

What If You Must Remain On Earth During The Great Tribulation Period?

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(All types of emphasis' are mine)

I recall a few years ago sharing with a friend the terrible evils on the earth during the 7-year Tribulation. To my friend, this was definitely a foreign statement. I attempted to show him from the book of Revelation that demon spirits are already ruling over mankind and continue for the duration of the time of tribulation when the angel opens the gate to hell (hades?) during this hour (7-years) of terror by the antichrist system. My friend's face turned red as he rambled off some strange words and walked out on me. Well, I suppose there are some who will reject any "new" information from God's Word—even if he has never studied the subject before!

We live in deadly times; and what comes on the earth after Jesus meets His Church in the air will be the most horrific time ever to come on this planet. Jesus said *the most terrifying time ever before—never again to come on earth*. God is not playing games. He never dealt with people harshly except when they were directly under His Judgment, which *will be* harsh on those who are committed to this world—and not to Christ Jesus (See Revelation 9, *with emphasis on verses 20, 21*).

We *know* the tribulation will be *demonic* from beginning to end—it's Satan's battle ground!

Coming Wars

We all realize the Third World War most likely will be fought in three ways: ***First***, by missiles which *today* are able to reach nations across the ocean and land within yards of a 'precision' target. ***Second***, by dangerous chemicals and bacteria. We've seen the gripping power this type of warfare holds over an entire generation of citizens. With scientific know-how and the proper tools of 'initiation', terrorist's could literally sow enough chemicals and bacteria designed to 'slow kill' millions of men, women and children over a wide area. This could be accomplished by several groups of terrorists in different areas of our Nation, all at the same time! And ***third***, the next war will be fought by nuclear power. On August 6, 1945, in the city of Hiroshima, the people arose and went about their normal tasks. Many heard the single plane overhead. Thinking it was one of their own, they ignored it. A B-29 flew over the city, dropped one single 'atomic' bomb, and in just seconds, 78,150 people met their death.

Scientists said the city of New York could be destroyed in three hours time by four of these "atomic" bombs. Shortly after they dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, the Secretary of Defense of the United States sent out this statement which was published in Life magazine:

"The next war will be fought in 36 hours time. The destiny of the world will be settled."

No one knows how long the initial war against Israel will last. We do know there will be a fire war—whether the source is supernaturally by God Himself—or by the antichrist, though God will at some point, intervene for Israel. The weapons of massive destruction are in the arsenals. The fraction, one-third, is given emphasis by repetition—"and the third part. . .was burnt." (Revelation 8:7). In the 50-plus ton megaton range, 2,500 times greater than what leveled Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there is enough explosive power to equal a train of TNT loaded boxcars extending from New York to Los Angeles-true in the 1970's!

Note what the Bible says in the book of Revelation eight:

Beginning of the 7 Trumpet Judgments (Trumpet Judgments are not an indication of a rapture).

Verse 3 - Incense offered from Heaven for the prayers of Tribulation saints.

Verse 4 - Smoke of incense from prayers of saints ascended before God's throne.

Verse 5-6 - Angels cast censer to earth *beginning the awesome 7-trumpet judgments.*

Verse 7 - A third part of the trees burnt

Verse 8 - A third part of the sea became blood

Verse 9 - A third part of the creatures died

Verse 9 - A third part of the ships destroyed

Verse 10 - A third part of the rivers hit by fire

Verse 11 - A third part of the waters poisoned

Verse 12 - A third part of the sun darkened

Verse 12 - A third part of the moon darkened

Verse 12 - A third part of the stars darkened

Verse 12 - A third part of the day, the sun did not shine

Chapter Nine—Verses 3-18—demonic spirits, previously bound until end time judgments.

Verse 1 - A Star fell from heaven. (Satan)

Verse 2 - Satan opened the bottomless pit

Verse 3 - The pit released scorpion-powered demonic locusts (from the bottomless pit).

Verse 4 - To harm only those without God's seal in foreheads (the evil who "dwell on earth").

Verse 5 - To be tormented for 5 months; seeking death.

Verse 6 - But death would not come to them (desiring to die, death will flee from them).

Verse 7 - Locusts like horses prepared for battle, having crowns of gold; faces of men.

Verse 8 - Hair like women, with teeth like the teeth of lions.

Verse 9 - Breastplates of iron, the sound of their wings like chariots of many horses running to battle.

(The fact satan himself is demonic in nature is terrifying!)

Verse 10 - Scorpions with stings in tails; power to hurt men 5 months.

Verse 11 - Their king was from the bottomless pit. (entities from the "pit" are always demonic)

Verse 12 - One Woe is past; behold two more coming.

Verse 13 - 6th Angel voice from 4 horns of the Golden Altar before God

Verse 14 - Release the 4 angels (demons) bound in the River Euphrates after Adam's fall).

Verse 15 - Slay the third part of those who are left

Verse 18 - last of third parts of mankind killed

Be aware of Satan's demonic destruction on earth now; and in the tribulation they can only touch those who "dwell on (inhabit) earth" during tribulation.

Note the two opening lines of Chapter 9:1-2 and 8:13:

"I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit (Rev. 9:1,2). The falling star is Satan. And *WOE* is pronounced "*To the inhabitants of the earth*" (Rev. 8:13).

If we fail to commit our life to Jesus Christ—enduring to the end—we will see what hell and the Lake of Fire is really like; for we are judged according to our works. God has placed restraints on wickedness. Whether you admit it or not, there are divine restraints against satanic programs, such as you find in the book of Job. But. . .

In the book of Revelation, this restraint is removed, and unsaved men will personally witness the real devil and his horde of demonic beings. God's righteous people will not be on earth during this time of destruction and death by demonic beings from the pit of hell.

The continued cries from the heart of Jesus Christ beckons all to come to Him before that quick and notable day of His wrath.

When some read John's picture language, they are amazed at the accuracy, *considering he speaks of modern warfare*. They believe he (John) saw modern militant weaponry attacks, from which men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them" (Rev. 9), and describes features of this attack as "their teeth were as he teeth of lions" (Rev. 9:8) and "they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails" (Rev. 9:10), the preacher of the 1st century seems to be describing destruction of the 21st century. They believe apostle John describes modern jet fighter-bombers. The great "teeth" that produce the speed and eat up air space quickly, and the sting" that selects and kills, are assembly-line products now multiplying for the final battles.

What if John saw real demonic beings just as the Bible states—like being released from the pit and having all the characteristics of *real* demonic beings? We do not understand exactly what John really saw. But what we *do* know is that John believed these to be real demons actively initiating horrible attacks against "all those who dwell on earth"!

Knowing we are in the Nuclear age, I have a feeling that either, or both may have *some* accuracy during the Great Tribulation period.

The Euphrates River is an important boundary in heaven's geography. It was Israel's boundary during Solomon's reign. "For he had dominion over all the region on this side of the Euphrates. (1 Kings 4:24). The wicked angels were bound up at the Euphrates back in the time of Adam and Eve, soon after the fall of mankind. The Word of God tells us these wicked angels are from the pit, and are in the form of the underworld demonic forces, released to terrorize and destroy *those who dwell of earth*. During the Tribulation period, *earth dwellers* are all those who continually rebel against the Holy Spirit while refusing to come to Christ Jesus—even to the very end.

"Release the four mighty demons held bound at the River Euphrates". Some superpower of ungodliness awaits this signal, and They will kill a third of mankind. (Revelation 9:12-21). Revelation 9 includes the 5th and 6th Trumpet Judgments on earth. The seven Trumpet Judgments include three of which are "woe" judgments—more terrible that those previous to the Trumpet judgments.

Chapter 10 begins the 7th and most intense form of judgment on earth up to this point. Yet, there are still the "bowl" judgments coming up. This is not the time of the Rapture of the Church by Jesus Christ. These are great and furious judgments fallen from heaven onto evil men. They are being judged on earth. However, during the seventh Trumpet, the angel does "claim early victory" over the enemies of God. Why is this? Let's see what the scriptures really say:

"And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:5-7—KJV)

We must remember that the sound of the “rapture” Trumpet has nothing to do with Judgment on earth; but has everything to do with a special timing set by our God Himself, which includes *four sounds* of *that* Trumpet—each sound meaning different courses of action—one being the rapture of the Church by Jesus Christ.

I’m thinking of the story that has been repeated in our last century concerning hell-motivated minions like Lenin, Stalin, Hitler could order the destruction of millions. It is satanic possession. *It will take place on the greatest scale of all time.* It will be a fulfillment of what Peter warned — “The devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8).

In that hour it will be in the “roar” of an Eastern Army—200,000,000 strong—whether demonic, or militarily—millions will die. (Revelation 10).

Remember what John said! “I heard the number.” That wasn’t a guess. He knew by God’s Spirit. Where, and with whom does this mighty army going to tangle? Daniel gives a clue: “But tidings out of the east and out of the west shall trouble him” (Daniel 11:44).

This could be the gathering of the clans. Every ungodly, destructive force, committed to superimposing the will of Satan on earth, will suddenly drain toward each other *in an hour and place previously settled.* The contestants for leadership within the context of evil government to China and Russia, will be caught in this vortex. *They will come to the arena at last.* They will be heavily prepared.

John said, “Their power of death was not only in their mouths, but in their tails as well” (9:19). He had only first-century words to describe twenty-first century hardware. He describes what he saw, “smoke and fire and flaming sulphur bellowed from their mouths, killing one-third of all mankind” (9:18). Some believe he saw today’s mobile armored divisions, in battle dress, with flamethrowers, and long rear guns with their bulbous muzzles. Others believe the battles are demon-infested as described in the scriptures.

Joel’s description, Moffatt’s translation.

“They run like war horses, as chariots rattle, they leap on the hilltops, like flames that crackle, consuming the straw, like a vast army in battle-array. Hearts are in anguish before them, all faces turn pale. They charge like warriors, they advance like fighters, each on his own track—no tangling of paths—none pushes his fellow, each follows his own line; they burst through weapons unbroken, they rush on the city, run over the walls.” (Joel 2:4-9). Is this the army of two-hundred million warriors—the army with fiery power?

The allies burned Dresden, Germany, with incendiaries, so that 300,000 were burned to death. Tokyo was burned with incendiaries so that 200,000 were slain. And that was prior to 1945! That was the atomic age. Today we live in the Nuclear Age! Why are conditions continuing to worsen? The answer can be found in the closing paragraphs of Revelation 9: 19-21

For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt. 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: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Christian friends, I plead with you to never give up on Jesus. Our walk in His Spirit will endure as long as you and I are *determined* to continue to commit to Him. It may help to meditate on these following words from Apostle Paul (Hebrews 10:34-39):

For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man drawback, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

In essence, Paul said to his Christian brethren, “Continue to love all men, even in their trials. You know the rewards are plentiful in heaven for the faithful. Don’t give up or lose confidence; Be patient and confident, and continue in His will to receive his promises. He will surely return soon. So do not draw back as some have; I will have no pleasure in them; for we are no of those who draw back into perdition. See that you continue in Me to the very end of your spiritual walk.”

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