

Earth Dwellers In The New Testament

A short collection of New Testament Scriptures denoting the disastrous situation of those who continue to dwell on earth during the 7-year period of Tribulation.

(All scriptures are taken from the King James Version of the Holy Bible)
(All italics/bolds/reds are mine)

- **Luke 21:34-36** – ³⁴And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come on you unawares. ³⁵*For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.* ³⁶Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man..

Commentary: The race and family of Abraham shall not be rooted out; it shall survive as a nation, and be found as prophesied, when the Son of man shall be revealed. He cautions them against being secure and sensual. *This command is given to all Christ's disciples:* Take heed to yourselves, that ye be not overpowered by temptations, nor betrayed by your own corruptions. We cannot be *carnally secure*. The danger is that death and judgment would come upon us when we are not prepared; it will come upon *all men who dwell upon the face of the whole earth*; who continue in sin, and have no conversation with heaven. It will be terror and destruction for them. Jesus gave conditions by which we will be *accounted worthy to escape* the time of 7-year Great Tribulation on earth. What will happen if we avoid this directive from the Lord Jesus?¹

- **Acts 17:26-27**—²⁶And has made of one blood all nations of men for *to dwell on all the face of the earth*, and has determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷*that they should seek the Lord*, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us:

Commentary: 22-31 Here we have a sermon to heathens, who worshipped false gods, and were without the true God in the world...In the latter case, his business was to lead his hearers by prophecies and miracles to the knowledge of the Redeemer, and faith in him; in the former, it was to lead them, by the common works of providence, to know the Creator, and worship Him. The apostle spoke of an altar he had seen, with the inscription, "TO THE UNKNOWN GOD." After multiplying their idols to the utmost, some at Athens thought there was another god of whom they had no knowledge. *Note the glorious things Paul here says of the God whom he served, and would have them to serve.* The Lord had long dealt with idolatry, but the times of this ignorance were now ending, *and by his servants he now commanded all men everywhere to repent of their idolatry.* Failure to come to Christ under Paul's anointing, or during the Church Age, would have ushered his audience/s into the 7-year Great Tribulation period—a tragedy.²

- **Revelation 3:10**—¹⁰*Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come on all the world, to try them that dwell on the earth.*

¹ The Full Life Study Bible. KJV. Zondervan Publ. House, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Copyright © 1992 by Life Publishers; pg.

² Bible Desktop bible. www.desktopbible.com. Acts 16: 22-31. 2012.

Commentary: The hour of temptation. Again, Jesus gives conditions of deliverance for the 7-year period of great Tribulation. Jesus' promise to deliver the faithful in Philadelphia from the hour of trial is identical to Paul's promise to the Thessalonians that they would be delivered from the *wrath to come* (1 Thes. 1:10). It extends to all of God's faithful throughout the ages (vv. 13, 22). This hour includes the divinely appointed time of trial, wrath, and the full seven years of Great Tribulation that is to come against *all those who dwell on the earth* following the revealing of the antichrist, and previous to the establishment of Christ's reign on earth "with a rod of iron" (Rev. 5:10; 6-19; 20:4). This time of trial involves the wrath of God upon the ungodly (chapters 6-19; Isa 13:6-13; 17:4-11; Dan. 19:27; 12:1; Zech. 14:1-4; Matt. 24:9-31). Also included in this time of trial, is the wrath of Satan on the godly (those born again *during* the 7 year Great Tribulation). These will be the martyrs spoken of in Revelation chapters 6 and 7 (also Dan. 12:10; Matt. 24:15-21). These will experience indirectly the natural tragedies of famine, war and death; they will be persecuted, tortured, and in all probability will suffer martyrdom (Rev. 6:11; 13:7; 14:13). They will suffer the ravages of Satan and demonic forces from the pit of hell (9:3-5; 12:12), evil violence from those who dwell on the earth, and persecution by the antichrist (12:17; 13:15-17). This will be a disastrous time for all *who want to remain on earth* during the Great Tribulation. Those who have children will be more prone to accept the mark of the beast, 666. The G.T. is so terrible that the saints who die are counted to be blessed, but are free from further persecution—and will be ever with the Lord.³

- **Revelation 6:3,4**—³And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. ⁴And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they (*earth dwellers*) should *kill one another*: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Commentary: The Red Horse and its rider represent war and violent death, which God will allow in bringing His own wrath upon the world (cf. zech.1:8; Rev. 6:2). The tribulation will be a time of violence, murder, and war—which will fully involve all *them that dwell on the earth*.

- **Revelation 6:10**—⁹And when He had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held; ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood *on them that dwell on the earth?*"

Commentary: Here John, in heaven, sees what is happening under the altar in heaven. Those "slain for the word of God" are those martyred for their faith in Christ Jesus and the truth of His Word. For whatever reason they failed to come to Him during the Church Age, but chose to come to Jesus during the 7-year Tribulation period. They were told many more will die for their faith. The faithful who are raptured in Revelation 4 pray for those who are being martyred (see 7:9-17). The martyred pray that the wicked who murdered them will receive just judgment, for there are times when the Lord leads His people to pray for justice to prevail, evil to be destroyed, righteousness to be established on earth, and for Christ to be exalted above all. Vengeance is not involved here; it concerns righteousness and His people. The dwellers of earth refuse to repent.

³Ibid. Full Life Study Bible. Revelation 3:10; Pg. 2040.

- **Revelation 8:13**—¹³And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Commentary: An angel flying. The angel's threefold cry of woe is to warn that the next three trumpet judgments will be much more intense and devastating than those that preceded it. The fifth and sixth judgments will involve horrible demonic forces (see chapter 9). These harsh, demonic judgments fall on *those who dwell on earth*.

- **Revelation 11:10**—¹⁰And *they that dwell upon the earth* shall rejoice over them, and make merry and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth."

Commentary: God kept his faithful witnesses to the truth of his word, and the excellence of his ways. The two prophesy in sackcloth. It shows their afflicted, persecuted state, and deep sorrow for the abominations against which they protested. When they had prophesied in sackcloth the greatest part of 1260 days, antichrist, the great instrument of the devil, would war against them with force and violence using as peons *them that dwell on earth*. Rebels against the righteous rejoice, as when they silence, drive to destroy the faithful servants of Christ, saved during the 7-years. The Lord's witnesses must not be weary of suffering and service, for His people are being trained, even in the Church Age, enduring courage of extreme persecution. God's word tells it as it is, for *those who dwell on earth during the Age of the Great Tribulation* are those who have no claim whatsoever on eternal life with Christ; they, being citizens of the antichrist system "*neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.*" (Revelation 9:21).

- **Revelation 12:11, 12**—¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony: and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore *rejoice, ye heavens and ye that dwell in them*. Woe to the *inhabiters 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."

Commentary: "They who overcame him by the blood of the Lamb are the same ones who are considered to be *dwellers of heaven!* These are the ones who have been born anew during the Great Tribulation and have washed their robes in be blood of the Lamb! Note the elders in Revelation 4:10,11: ¹⁰The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

And again, about the elders in Revelation 5:9,10: *We know only saints can wear crowns!*

"⁹And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and *hast redeemed us* to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; ¹⁰And *hast made us* unto our God kings and priests: and *we shall reign on the earth*.

Now, will you, the reader of this article consider that the elders *are in heaven* during the G. Tribulation—and the Tribulation saints *are those who are born again in the Great Tribulation*? Therefore those who are *born anew during* the G. T. must be those who *overcome the antichrist during* the G. Tribulation—and are among the dwellers of heaven! . . .and the inhabitants of earth are those who worship antichrist!

- **Revelation 13:6-8**—"6And he (the dragon) opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and *them that dwell in heaven*. 7And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nation. 8And *all that dwell on the earth* shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Commentary: Please note that verse 7-8 above speaks of the *earth dwellers* blaspheming against God, His tabernacle, and *them that dwell in heaven*; for the antichrist makes war with those who were saved during the 7 years of Tribulation on earth. Then *all* must choose whether to follow the easy way of the new religion or to believe in Christ and remain faithful to Him. 1) Those who remain faithful to God will be persecuted and will likely be killed. 2) Satan will overcome them—not to destruction—but in the martyrdom of many. The antichrist declares himself to be deity and possesses the power of the demonic world (vv.4,8 12; 14:9; 16:2). For this reason during the 7-year Great Tribulation period, *all who dwell on the face of the whole earth will remain evil*,⁴

- **Revelation 13:12**—¹²And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth *the earth and them which dwell therein* to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³And he doeth great wonders so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,¹⁴and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth...

Commentary: *All those who dwell on earth will worship the first beast*. The 2nd beast will promote an false church that will worship the antichrist (1st beast). He will accomplish this in large measure by performing great signs and (lying) wonders (vs. 13,14). His ministry will in some ways counterfeit the supernatural ministry of the Holy Spirit (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:9, 10). There is a division between those who dwell on earth...and those who are washed in the precious blood of the Lamb of God during the Great Tribulation. (See Revelation 12:12). Those washed in His precious blood *during the Tribulation* become residents of heaven.

- **Revelation 13:14**—¹⁴And *deceiveth them that dwell on the earth* by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to *them that dwell on the earth*, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

Commentary: Antichrists *persecuting* and *assumed* power acts under the disguise of religion. It is professing to be derived from Christ, exercised gently at first, but soon spoke like the dragon. It gives forth those false doctrines and cruel decrees which show it to belong to the dragon, and not to the Lamb. It exercised all the power of the former beast, denying all them that dwell on

⁴ Ibid. Full Life Study Bible. Revelation 13:8; Pg. 2053.

the earth from worshipping the true God, and to subject the souls of men to the will and control of men. The second beast has carried methods whereby men should be deceived to worship the former beast also by denying civil rights to those who will not worship that beast, which is the image of the pagan beast.⁵

- **Revelation 14:6,7**—"6And I saw another angel fly in the middle of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to *them that dwell on the earth*, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Commentary: During the last half of the Tribulation period the gospel of Jesus will be proclaimed by an angel (or angels) to the entire world, *including those who dwell on/inhabit earth*—in clarity, power, and warning. It is a call for people to fear God, give Him glory, and worship Him rather than the antichrist. This effort proves God's compassion and grace, for His desire is that all should come to Himself, even those who have hated Him and His people. The purpose of the 7-year Great Tribulation period seems to be **1)** God's moving among His people, Israel in bringing them back to Himself; **2)** to bring into His eternal kingdom every person whom He knows will come to Him among the gentile nations, and **3)** to destroy the works of the devil.

Revelation 17:2—²With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and *the inhabitants of the earth have been made* drunk with the wine of her fornication.

Commentary: The great harlot; True kinship is not with Christ but with the world. **1)** Hypocrites and false prophets achieve worldly success with her doctrine, encouraging the worldly to join her. The false religious system allows her members to profess to be of God, yet at the same time, commits fornication. **2)** Compromise with political powers and toleration of her righteousness is her trademark. As a whore the apostate church sells her favor to the world at every opportunity.

- **Revelation 17:8**—"8The beast that you saw was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and *they that dwell on the earth* shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

Commentary: It appears to the earth that antichrist has suffered a fatal wound (13:2,3,14), and is brought back to life again by the supernatural power of Satan (also 2 Thes. 2:9). Evidently God will permit Satan to attempt to duplicate Christ's power, which could be the means by which he deceives the human race that *dwells on the earth* during the 7-year Great Tribulation period. In keeping in touch with Revelation 17:8, we find the beast (antichrist) wounded unto death, then brought back to life by lying wonders operated by satanic control over *all them that dwell on earth*. The deception is real. *All who dwell on earth* (those who have no claim to the Kingdom of our Lord) will be fully deceived and eternally judged according to their evil deeds.

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⁵ Ibid. Bible Desktop bible. Revelation 13:14.

See What John Says About Those Who Dwell On Earth During The 7-year Tribulation:

- They will slay one another with a great sword (6:3,4).
- They are the ones who murder the Tribulation believers (6:10).
- The wrath of God within the judgments called "three woes" specifically fall upon them (8:13).
- They will murder the two special prophets of God and rejoice over their deaths (11:10).
- The message given by these two prophets will torment them (11:10).
- They will worship the Antichrist, and their names are not in the Lamb's book of life (13:6, 8, 12).
- They will be deceived by the miracles of the False Prophet (13:14).
- They will be intoxicated and blinded by the false one-world religious system (17:2).
- They will worship the beast and they will accept his mark (20:4).

From this survey we can easily see why God is going to have an hour of testing for this group. It is to so demonstrate the hard, evil hearts of *"those who dwell upon the earth"* that God's judgment of them will be shown as totally just; and because it is totally just, many will make decisions for Christ.

²⁰*And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: ²¹Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts. (Revelation 9: 20-21).*

¹⁰*And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. ¹¹He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. ¹²And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. (Revelation 22:10-12).*

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