

18 THE BOOK OF REVELATION AND OUR PLANET'S DESTINY



What will happen to our planet at the end of the world? Will it disappear? What will happen after that? Where will we live - in heaven or on the earth? God created this planet to be inhabited, but Paul wrote that we will be caught up in the clouds of heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Will we ever come back to earth? When will the last judgment take place and what will happen to the wicked? Will they be punished? The book of Revelation tells of a universal war; where will it take place? It also mentions a millennium, what does it consist of? What will be the devil's vacation?

THE DEVELOPMENT OF EVENTS

1. **Today it is still possible to be saved. We are living in the time of grace. With what petition, does God address humanity? Revelation 14:6, 7.**

In Rev. 18:4, He calls us to come out of Babylon which represents the religious confusion of our time.

2. **Soon the door of grace will close. All opportunity to choose God's way will come to an end, and Christ will stop interceding for men. What will then be heard in heaven? Revelation 22:11.**

"He that is unjust, let him _____ still... and he that is righteous, let him _____..."

In other words, every person's eternal destiny will have been sealed, for salvation or perdition.

3. **What will come after the time of grace is over? Daniel 12:1; Revelation 15:1.**

The time of _____, meaning the _____ last plagues.

4. **What is the name of the terrible war that will break out during the sixth plague? Revelation 16:16.** _____

- a) The setting for this war will be the Middle East, near Jerusalem.
- b) All the nations of the world will be involved (Joel 3:9-14).
- c) There will be great bloodshed (Revelation 14:20).
- d) This war will also be a battle between Satan and his followers against Christ and His people.
- e) Who will win this war? Christ will be the great victor (Revelation 19:13-16).

EVENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MILLENIUM

5. **What event will mark the end of the world and the beginning of the one-thousand-year period? Revelation 14:14-16.**

The second _____ of _____.

- Every eye will see Him (Revelation 1:7), and every ear will hear Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
- The sky will roll up as a scroll, and the islands will be moved out of their places (Revelation 6:14).

6. **After a great earthquake, what will happen to those who have died in Christ? Revelation 16:18; 1 Thessalonians 4:16.** _____

- Those who are raised in this resurrection, are called blessed. Revelation 20:6.

7. What will happen to those who are resurrected and the righteous who are alive at Jesus' coming? 1 Thessalonians 4:17.

They will be changed to immortality (1 Corinthians 15:51-54) and _____ in the clouds. The righteous will take a trip through space up to the heavenly dwellings where they will reign with Christ for a thousand years.

8. What will happen to the wicked who are still alive when Jesus comes? 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9. _____

The wicked who are dead remain dead.

EVENTS DURING THE MILLENNIUM

9. What will happen to Satan? Revelation 20:1-3.

Satan will be bound for _____ years.

He will not be literally bound but will be tied up by circumstances in that he will have no one to deceive since the wicked will be dead and the righteous will be in heaven. This will be a vacation for the devil.

10. What will the earth be like during those one thousand years? Jeremiah 4:23-27.

What makes the earth desolate?

- The seven plagues will have destroyed much.
- Armageddon will leave many dead. Jeremiah 25:33; Isaiah 24:22.
- The terrible earthquake of the seventh plague will destroy all the cities of the world.
- The coming of Christ amid the flames of fire will complete the destruction. 2 Thessalonians 1:7, 8.

11. What will the saints (redeemed ones) do in heaven? Revelation 20:4.

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 - They will evaluate the punishment that the wicked deserve. 1 Corinthians 6:2, 3.
 - God's justice will be vindicated through the participation of the saints in the judgment.

EVENTS AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM

12. Jesus will come to this earth after the thousand years. Who will accompany Him? Zechariah 14:4-6. _____

The Straubinger version says, "On that day there will be no light, only cold and ice." Zechariah 14:6.

13. What did the Apostle John see coming down from heaven? Revelation 21:2.

14. What will happen to the others that are dead (the wicked)? Revelation 20:5.

15. What will happen to Satan? Revelation 20:7.

He will be _____ his prison.

- a) The circumstances that kept him bound will disappear, as there will be people to deceive.
- b) The great deception will take place. Revelation 20:8, 9.
 - Satan will assure them that he resurrected them.
 - He will tell them that they can conquer the city of God and establish their own kingdom.

- c) At that moment, the great white throne with the Judge of the Universe sitting on it will be seen. Revelation 20:11.
 - Every human being will see their own life, like a film, passing in front of their eyes.

16. What will fall from heaven as Satan and the wicked try to attack the city? Revelation 20:9.

- a) The punishment will be according to what each one deserves. Revelation 20:13.
- b) That second death will be final. Revelation 20:14, 15.
- c) There will be neither root nor branch left. There will be just ashes, which means that at a certain point the fire will be quenched. Malachi 4:1-3.

17. What will God do with the earth after it has been purified with fire? 2 Peter 3:11-13.

- a) The saved will live happily in this new earth for eternity. Revelation 21:3, 4.
- b) The plan of God to restore the harmony of the Edenic paradise will be fulfilled.

CONCLUSION

- Where will you be during the thousand years - in heaven or on earth?
- Where will you be at the end of the millennium - in the New Jerusalem or among the ones who perish outside?
- Where do you plan to spend eternity?
- Jesus has done everything for you. He wants to save you. Will you allow Him to do so?

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My decision: I believe in eternal life and that God will create a new earth after the millennium.

Yes No

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Review of final events:



THE 1,000 YEARS

JUDGMENT

IN HEAVEN



SECOND COMING

**RESURRECTION
OF THE RIGHTEOUS**

**WICKED
SLAIN**

**RIGHTEOUS
TRANSLATED**

**RESURRECTION
OF THE WICKED**

**SATAN
LOOSED**

**SATAN
AND WICKED
DESTROYED**



**NEW JERUSALEM
DESCENDS**

TODAY

ETERNITY



SATAN BOUND