

# What Does the Bible Say About the End of the World?

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*Hope Has a Name*

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### I. Introduction

A. When Jesus comes back,  !

B. Titus 2:11-13 (NAS) <sup>11</sup>For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, <sup>12</sup>instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup>looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

### II. Is Jesus Going to Come Back?

A. Jesus is coming back to  what is broken, not to  what is broken!

1. Romans 8:19-21 (NLT) <sup>19</sup>For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. <sup>20</sup>Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, <sup>21</sup>the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay.

2. Revelation 21:1a (NLT) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared.

a. "Neos" -- something  new

b. "Kainos" --  new

3. When Jesus comes back, God will destroy what's  with the world! But, He won't destroy the world!

4. The world is groaning, not to be annihilated, but to be !

### III. Is Jesus Coming Back?

A. Matthew 24:36 (NLT) "However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows."

B. II Peter 3:3-4 (NLT) <sup>3</sup>Most importantly, I want to remind you that in the last days scoffers will come, mocking the truth and following their own desires. <sup>4</sup>They will say, "What happened to the promise that Jesus is coming again? From before the times of our ancestors, everything has remained the same since the world was first created."

C. II Peter 3:8 (NLT) But you must not forget this one thing, dear friends: A day is like a thousand years to the Lord, and a thousand years is like a day.

D. II Peter 3:9 (NAS) The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

### IV. Why Do People Make Such a About Jesus' Return?

A. "

1. We're to remember that all that is evil—and all that is opposed to God—and all that is unjust—will one day be !

2. "Adultery" -- unfaithfulness to a spouse, is over and over again a picture of being  to .

3. "Don't be afraid of ! Rome is going to go down! Don't quit now!"

4. John wanted them to know that this little Jesus movement was going to [ ] the [ ]!

B. "What did the biblical author intend for his [ ] [ ] to understand this passage to mean?"

1. You have to start with the [ ] of the audience for whom those words were originally written!

C. The number 12 stands for the entire [ ] of [ ]!

D. The "Pearly Gates" -- That means there's a gate for [ ]!

E. 144,000 -- [ ] is coming home!

1. And this multitude is not just of Israel, but it's from [ ] tribe and tongue and people and nation!

2. God wants and loves [ ]!

3. The number 7 is a common picture of [ ] or perfection.

4. John was writing to people who were [ ] experiencing [ ] tribulation!

F. John 16:33b (NAS) *"In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."*

G. Revelation 1:14 (NLT) *His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire.*

H. Revelation 1:16a (NLT) *He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth.*

1. Words have [ ]!

I. Revelation 1:7a (NLT) *Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.*

J. Isaiah 19:1a (NLT) *This message came to me concerning Egypt: Look! The Lord is advancing against Egypt, riding on a swift cloud.*

1. [ ] gets away with anything!

K. Revelation 1:16b-18 (NLT) <sup>16</sup>*And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, "Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup>I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave."*

1. God invites [ ] now to be a part of this great movement!

L. One day, [ ] and [ ] will be one!

1. If you join God in His new creation project, you are [ ] that [ ] of Jesus coming back!

2. [ ] of what you do is wasted!

3. Will you place your life, your mind, your time, your energy, your money, your work, your gifts, your will, your wounds, or whatever you have—[ ] at the disposal of our [ ] in this great cause?

## V. Conclusion