tribulation, a large number of Jews will be converted to Christianity and they will be the main evangelists for God in that time, proclaiming "The Gospel of the Kingdom". Jews and Christians will be severely persecuted during that time, many cruelly put to death, but for the rest of the world, the first half of the Tribulation will be a reasonably peaceful time, except for gradually worsening climatic changes. (For charts and Scripture references for this period, go to Study #1.)

The last half of the Tribulation will see great wars, in which almost certainly some nuclear weapons will be used. The worst of the fighting will be in the Middle East, but all nations will be involved in these conflicts.

The Rapture and Tribulation are likely to take place very soon, as the nations mentioned in the Bible are now for the first time lined up ready to fulfil the roles God has planned for them. We also see the beginning of the climate changes and "natural" disasters starting to sweep the earth as God makes ready the things He will bring to pass during the Tribulation. We are not told when the Rapture will occur, but are given signs to indicate when it is near.

God gives quite a bit of detail as to environmental conditions during the Tribulation in the New Testament, but even in the Old Testament, there is mention of these things. So let us look at some of these events.

Isa. 24 17-23 reads;

¹⁷ *Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth.*⁸ *And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken.*¹⁹ ***The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.***²⁰ ***The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut;*** *Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.*²¹ *It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.*²² *They will be gathered together; As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.*²³ ***Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.***

The earth at present wobbles a little on its axis over very long periods of time, this is normal and controls slow changes to our seasons, but what verse 20 appears to be speaking about is a much speeded up wobble which will throw our seasons into chaos worldwide. A large asteroid or meteor striking the earth could trigger such an event. – Verse 23 sets the events as just prior to the return of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 34:

¹ ***Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it.*** ² ***For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations,*** *And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.* ³ *Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.* ⁴ ***All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.***

This happens during the Tribulation, before the Lord's return. The heavens will cease to be visible (possibly blotted out because of volcanic activity and smoke from the destroyed armies) combined with showers of meteors and asteroids.

Ezek. 38: 17-23

¹⁷Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?"
¹⁸"And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog (Prince of Russia) comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face. ¹⁹For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,'²⁰ so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. **The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.**' ²¹I will call for a sword against Gog (Prince of Russia) throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD. **"Every man's sword will be against his brother."** ²²And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, **flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.** ²³Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. **Then they shall know that I am the LORD."**

The above shows some of the environmental disasters i.e. earthquake, floods, huge hail, and fire and brimstone from volcanic eruptions, which will befall the earth during the Tribulation. Then during the Tribulation the following verses show the disasters of war when God brings Russia and her allies against Israel. Also mentioned in verse 21, are men fighting against their own brothers, and at the time of writing this study in March/April of 2011, we can see some of this already happening in the Middle East conflicts.

Ezekiel 39: 1-7,

¹"And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog (Prince of Russia), and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh (Russia), Meshech (Western Russia), also the old name for Moscow), and Tubal (Tobolsk- Eastern Russia); ²and I will turn you around and lead you on, **bringing you up from the far north,** and bring you against the mountains of Israel.³ Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand.⁴ You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.⁵ You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.⁶ **"And I will send fire on Magog (Russia) and on those who live in security in the coastlands (probably refers to the coasts of the Black Sea).** Then they shall know that I am the LORD.⁷ So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Magog, mentioned in verse 6 above refers to the area we now call Russia. It is interesting to note that Russia last year (2010) experienced its worst forest fires on record; this is but a preview of what God has in store for her. In the book of Prof. Lance Endersbee A.O. titled "Voyage of Discovery" published 2002 he makes mention of a fault line running from the Caspian Sea to Bulgaria, a distance of about 2000 Km. He also stated that there were many sea vents on the Black Sea floor gushing natural gas, largely methane, which is soluble in water. A large amount of this methane is trapped under pressure beneath stratified water layers, but it is estimated that about 10,000 cu.m. per sq. km. is released into the atmosphere each year. Should there be an earthquake or other volcanic activity in that area it would be possible for the whole of the Black sea to erupt in a ball of flame devouring large areas around it in fire. The prophecies of Ezek 38:22., and 39:6 could possibly find fulfilment here.

The following refers to the second great battle which occurs at the end of the Tribulation and known as The Battle of Armageddon.

Zechariah 14:

¹Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ² For **I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city.** ³ **Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As**

He fights in the day of battle.⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.⁵ Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.⁶ It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish.⁷ It shall be one day Which is known to the LORD --- Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light.⁸ And in that day it shall be That living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of them toward the eastern sea And half of them toward the western sea; In both summer and winter it shall occur.⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be --- " The LORD is one," And His name one.¹⁰ All the land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up and inhabited in her place from Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses.¹¹ The people shall dwell in it; And no longer shall there be utter destruction, But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.¹² **And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths.¹³ It shall come to pass in that day That a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand against his neighbor's hand;¹⁴ Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And the wealth of all the surrounding nations Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance.¹⁵ **Such also shall be the plague On the horse and the mule, On the camel and the donkey, And on all the cattle that will be in those camps. So shall this plague be.**¹⁶ And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.¹⁷ And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain.¹⁸ If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.¹⁹ This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles.²⁰ In that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of the horses. The pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar.²¹ Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.**

Verses 1-5 speak of events just prior to the Lord's return. When the Lord stands on the Mount of Olives, an earthquake will split Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives from east to west. – Verses 6-11, speak of Jesus Millennium reign, which follows immediately after the Tribulation. – Verses 12-15, then goes back to give more detail of events just prior to the Lord's return. Note verse 12 gives a description, which fits the effects of atomic weapons –Verses 16-21, then goes forward again to events of the Millennium.

The above is only a small portion of the prophecies of the Old Testament concerning the Tribulation period. However, let us now concentrate on what the New Testament has to say.

Matt. 24: 3-44

³Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? **And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"**⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.⁶ **And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars.** See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.⁷ **For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there**

will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.⁸ All these are the beginning of sorrows.⁹ Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.¹² And because **lawlessness will abound**, the love of many will grow cold.¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved.¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.¹⁵ Therefore when you see the **'abomination of desolation,'** spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand),¹⁶ then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath.²¹ **For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.**²² **And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.**²³ Then if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or 'There!' do not believe it.²⁴ For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.²⁵ See, I have told you beforehand.²⁶ Therefore if they say to you, 'Look, He is in the desert!' do not go out; or 'Look, He is in the inner rooms!' do not believe it.²⁷ For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.²⁹ **Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.³¹ And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.³² **Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.**³³ **So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near --- at the doors!**³⁴ Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place.³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.³⁶ **But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.**³⁷ **But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**³⁸ **For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark,**³⁹ **and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.**⁴⁰ Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left.⁴¹ Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left.⁴² Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.⁴³ But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.⁴⁴ Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (This prophecy is repeated in Mark 13).

Note, These events all happen during the seven year tribulation, with the second coming of the Lord immediately at the end of the tribulation, and in verse 34 where it says "this generation shall not pass away" it is referring to people living in that seven year period.

Verse 30 places the Lord's Second Coming as immediately after the events of verse 29.

Mark 13:8,

⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **earthquakes in various places, and there will be famines and troubles.** These are the beginnings of sorrows.

Here we see that in the lead up to the Tribulation, there will be earthquakes and famine in many places. We see these beginnings around us today.

Luke 17: 28-30.

²⁸Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; ²⁹but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

In Lot's day, people were over indulging with entertainment, gluttony, drunkenness, and were very much focused on possessions. – The practice of homosexuality was also widespread amongst them. – In verse 30, Jesus warns that men would be living in a similar state when He returns.

The day Lot went out judgement fell. The day Christians go out the Tribulation commences.

Acts 2: 16-21.

¹⁶But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:¹⁷ 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.¹⁸And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.¹⁹I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: **Blood and fire and vapor of smoke.**²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.²¹And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

Verses 16-18, is a quote from the Old Testament concerning the Lord's first coming. Then in verses 19-21 Jesus speaks of the events, which will occur just prior to His Second Coming, which include the darkening of the sun and the moon being turned as to blood. These are effects, which can happen due to large explosions, volcanic eruptions, or the burning of large amounts of oil. It is possible all of these causes will be involved together. Remember these events will mostly happen in the Middle East, but all nations will be involved.

2 Thess. 1: 7-10.

⁷and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,⁸**in flaming fire** taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,¹⁰when He comes, in that Day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

His coming at the end of the Tribulation shall be in a judgement of fire.

2 Pet. 3: 2-13.

²that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior,³knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,⁴and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation."⁵For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,⁶by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water.⁷**But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.**⁸But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.⁹The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.¹⁰**But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.**¹¹Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,¹²looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved,

*being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?*¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Verses 2-6 pinpoints attitudes of people just prior to Jesus return, (unexpectedly by the unbelievers) at the end of the Tribulation. Verses 7-12 shows that as a consequence of the Lord's coming, the powers of the heavens will be thrown into chaos which will lead to the complete ultimate destruction of the heavens and earth as we know it, and verse 13 reveals the promise of new heavens and earth under Jesus rule.

Jude 1 :14-15

¹⁴Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,¹⁵ **to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds** which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

This portion also shows that the Lord will come in judgement with His saints (Old and New Testament saints).

Rev. 6: 12-17

¹²I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, **there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.**¹³ **And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.**¹⁴ **Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.**¹⁵ **And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,**¹⁶ **and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"**¹⁷ **For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"**

The earthquakes, tsunamis, falling stars (meteors, comets, asteroids), the whole sky vanishing behind smoke and dust are seen as events just prior to Jesus Christ's return at the end of the Tribulation.

Rev. 8: 5-13

⁵Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, **thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.**⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. ⁷The first angel sounded: **And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.** ⁸Then the second angel sounded: **And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood.**⁹ **And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.** ¹⁰Then the third angel sounded: **And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.** ¹¹The name of the star is Wormwood. **A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.** ¹²Then the fourth angel sounded: **And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.**¹³ **And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"**

Here again, we have a picture of bombardment by asteroids and meteors.

Rev. 11: 13 & 19

¹³In the same hour **there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.**

¹⁹Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. **And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.**

Revelation 16: 1-21

¹Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth." ²So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. ³Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead man; and every living creature in the sea died. ⁴Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. ⁶For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, And You have given them blood to drink. For it is their just due." ⁷And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments." ⁸Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory. ¹⁰Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. ¹¹They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds. ¹²Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. ¹³And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. ¹⁴For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ¹⁵"Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame." ¹⁶And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Armageddon**. ¹⁷Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" ¹⁸And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. ¹⁹Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. ²⁰Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. ²¹And great hail from heaven fell upon men, each hailstone about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

(Note; a talent is about 30 to 40 kg or 65 to 85 lb.). It makes headlines when hail is falling the size of golf balls, but this hail will be about the size of a basketball.

Verses 2-3, could come about by the effects of meteors etc. crashing into oceans and waterways.

Verses 8-11 describe what appear to be solar flares, which will scorch the earth followed by a period of darkness. A scorched earth would mean great fires on earth the smoke of which would blot out the sun. The deaths of many animals, fish, and polluted water would bring much disease.

To sum up: - All the terrible events mentioned in this study occur during the Great Tribulation. The worst will occur in the last half and at the end, as the Lord returns. – There is bound to be some build up to these events just prior to the Tribulation as we are told to expect in Mark 13:8. We are experiencing this type of lead up events at the time of writing this study.

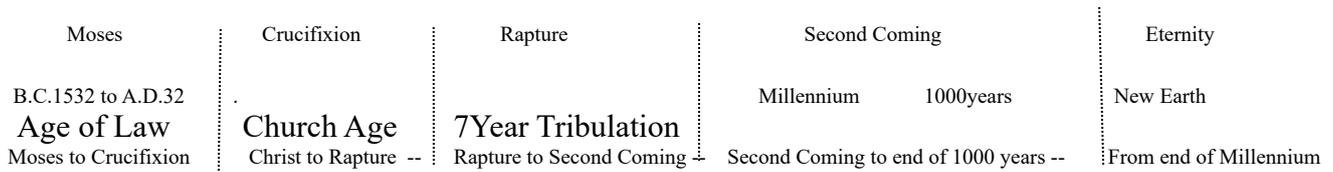
Christians need have no fear of passing through the Tribulation, for Christ will come to remove them (The Rapture) as the Tribulation begins, (Just like Lot left Sodom) and then at the end of the Tribulation the Lord will return (The Second Coming) with the Christians and the Old Testament saints to judge the earth and set up His Millennium kingdom.

Do you have the assurance that you will be taken at the Rapture, and not left to face the Great Tribulation? You can have this peace and assurance; just repent of your sins and accept Jesus Christ’s offer of pardon and salvation through the great sacrifice of Himself on the cross of Calvary for you.

Read John 3: 16-18.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.¹⁸"He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Future events as foretold in Scripture.



For more detail regarding the prophecies for the above events and accompanying Scripture references, go to Study # 1.

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