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**"In a little while I will once more
shake the heavens and the earth."**

(Haggai 2:6)

**"The earth is broken asunder,
The earth is split through,
The earth is shaken violently."**

(Isaiah 24:19)

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

THE ORIGINAL NAMES

In this booklet, as in other MRC literature, we often use the original Hebrew Names of the Almighty God, and of His Son, our Saviour, in preference to the hellenized and anglicized transliterations. These are the God-revealed Names which were actually spoken in Bible times, and they can be a deep blessing to us as we know their deeper meanings, and as we use them in our speech and prayers.

YHWH: (pronounced Yahwah or Yahweh) - the Name of the Almighty. Used 6855 times in the Bible. Over the past few centuries it was inaccurately rendered as Jehovah or Yehovah).

EL SHADDAI: Almighty God.

ELOHIM: The most common Hebrew word for God.

Y'SHUA: the original Hebrew Name of Jesus. (Also written, Yeshua or Yahshua).

HA MASHIACH: Hebrew for The Messiah; means "The Anointed One." In Greek, Christos, hence Christ in English.

DICTIONARY

Words in this book that are followed by ~ are listed in the dictionary at the end of the book - page 67. This is for the benefit of readers who have a limited understanding of English.

BIBLE QUOTATIONS

used in this book are from the Clear Preferred Version (CPV) which is being compiled by Don E Stanton. For further explanation, see page 67.

THE EARTH IS NOW WOBBLING !

"To the astonishment and alarm of the world's scientists, the earth's axis has for the past few months been jerking backward and forwards around the geographical north pole.

The earth is now wobbling violently as it spins in space; scientists blame the wobble for the ever-increasing number of serious earthquakes in the past five years, and warn that there could be much worse to come."

This news report was published in an Australian newspaper, *THE SUN*, in March 1981. The report goes on to speak about the earthquakes and the quake faults, and it concludes with these words:

"All this research is being carried out with a deep sense of urgency, for every month that passes brings nearer the time when the earth will ONCE AGAIN decide to wobble its way to disaster. IT COULD BE TODAY!"

Some of my readers may feel inclined to ignore the report, or shrug it off with the comment, "I'm not feeling too dizzy yet." Certainly not everything that scientists say is true and some theories change from year to year. But it is a fact, earthquakes have been increasing. We are now witnessing the disasters as they are coming through fast and ominous. Disasters such as the recent Marathwada in India, are serious warnings.

Scientific predictions are alarming enough! But the Bible prophecies concerning the ULTIMATE EARTHQUAKE can no longer be ignored!

THE MARATHWADA EARTHQUAKE

About 4 a.m. on September 30th (1993), an earthquake measuring 6.4 on the Richter~ scale rumbled across eight states of India. The power of the quake was the equivalent of a hydrogen bomb.

At the quake's epicentre in LATUR District of the Marathwada region in S E Maharashtra, a survivor said, "the earth was like an exploding bomb." The 47 seconds during which the earth heaved back and forth like a drunkard, seemed like eternity to the people who were awake.

At KILLARI, the village nearest to the epicentre, the scene looked like "the aftermath of a carpet bombing." 90% of the village was flattened. 50 villages in Latur and Osmanabad districts were almost totally wiped out. Entire families perished. In Sastur village there was virtually "no one left to weep for the dead."

The epicentre was less than 200 miles from MRC headquarters in Secunderabad/Hyderabad. Here some people felt furniture dancing in their bedrooms. I also was awakened to a consciousness of noise and commotion. At first I thought it was a dream, but then I heard the hubbub of birds. I thought there must have been a mild tremor.

A survivor in Killari was wide awake when the quake struck. He was curled up in bed reading a crime thriller. "A deafening bang threw me out of my bed even as the power supply went off. I didn't know what was happening when the cracking sound was followed by a prolonged rumbling like that of a goods train passing."

The young man ran out to safety along with his screaming wife and returned to pull out his 70-year-old uncle and his son from the debris in which they were trapped up to their waists. But he could not save his 5-year-old niece whose head was crushed by falling rubble.

30,000 SOULS PERISHED

Another survivor compared the post-quake rumblings to the whirring of helicopter rotor blades. "I managed to free myself and my wife from the ruins despite feeling like being on a swing. But I lost my daughter. She was nine. A large piece of concrete fell on her head."

After the completion of the 10-day Hindu Ganesh festival on 29th, some 40 people were singing religious songs throughout the night in a village temple. They were all buried alive.

The estimates of the region's death toll were around 30,000, making it **the worst quake disaster on the Indian subcontinent in 58 years**. The 6.4 quake was major earthquake, but actually it was of far less severity than many of the earthquakes that are striking around the globe each year.

A 7.4 quake is 100 times more intense than a 6.4 quake. A 6.6 quake struck north-west China on 2 Oct., two days after the Latur quake, but no casualties were reported. Then a 7.1 quake shook Tokyo on 12th Oct. 93, but only one person died according to reports. The reason: the quake's epicentre was far out in the Pacific Ocean.

The immensity of the Marathwada disaster is attributed to several facts:

1. the quake struck at night while people were sleeping in their homes;
2. the epicentre was in a rural area where most of the houses were built of rocks held together by mud;
3. it occurred during the monsoon and many homes were already weakened by incessant rains.

Normally many rural people sleep outside their homes - but during the monsoon the weather is cooler and the majority sleep inside. Most of those who did sleep outside survived. Those in the houses were instantly entombed.

At least 22 significant after-tremors were felt in the area over the next ten days.

A SHOCKING WARNING

There is no doubt that the Latur quake was a strong warning - both to India as a nation, and to individuals. The Marathwada region had been experiencing tremors constantly over the past year. Killari recorded 125 tremors between August and October 23, '92, including a 4.5 shake on Oct 18. It had 1050 milder tremors over the past year.

The government offered to resettle villagers, and had acquired land for the relocation of Killari, but once the initial fear subsided, people became complacent, and the villagers refused to leave as they did not like the resettlement site. Some experts dismissed the tremors as minor, which helped the government to hesitate and not press ahead with their decision on relocation.

This major quake, as every destructive quake, is a warning to the world in general; and is a warning to every Bible believer in particular. **Bible believers should know the prophecies, and should sound an alarm concerning the tragedies ahead.** The prophecies are very specific.

Y'shua the Messiah, in warning of the endtimes, said . . .

"Nation will rise against nation,
and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be
famines,
pestilences,
and earthquakes in various places." (Matthew 24: 7)

Nations are still given to war; famine is afflicting nation after nation; pestilences and plagues are on the warpath; AIDS, for instance, after swathing through Africa, is now spreading like wildfire in Asia. Earthquakes are now the order of the day.

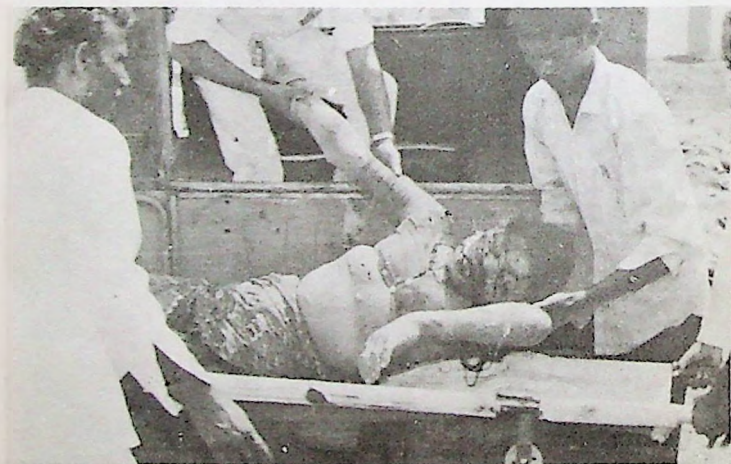
But there's much more prophesied, and predicted . . .



A KILLARI SURVIVOR PERCHED ON THE RUINS OF HIS HOME



THE KILLARI TEMPLE DEMOLISHED



REMOVING THE DEAD



RUINS IN LATUR, MARATHWADA



CARPET BOMBED



KILLARI TOTALLY RAZED TO THE GROUND



CREMATING THE DEAD

PREDICTIONS :

TRUE AND FALSE

There have been many reports and predictions of doomsday over the years, made by politicians, economists, scientists, clairvoyants, astrologers, wizards and religious weirdos. There have been those who have set dates for "the end of the world" or other lesser calamities. The unfulfilled predictions, of course, leave many people skeptical, and leave the forecasters busy trying to explain where their pre-guess-tions went wrong.

There is, however, a developing science of **disaster forecasting** that can be an authentic means of alerting nations to impending tragedies - famines, cyclones, pestilences, volcanos, earthquakes and asteroids. Exactness in such forecasting is, of course, relative.

The Bible does not give the dates, but it does warn of earthquakes, and the **ultimate disaster**. The prophecies of the Bible - the Word of *Yahwah El Shaddai*, the Almighty God, will be fulfilled - 100%. The Almighty does not print out horoscopes for us as individuals, but He does spelt out details of an upheaval in the universe that will cause the earth to shake violently. Let's start with this prophecy from the Old Testament:

"For thus says YHWH of Hosts, 'In a little while I will **once more** shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all the nations; and the Desire of all nations will come; and I will fill this house (*temple*) with glory,' says YHWH of Hosts."

(Haggai 2:6-7)

Notice those two words, **ONCE MORE**. "**Once more** I am going to shake the heavens and the earth," and this is what struck me in the news report quoted at the beginning of this booklet: "Scientists are researching urgently because every month takes us nearer the time when the world will **ONCE AGAIN** wobble its way to disaster." **ONCE MORE**, God says, He is going to shake the heavens and the earth.

THE FIRST SHAKING

When was the earth shaken before? It was at the time of the Great Flood in Noah's day. During that time a space object hit the earth which caused oceans of water to swirl around the globe, flooding the whole planet.

The Flood was certainly not a mere local river overflowing its banks. It was worldwide. In Genesis 6:17, God stated that all life on earth would be destroyed. And then, after the Flood He gave the following newsreport:

"Every living thing that moved on the earth perished - *fowls and birds, cattle and other livestock, wild beasts* and all the creatures that crawl upon the land, and all mankind. Everything on dry land that had the breath of the spirit of life in its nostrils died." (Genesis 7:21-22)

So it could not have a local flood. In Psalm 104:6, we read "the waters were standing above the mountains." The Flood prevailed over the earth for one year, and great changes took place in the geography of the planet.

In Alaska for instance, oil mining companies have discovered tropical forests preserved beneath 2,000 feet of ice, which gives evidence of a sudden upheaval.

Fossils uncovered in various parts of the world also indicate a sudden catastrophe. Mountain formations likewise suggest a sudden upheaval. While in the mountain fortress city of Petra in Southern Jordan, I was very interested to hear our Bedouin guide explain how the area was once covered with water. Yes, it was! The amazing and beautiful rock formations there were formed, no doubt, by the effects of the Flood.

It is now believed by believing scientists that a massive asteroid hit the earth, causing it to shake and to tilt a further 18 degrees off its axis. (The earth's tilt was originally 5 to 6°. Today it is tilted at almost 24°. This has been discovered through observing the orbits of moons. All moons orbit their planets in line with their equators.)

The asteroid, which may have been several hundred miles in diameter, we believe, hit the earth in the middle of the Pacific Basin.

The impact caused the crust of the earth to be broken, releasing the "fountains of the deep." The exact day that happened is mentioned in Genesis 7:11.



The asteroid would have exploded on impact, and the debris, ricocheting~ back into the atmosphere as millions of little missiles, would have caused the water canopy (the firmament - Gen.1:7) to collapse. "The floodgates of the sky were opened." And did it pour! We read . . .

"In the 600th year of Noah's life, on the 17th day of the second month - on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened; and the rain poured upon the earth for forty days and forty nights."

(Genesis 7:11-12)

Notice that both these things - the bursting of the fountains of the deep and the floodgates of the sky, occurred on the one day. It was surely a tremendous and sudden upheaval.

The sudden tilting of the earth and its wobbling created massive tidal waves that swirled around the earth, washing the earth clean of its rebellious generation. The miracle is that anyone survived at all. But *Yahwah El Shaddai* did save eight people.

"God did not spare the ancient world when He brought a flood upon the world of ungodly people, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others." (2 Peter 2:5)

The ark that Noah built in response to God's directions had perfect specifications to sustain tidal waves. It measured 450 feet by 75 feet by 45 feet. It sank into the water to a depth of 23 feet. It could not have been more stable. Such a ship had never been built until about 100 years ago.

The vessel carried up to 50,000 animals. (It is estimated that there were 17,000 species in existence before the Flood.) It

could have carried many people also - but alas, only eight people heeded the call of God, and took refuge in the Ark which was the only place of safety. The rest of the world perished, even as God had warned.

This tremendous upheaval completely changed the geography of our world. New mountains were pushed up. The arctic region, which was once tropical, became ice bound. Through the sudden impact of the upheaval, fossil fuels were created, to provide for the new world that was to emerge after the Flood. The ecology of the world was changed, so that not only did man now battle weeds, but also new elements - **floods, cyclones, earthquakes, pestilences and epidemics** With the entrance of ultra-violet rays into the atmosphere, man could no longer hope to live as long as Methuselah (969 years). Man's life expectancy was soon reduced to 70 years.

Now the question: **why did God destroy the old world?**

Because of its great wickedness, as we read in Genesis:

"Then YHWH saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time . . . Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight; the earth was full of violence. God looked on the earth, and saw how corrupt it was; for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways." (Genesis 6:5,11,12)

God would not tolerate the earth's iniquity any longer. Judgment was necessary. Divine Justice demanded it. Corruption warranted it. Time fulfilled it. The Flood occurred in about the year B.C. 2,345.

Within three generations after the Flood, the descendants of Noah turned aside from the revelation of God, and began to fashion idols, and to worship "The Queen of Heaven" and other false deities. Men became depraved in their minds and in their actions, and soon the world became filled once more with violence, immorality, corruption and unbelief. That depravity has continued right down to the present day, in spite of great

times of renaissance, reformation and enlightenment. And in these last days we are experiencing a further explosion of evil, corruption, violence and immorality.

THE SECOND SHAKING

In the New World Yahwah warned that He would once again shake the heavens and the earth. Yes, He would destroy the world **once more**. And yet, in the sign of the rainbow, He gave the promise that He would not destroy the world by flood again. But there would be a tremendous upheaval which will be every bit as catastrophic as the Great Flood.

There are many prophecies that speaks about this coming upheaval. We will turn to some of them.

Isaiah 13. This chapter is speaking about the Day of the LORD, the end times. The Day of the LORD begins with the Great Tribulation, and goes on into the time when the Messiah reigns in righteousness.

"Wail, for the day of YHWH is near!

It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

Therefore all hands will fall limp,

and every man's heart will melt.

They will be terrified;

pains and anguish will take hold *them*;

they will writhe like a woman in labour;

they will look aghast at one another,

their faces aflame." (Isaiah 13:6-8)

This is the Great Tribulation that we are reading about.

"Behold, the day of YHWH is coming;

cruel, with fury and burning anger,

to make the land a desolation;

and He will exterminate its sinners from it." (v.9)

That's a hard word, isn't it? **Exterminate!**~ God is going to exterminate the sinners from off the face of the earth. You may say, "Why should God exterminate people? **He only**, has created

us! Why should He seek to exterminate us from off the face of the earth?"

Good question! But you do recognise, don't you, that we are sinners, one and all? We have sinned against the **Holy, Eternal Sovereign**. We have sinned by our words, thoughts and deeds. Our standards have become corrupt. Our morals are corrupt, our speech is perverted, and our dealings are perverse. We utilize cunning as though it were the source of wisdom. We stockpile missiles of slander, hatred and deceit to defend ourselves from the rockets of treachery manufactured in our neighbour's backyard.

We paint our faces with religiosity, and grease our hands with "charity", to make a show of "righteousness" before the Almighty, and before anyone else who might be observing us. And our lives are so selfish, proud and conceited that we would even deem ourselves worthy to tell God what to do. We take delight in ungodliness, and teach others to do likewise. We say, "every man for himself," and we slave to make others bend to our wills.

We take the law into our own hands, and become a law to ourselves. We change good to evil, and evil to good. Filth - we revel in it. Righteousness - we mock at it. Lies - we use them like a carpenter uses nails. Murder, rape and violence - that's alright as long as you get away with it. Alcohol, drugs and nicotine - these are assets to help us calm ourselves, and to reinforce us for our continuous round of gimme-gimme ("give me, give me"). I'm speaking of society in general.

I want to emphasise this fact. **THE GREAT TRIBULATION IS THE JUDGMENT TIME** - the judgment of this terminal sin-sodden generation. I'm fully aware that judgment isn't a popular subject, but I'm only reiterating what **God** has declared.

*"Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all people everywhere to **repent** (that is, to change their minds and to amend their ways with abhorrence for their*

sins), because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

(Acts 17:30-31)

WHAT TYPE OF GOD IS GOD?

Many scoff at the possibility that God should judge the world. But I want to ask you, what kind of God is *Yahwah El Shaddai* - the God of the Bible? Is He some senile grandfather sitting up in the clouds? Is He some kind of dotting deity of whom we may beg and demand and receive lots of goodies? Is He like a servant; a God who does everything to please us whenever we call out His Name; One who is there for our benefit and to solve the problems we create? No! No! *Yahwah El Shaddai* is the **Holy God**; the **Moral Ruler** of this whole Universe.

God created us for Himself. All mankind was created for the glory of God, but long ago we went astray and turned to our own ways; and this is what man is doing today - turning to his own way. Look at our sick society today! See the attitude of modern man!

"We will not have this Man Y'shua, Jesus, to rule over us!"
"Who is God? Who is He that He should tell US what to do? We are now advanced, educated, scientific, and technological. We don't need God to tell us what to do! We are quite capable of deciding our own standards, of guiding our own lives and deciding our own future."

This is the attitude of modern man who says, "Away with God, away with the Bible; we **don't need** them! and we **don't want** them and we **won't have** them!"

And what is God supposed to do? Should He just wink at the iniquity that is throttling our world, and say, "Oh these dear, naughty children! Boys will be boys, and girls will be girls!" ? Should He just chuckle at our antics, and say, "Oh they're so cute! It doesn't really matter that they don't know what they are doing!"?

Let us recognise that God is the Holy One, and that we have grievously offended His holiness. We have turned against God, our Creator, by our rebellion, by our unbelief, by our disobedience, and by our utter indifference to His voice.

El Shaddai gave Israel a set of commandments. The first two commands were:

1. "I am YHWH your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. **You shall have no other gods before or besides Me.**

2. "**You shall not make for yourself any graven image - any idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath, or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them nor worship and serve them for I, YHWH your God, am a jealous God . . .**"

(Exodus 20:2-5)

But what do most of us care for the commands of the God of Israel? We cram our lives full of gods and idols - as many as we feel we can safely accommodate - ambitions, goals, money, business, home, family, people, sport, entertainment, sex, pleasure - and self.

Today the world is in the grip of a Satanic plan to bring the whole world to the feet of Satan. The things we see in society today are not happening by chance. Satan is at work to destroy faith on the earth; faith in the LORD God.

The increasing crime and violence we see in society is not happening by accident. The drug addiction afflicting our young people, is not by accident; it is big business sponsored by the Mafia, the criminal crime network of the world.

The increase of alcoholism; the collapse of morality, is not by accident. The pernicious pornography plague that is sweeping the western world, is sponsored by the Illuminati Conspiracy.

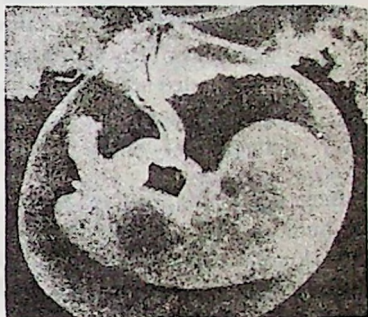
Now the most depraved entertainment since the Roman Empire is being portrayed on film. Not only X-rated films, but even live murders are filmed for the sake of entertainment.

For instance, as far back as 1975, it was reported that a film was produced in South America, in which an actress, after engaging in sexual acts, was murdered by being cut up limb by limb in full view of the cameras. This film was produced for whoever wanted to witness a gory spectacle and pay a good price to see it. What is this? We are back to the inhuman age of the gladiators of Rome! This is the world, my friend, that WE have created; and people love it like this. This is society in general.

Those who love the Word of God are increasingly, the "odd ones out." Those who love righteousness and decency are becoming a small minority.

LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY !

If the brutal slaying of the actress mentioned above shocks you, dear reader, what about the fact that every year 50 MILLION babies are brutally slaughtered in their mothers' wombs before they can even cry? .



"Oh!" the moderns say, "That's the mother's choice." What? To kill? And no doubt, if there were no law against it, many would choose to kill their parents, or their neighbours. Already 30,000 people are killed each year in India, and at least 25,000 a year in the USA. And what is God supposed to do? I'll tell you! God **must** judge the world! And He **certainly will** judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He raised from the dead; the Man *Y'shua Ha Mashiah*! (Acts 17:31) The day is appointed!

So we read in Isaiah 13, God is going to exterminate the wicked of this earth. It's necessary because the Messiah is going to reign in righteousness over this earth. And there's no way He is going

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to rule over a **rebellious** planet, where the standards and ways of the Heavenly Father are rejected. He must first cleanse this planet of the evils that are ruining it. He must exterminate the rebellion. God emphasises in Isaiah:

"Thus I will punish the world for its evil,
and the wicked for their iniquity;
I will also put an end to the arrogance of the proud,
and abase the haughtiness of the ruthless.
I will make mortal man scarcer than pure gold,
and mankind more rare than the gold of Ophir.
Therefore I shall make the heavens tremble;
and the earth will be shaken from its place
at the fury of YHWH of Hosts,
in the day of His burning anger...
Their little ones will also be dashed to pieces
before their eyes;
their houses will be plundered and their wives ravished."

(Isaiah 13:11-13, 16)

Often people ask me, "What about the little ones in the Tribulation? Why should they suffer?" Here in Isaiah we see the little ones dashed to pieces. It is a tragic fact that babies and little children always suffer, both in natural calamities and in man-made catastrophes.

At Hiroshima, the atom bomb did not fall on adults only, but on the little ones too. When Jerusalem was destroyed by the Romans in AD 70, it was not only the adults who were slaughtered: babies were taken from their mothers' arms and thrown from high buildings to the streets below. They were dashed to pieces. One million people died at the time, including tens of thousands of children.

In the Great Flood, **every baby on earth was destroyed**. Why did God allow it? Because of the wickedness of the nations!

TIME magazine (Jan.11,'82), devoted 23 pages to its cover article, entitled, "Children of War." It dealt with the tragedies affecting children in Ireland, Israel, Lebanon, Cambodia and Vietnam.

It quotes a poem by a girl in Israel, which expresses the feelings of many.

IF there's a God

And yes, many claim there is,

Then how does it happen

That little kids get killed?

It does make you cry, doesn't it? That's a question that is so often asked. The fact is, children suffer because of the sins of the parents.

Long ago, God said:

"YHWH is long-suffering, abounding in steadfast love and mercy and forgiving sin and transgression. Yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished; He punishes the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."

(Numbers 14:18)

It seems wrong that children should suffer because of their parents' sins. But there are natural repercussions that follow a man's evil living. If you want to save your children and grandchildren from much suffering, then you must repent of any evil in **YOUR** life. Now!

Let me point out this fact; sin has terrible repercussions. Oh! We haven't come to grips with sin and its results. We treat it lightly - unless we ourselves are affected by someone else's unscrupulous tactics. We wink at sin, unless it affects us personally. Usually we shrug the shoulders, or ignore it because "everyone's doing it." And we expect the Holy God to wink at it also.

We have not sinned only against our own selves; we have not sinned merely against our neighbours, our families and our nations. We have sinned against the Holy One who hates evil. All sin is a grievous offence to God; and sin has its wages! It is a tragic fact that . . .



OUR SINS AFFECTS OTHERS!

You cannot commit a sin without it having some effect upon others. Every sin helps to destroy you! And the sin in YOU, helps to destroy others that come in contact with you.

If a father is a drunkard, do you think his children will not be affected? Or if a young person is a drug addict, do you think that he is not going to affect anybody else? Is it simply his own isolated choice that affects only his own life? No! it affects others. Everything we do, both good and bad, has an effect upon others. Judgment is coming upon even little children because of the accumulated sin of the past several generations.

THE EARTH SPLIT THROUGH

The Almighty says He is going to shake the heavens and the earth. He's going to make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken from its place. And the sun will be darkened.

In Isaiah 24, we have another shocking prophecy concerning the shaking of the heavens and the earth. Again it is speaking about this Day of the LORD, the Great Tribulation:

"Whoever flees at the sound of terror will fall into a pit, and he who climbs out of the pit will be caught in a snare; for

the windows above are opened,
and the foundations of the earth shake.

The earth is broken asunder.

The earth is split through.

The earth is shaken violently.

The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard,
and it totters like a shack,

for its transgression is heavy upon it,

and it will fall, never to rise again." (Isaiah 24:18-20)

At first it may seem that this prophecy concerns the ultimate destruction of the world. But the next verse indicates that beyond the upheaval, is a renewed world over which the King-Messiah, YHWH-YSHUA reigns.

"Then the moon will blush and the sun will be ashamed, for YHWH of Hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and before His *appointed* elders in *power and great glory*."

(Verse 23)

So beyond the Tribulation is the glorious reign of the Almighty God and His Anointed Messiah - the Heavenly Master.

There is a parallel prophecy in the book of Haggai concerning the upheaval, the shaking of the heavens and the earth, and the return of the Messiah.

"For thus says YHWH of Hosts, 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all the nations; and the Desire (*the Saviour*) of all nations will come; and I will fill this house (*the temple*) with glory,' says YHWH of Hosts."

(Haggai 2:6-7)

Yes, Y'shua, Jesus WILL come, and His glory will fill the House of God, and the whole world. The Messiah is to reign from the world capital, Jerusalem. Before that, however, the terrible tragedy!

THE INCREASE OF EARTHQUAKES

Can you imagine the earth splitting in two? On September 1, 1975, *TIME* magazine had a cover article called "Earthquake." Depicted on the front cover was the earth split through. The article spoke about seismologists' predictions of an ultimate earthquake for California which they say, is already overdue.



The *TIME* article deals with earthquake forecasting and the limited success seismologists have had in predicting the time, place and size of earthquakes.

Earthquakes are not a new thing, of course. There have been some super ones in the past, including the mighty quake that shook Israel in the days of Uzziah, a king of Judah who departed from the LORD and committed abominations. (Zech. 14:6)

During recorded history an estimated 74 million people have perished in earthquakes - and the floods, fires and landslides they have triggered. Two of the most destructive quakes (in terms of human lives) were both in China. In 1556, Shensi, China, suffered an estimated 830,000 deaths in a quake believed to be about 8.2 on the Richter scale.

Approximately **80%** of all earthquakes occur in the Pacific "Ring of Fire." This "Ring" is composed of the areas on the rim of the Pacific Ocean. One of the greatest earthquakes within the "Ring of Fire," was in 1964 when 25,000 square miles of Alaska was heaved up causing hundreds of millions of dollars worth of damage. Because of the sparse population only 114 lives were lost.

The Mediterranean area and lands eastward across Asia, included the Holy Lands, receive about **15%** of all earthquakes. The remaining **5%** is scattered throughout the rest of the world.

The intensity of a quake is measured by the Richter Scale, a series of numbers which indicate how devastating the upheaval might be. It uses a scale from 1 to 10, and is logarithmic in character; that is, each successive value is ten times as intense as the preceding one. For instance, a "shake" at Richter 1 is unlikely to be noticed by people at all; damage is negligible. Quakes in that range happen everywhere all the time and do no harm.

Beyond Richter 3 the quake becomes noticeable. From there on up, damage increases. Richter 4 is 10,000 times as violent as

Richter 1. If 9 on the scale should be reached, it would be a billion times as violent. But quakes HAVE evidently reached Richter 9. Such was the holocaust at Messina, Italy, in 1908. Some 100,000 people died and the city was laid in ruins.

The destruction caused by an earthquake depends upon the geography, population density, and other special conditions such as rickety buildings, mountain avalanches, etc.

China suffered a second mammoth tragedy - in 1976. The death toll from the earthquake in Hopei province was up to 655,000 people. The injured numbered 779,000. The energy released in this quake was equal to no less than 10,000 Hiroshima-type atomic bombs. Tangshan, an industrial city of more than 1 million people was 80% demolished.

The prophetic Scriptures indicate there will be an increase of earthquakes as the age draws to a close. In fact, the upheavals will prove to be the birthpangs that prepare the way for the Kingdom of God on earth.

Published statistics report that in the 15th century there were 150 earthquakes; in the 16th century, 153; in the 17 century, 378; in the 18th century, 540; in the 19th century, 2,119. These statistics further indicate that in the 20th century there will be more recorded earthquakes than in the previous 5,000 years.

It is true, no doubt, that part of the rate of increase in recorded earthquakes is due to improvements in the scientific methods of detection, but this factor in no way discounts the fact that tremors are steadily increasing in number and intensity.

Of the 13 greatest known earthquakes in history, 10 have occurred in the 20th century.

The increase of seismic activity is very definitely discerned since 1948. (That year is also significant for two more reasons. It was the year of the resurrection of Israel, and it was the year of the formation of the apostate World Council of Churches.)

THE WORLD'S GREATEST QUAKES

On the following page there's a listing of a few of the world's major earthquakes, and the approximate damage in terms of lives lost. The increase becomes so evident as the 20th century progresses.

You will see that the most intense quakes have not always taken the most lives. There have been many other great earthquakes which are not listed because they have taken fewer lives.

In 1964, the Alaska earthquake took only 114 lives, but it was one of the strongest quakes ever measured, with a magnitude of 8.4 on the Richter scale.

At the beginning of this century, there was on the average, one major earthquake every two to three years. Now we have anything up to a hundred major earthquakes every year. Many of them are not reported in the news media because they do not strike populated areas.

PLATE TECTONICS

The ancient Japanese believed that earthquakes were caused by the sudden movement of the giant spider that carried the earth on its back. Others regarded quakes as the acts of a vengeful deity.

Modern scientific reasons for earthquakes have varied. The theory called "Plate Tectonics" has gained wide acceptance over the past couple of decades. It explains that the surface of the earth consists of the ten major, and several smaller, giant 70-mile-thick rock plates. The plates are moving constantly, at speeds of a few centimetres a year. Sometimes two plates become temporarily locked in place, and tension and stress builds up where they meet. The sudden release of pent-up energy when they separate, causes earthquakes (see page 30).

Off Japan, for instance, the Pacific plate is thrusting under the Eurasian plate, causing the deep-seated quakes characteristic of the Japanese archipelago. In California along the San Andreas Fault, two great plates are sliding past each other.

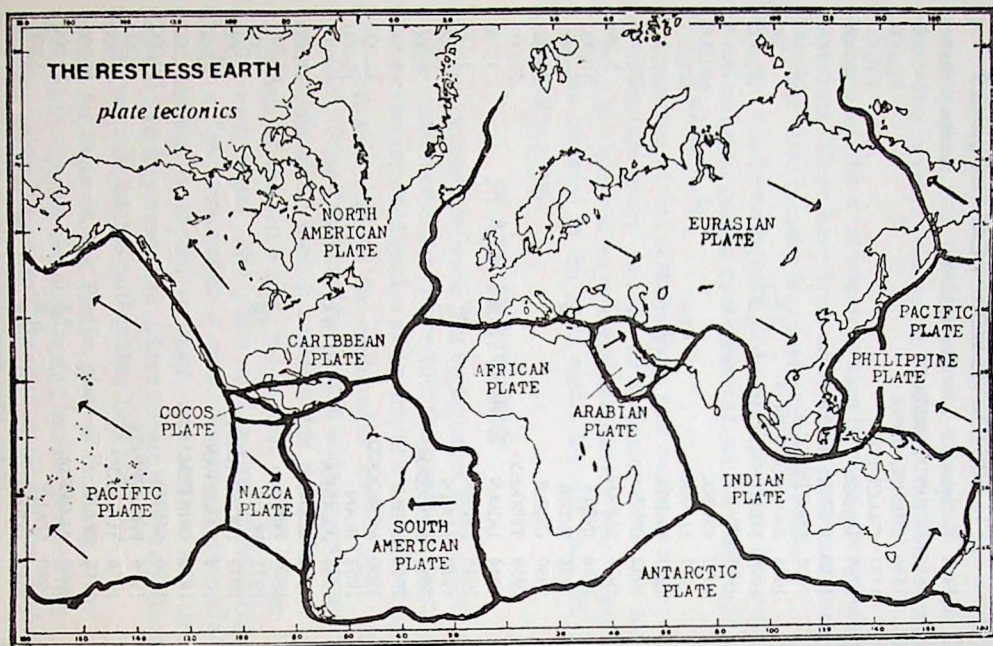
HISTORY'S WORST EARTHQUAKES

Date	Location	Richter scale	number of deaths
856	CORINTH GREECE		45,000
1556	SHENSI, CHINA		830,000
1737	CALCUTTA		300,000
1755	LISBON		60,000
1883	DUTCH INDIES		36,000
1902	MARTINIQUE		40,000
1906	SAN FRANCISCO	8.3	700
1908	MESSINA, ITALY	9.0	100,000
1915	ITALY		29,900
1920	CHINA		180,000
1922	JAPAN	7.9	143,000
1927	CHINA		200,000
1932	CHINA		70,000
1933	JAPAN	8.1	3,064
1934	INDIA		10,000
1935	INDIA	7.6	30,000
1939	CHILE		30,000
1939	TURKEY		23,000
1944	JAPAN	7.9	1,000
1946	JAPAN	8.0	1,330
1948	JAPAN	7.1	3,796
1949	ECUADOR		6,000
1960	CHILE		5,700
1960	MOROCCO		12,000
1962	IRAN		10,000
1964	ALASKA	8.4	114
1968	IRAN		11,500
1970	PERU		66,700
1972	IRAN	7.9	5,000
1972	NICARAGUA		10,000
1974	PAKISTAN		5,200
1976	GUATEMALA		23,000
1976	CHINA		750,000
1976	PHILIPPINES		3,300
1976	TURKEY		3,700
1978	IRAN		25,000
1980	ALGERIA	7.5	20,000
1980	ITALY	6.8	3,000
1987	JAPAN	6.6	60,000 homes destroyed
1993	JAPAN	7.8	260
1993	INDIA	6.4	30,000

THE RESTLESS EARTH

plate tectonics

PLATE TECTONICS



The sliver of California west of the San Andreas fault, which is located on the Pacific plate, is moving toward the northwest. The rest of the state is resting on the North American plate, which is moving westward. The sudden movement of a portion of the fault that had been locked in place for many years is thought to have caused the great San Francisco quake of 1906.

Seismologists are warily eyeing at least two stretches of the San Andreas Fault that seem to be "locked." One segment, near Los Angeles, has apparently not budged, while other parts of the Pacific and North American plates have slid some 30 ft. past each other. Near San Francisco, there is another locked section.

Sooner or later, such segments will have to catch up with the inexorable movement of the opposing plates. If they do so in one sudden jolt, the resulting earthquakes, probably in the 7 to 8 Richter range, and packing the energy of multi-megaton hydrogen bombs will cause widespread destruction in the surrounding areas. The prediction is that 10,000 people would be killed, and 300,000 injured - all in 30 seconds.

According to *Newsweek* (Dec.8,'80): "The Californians who live along the San Andreas Fault, which is certain to have an earthquake soon, are still building skyscrapers."

DIVINE VISITATIONS

Although scientific reasons may be given for earthquake occurrence, it is God who "upholds all things by the word of His power" (Hebrews 1:3), and no event can occur outside His permission. Earthquakes are sometimes "acts of judgment." Sometimes they may be described as "acts of warning."

In 1750, Thomas Sherlock, the Bishop of London maintained that two recent earthquakes were warnings that Londoners should atone for their sins. In a letter of 1777, John Wesley wrote, "There is no divine visitation which is likely to have so general an influence upon sinners as an earthquake."

Certainly earthquakes can NOT be ignored. People must sit up

and take notice. And if they will not accept God's warning, they may soon experience His wrath.

"I will shake the heavens and the earth."

It is very clear from Isaiah 24:20, that the ultimate earthquake is a divine judgment on the earth, "for its transgression is heavy upon it."

The ultimate earthquake is yet to come. As well as Isaiah, several other Bible passages refer to it. The earth split through - what an upheaval! The earth shaken violently.

The scientists who say the earth may violently wobble its way to disaster any day, could be spot on, for whichever way you analyse the present world, it is evident that the big climax is very near. It's time for God's judgment! God is allowing extreme tragedies to occur as a warning of the coming judgment. Conditions are now the same as they were in the days of Noah. The flood was not an act of nature but an **act of God**. It was God's "visitation" upon a corrupt, violent, crime-ridden people.

THE SUN TURNED TO BLACKNESS

Isaiah foretells another phenomenon:

"For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not flash forth their light. The sun will be dark when it rises, and the moon will not shed its light."

(Isaiah 13:10)

The prophet Joel also describes the Day of the LORD, and this upheaval:

**"Blow a trumpet in Zion,
and sound an alarm on My holy mountain!
Let all who live in the land tremble,
for the Day of YHWH is coming!
Surely it is near -
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and gross darkness.
As the dawn is spread over the mountains,**



so there is a great and mighty people coming.
There has never been anything like it,
nor will there ever be in the ages to come . . .
Before them the earth quakes,
the heavens tremble,
the sun and the moon grow dark,
and the stars no longer shine." (Joel 2:1-2, 10)

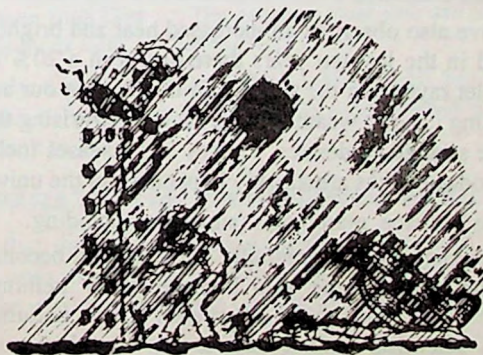
"I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth,
blood, fire and billows of smoke.
The sun will be turned into darkness,
and the moon into blood,
before the great and awesome Day of YHWH comes."

(Verses 30-31)

Y'shua the Messiah also warned of the upheaval to come:

"And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and
upon earth despair among nations, with perplexity at the
roaring and tossing of the sea. Men's hearts will faint from
terror, being apprehensive of what is coming upon the world;
for the *very* powers of the heavens will be shaken."

(Luke 21:25-26)



"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 the sky,
and the powers of THE HEAVENS WILL BE SHAKEN.

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30. Capitals are quotations from Isaiah 13:10; Haggai 2:6 & Joel 2:10 & Daniel 7:13).

How it is possible for the sun to be darkened? I am told, through a phenomenon called "the popping of the core," which is actually an explosion of the core of the sun.

SCIENTISTS ALARMED

Scientists today are alarmed, not only because the sun is wobbling, but because of other developments in the sun, which they believe are a prelude to the sun's explosion.

For the past forty years, scientists have observed that the sun has been contracting by thirteen kilometres every year. It burns itself away at an estimated 240 million tonnes every minute.

They have also observed an increased heat and brightness in the sun. And in the last ten years there has been a 20% increase of ultra-violet rays from the sun which is affecting our atmosphere, and causing chaotic weather patterns. Is it surprising that we also see some strange epidemics, viruses and diseases including skin cancer, today? Signs are already happening in the universe.

Out there in space, many stars (suns) are exploding.

The hydrogen of a star gradually burns up and becomes helium. When the core of the star becomes 40% helium, the star explodes. Our sun's core is already 50% helium, and the question scientists cannot answer is; why has **our** sun not already exploded?

The only answer is that it is not yet God's perfect time. But it does mean that our sun could explode at any time!

Immediately prior to the explosion, the sun will turn savage, intensifying its heat. An explosion of the core of the sun will not mean the end of life on our planet, but for a period of days or weeks, almost total darkness would prevail; normal light would not be emitted, but ultra-red rays would keep the world from freezing. These red rays would also cause **the moon** to appear as **dark crimson**.

Can you imagine a black sun rising? Well, the sky would be so black, you would hardly see the sun at all. Probably the sun would be outlined by a red ring caused by ultra-red rays. Can you imagine the eerie darkness?

This is the explosion scheduled for the end of the Great Tribulation. The darkness will go on for some time until - "the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky."

The Messiah Himself shall descend from heaven in great glory, as you have just read in Matthew 24:30. And we are also told, the Heavenly city will come down out of heaven and the nations will walk by its light.

"And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God . . . The nations - *those who are saved* - will walk by its light ..." (Revelation 21:2, 24)

The Heavenly City will give light to the earth, but in the meantime, the helium in the sun will be redistributed until the sun comes back to life.

PREPARATION for the RENEWED WORLD

It is likely that during the shaking-upheaval, the earth will be jerked back onto its original, or onto a more suitable axis, which will cause the world to become a Garden of Eden once more.

The sun is not going to be completely destroyed - not yet. But the explosion of its core is imminent. The earth is going to be

shaken, but it also is not going to be completely destroyed - not yet. It will not be destroyed until God has finished with it. He will not finish with it until His purposes, and the prophecies about the reign of the Messiah on this earth, have been fulfilled..

Some people say, "Oh, that's fantastic - Jesus coming to reign on this earth." But the Bible prophecies are very clear.

This is not some new doctrine we have thought up in the past five years. Some people think that we have invented all this about the second coming of Christ. Not at all! The first prophet who prophesied about the SECOND coming of the Lord was Enoch; he said that the LORD would come with His angels to judge the earth.



"Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied of these: 'Behold, the LORD is coming with thousands upon thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him'." (Jude 1:14-15)

Daniel prophesied about the Son of Man coming in the clouds, and also of His reign of righteousness over the earth.

"In the night visions, I kept looking, and suddenly there was One like the Son of Man, coming in the clouds of heaven. He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him.

"Then He was given authority, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and *men of every* language should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:13-14).

The apostle Paul, in the New Testament, speaks about the Heavenly Master coming to deliver His people from this present evil world.

The "Son of Man" - is the title by which Y'shua referred to Himself; and He will literally come "in the clouds" as we read in the New Testament prophecies.

"Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was caught up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they were looking intently into the sky as He went up, behold, two men in white clothing stood by them; and they also said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into the sky? This same Y'shua, who has been taken up from you into Heaven, will come back in just the same way as you have seen Him go into Heaven'." (Acts 1:9-11)

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. Then the dead in Christ - *those who died in union with the Messiah* - shall rise first. Then we, the living *believers* who remain, will *simultaneously* be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)

The kingdom of Messiah on earth has also been prophesied in several other passages.

"Then I saw thrones, and sitting on them were those to whom authority to judge was given. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Y'shua and because of the Word of God - these had not worshipped the beast or his image and had not received his mark upon their foreheads or upon their hands. They came to life and reigned with the Messiah for the thousand years . . .

"Blessed and holy are those who have a part in the first resurrection; the second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of the Messiah and will reign with Him for a thousand years." (Revelation 20:4,6)

THE 1,000-YEAR KINGDOM

Some may argue that the thousand year kingdom is in Heaven and not on earth. But how can that be seeing that time does not exist in eternity. There is "no night there," and thus no days or years. And moreover, Revelation specifically says:

"You have made us kings and priests to our God, and we will reign over the earth."
(Revelation 5:10)

Zechariah speaks of the coming of the Lord, and the kingdom on earth that follows:

"Then YHWH will go out and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. On that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is east of Jerusalem; and the Mount of Olives will be split in two, from east to west, *forming* a very large valley, with half of the mountain moving to the north and the other half moving to the south . . . And YHWH will be King over all the earth; in that day it will be *acknowledged* - YHWH is one; and His Name the only one . . . Then the survivors from the nations that attacked Jerusalem will go up year after year to worship the King, YHWH of Hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles."

(Zechariah 14:3-4,9,16)

Isaiah also prophesies of the Kingdom on earth:

"In the last days the mountain of the House of YHWH will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and all nations will stream into it. Many peoples will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of YHWH, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths.' For the Law (*instruction*) will go out from Zion, and the Word of YHWH from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations,
and will settle disputes for many peoples.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they learn warfare any more." (Isaiah 2:2-4)

"The wolf also will live with the lamb,
and the leopard will lie down with the young goat.
The calf and the young lion
and the young fattened animal *will feed* together,
and a little boy will lead them.

The cow and the bear also will graze
and their young will lie down together.

The lion will eat straw like the ox.

The infant will play near the hole of the cobra,
and the young child will put his hand on the viper's den
without danger.

They will not harm or destroy on all My holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of YHWH
as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:6-9)

So it is definite that Y'shua the Messiah will reign over the earth for a 1000 years; and until that time is fulfilled, the earth will not be completely destroyed by nuclear weapons, nor by asteroids, or any other catastrophe.

Now the question, who are the subjects on earth during the millennial kingdom?

They are people who have embraced the King; believers who love Him and who have chosen to stand with the Messiah; those who have been born again by the Spirit of God. They are His subjects.

And from which nations? Or will there be only Jews saved?

Y'shua is truly the King of Jews; we will not dispute that fact. But He is not the King of Israel only! He is the King of the **whole earth**. All nations will worship and be subject to Him!

Daniel's prophecy, some will answer, says that the kingdom of the Son of Man will be an everlasting Kingdom, not a 1000-year kingdom. At first there seems to be a contradiction.

Daniel says the Kingdom is for ever, whereas the book of Revelation says they reigned with Messiah for one thousand years. The answer to this seeming contradiction is that the 1,000 years is simply one aspect of the eternal reign of The Eternal Spirit. It is an earthly phase of the Kingdom of God.

Some argue that we are already in the spiritual Kingdom of God if we belong to Jesus Christ. That's true! We have been transferred - we have been taken out of the Kingdom of Darkness and brought into the Kingdom of Light according to Colossians 1:13. We are in the Kingdom of the Messiah right now, if He rules in our hearts. We are citizens of the Kingdom of God, because we have been born of God, and therefore have entered that Kingdom. That is a fact! But this spiritual kingdom is not what Daniel is speaking about, and neither is it what the Book of Revelation is speaking about.

Daniel is looking forward to the time "when the kingdom of the world becomes the kingdom of our LORD and of His Anointed One." (Rev. 11:15). The Book of Revelation is also speaking about the period upon the earth when the Almighty brings this world to a glorious consummation.

The ones who are raised to life in Revelation 20:4 are people who were slain during the Tribulation - people who did not receive the mark of the beast. They reign for the thousand years with the Messiah when He reigns over the earth.

But how about those of us who are believers in Christ now? If we truly belong to the Anointed One, Y'shua the Saviour, we are going to be caught up to meet Him in the air, and taken to the place which He has prepared for us in heaven. That place is called the "New Jerusalem" of which we read in Revelation:

"And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride, *beautifully*

adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, 'See now, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and *YHWH Elohim* Himself shall be with them - their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning, or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away'.

(Revelation 21:2-4)

There's the Bride of the Lamb-Messiah, and the heavenly city that Y'shua has prepared for her. The prophecy says the city comes down from Heaven. It does not say that it settles upon the earth, but that the nations will walk by its light. This implies that the heavenly city is in proximity to the earth. It will possibly be hovering over the earth - over the world capital, Jerusalem. That heavenly city is the "palace" from where the Bride reigns with the Heavenly Bridegroom for the one thousand years.

The Bride of the Lamb-Messiah is the Corporate Body of Believers from this present church age. Every believer, since Pentecost, who truly belongs to Y'shua the Messiah, is a member of the Body, His Bride. And they are going to reign with the Bridegroom, not merely for one thousand years, but for ever.

From the moment they are caught up to meet their Beloved Master, eternity begins for the Lord's people.

"There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His bond-servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. And there will no longer be *any* night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because *YHWH* the LORD God will give them light. And **they will reign for ever and ever.**"

(Revelation 22:3-5)

After the thousand years, this present earth and universe will be "rolled up like a scroll." As Peter tells us in his epistle:

"But the Day of *YHWH* will come, *unexpected*, like a thief, in which the heavens will disappear with a roar; and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up . . . That day will bring about the destruction

of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the intense heat. But, in keeping with His promise, we are looking forward to new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."

(2 Peter 3:10,12,13)

That's the ultimate destruction of the present universe. But now let us go back to the Tribulation and pick up a few more details of the upheaval that are given in the Book of Revelation.

Chapter 6 introduces the seven years of catastrophe. Here is the upheaval, once more:

"I watched as He broke the sixth seal; and there was a great earthquake; and the sun turned black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became blood-red; and the stars of the sky fell to earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a strong wind. The sky vanished like a scroll being rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of its place.

"Then the kings of the earth, the great men, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and to the rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him (*the Almighty*) who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath has come; and who is able to stand (*before it*)?'"

(Revelation 6:12-17)

Yes, the people at that time, will recognize that it is the wrath of God coming upon the earth, and not just natural calamities. They will begin to realize that they are on the losing side; that they are sinners in the hands of the Almighty God. They will realize that things will never be the same again. Time is up. It's now the judgment time!

The above prophecy gives further evidence of the sun becoming black and the moon like blood. I have explained how the sun will explode, causing a time of utter blackness. But I will leave you to imagine the absolute darkness, day after day, and the fear and panic upon the earth; not only because of the eerie darkness,

but also because of the numerous stars falling to the earth at the same time. There will not be merely one or two "falling stars," but many objects striking the earth - "as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind." This prophecy indicates there is going to be a horrific pelting of the earth by asteroids or meteorites.

Scientists today are saying the planet is already sitting in the middle of a "shooting gallery."

Another interesting report from the AAP, Washington -

ASTEROIDS

'THREAT TO EARTH'S CIVILISATION'

"Errant asteroids from deep space could destroy civilisation on earth, according to scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Advisory Council.

"They recommend that men should plan to use missiles and hydrogen bombs to deflect errant asteroids back into space.

"The scientists said there were about 800 ASTEROIDS IN DEEP SPACE which could destroy most of life on our planet. They said there were hundreds of thousands of smaller ones that could demolish a single city or region. The only way to avoid an impending collision would be to detect the possibility far in advance and intercept the approaching body with hydrogen bombs? Such a project could eventually cost billions of dollars, but the Advisory Council proposed a modest beginning - a few million dollars to start Project Spacewatch."

I suspect, from the description in Revelation 6, that there may be too many asteroids pelting our planet for missiles to intercept. And I fear Project Spacewatch will be totally inadequate, and will not even be completed in time.

Oh the tragedy! the earth shakes; the stars strike, the sun turns black; and peoples' hearts melt with terror. Even the commanders call out for the rocks to fall upon them. They would rather die than endure the unending disasters

As we read in Isaiah 24, people will flee from one disaster and fall into another disaster. Some will escape the nuclear war and yet will die of famine; or if they escape the famine, they will die in an earthquake or a cyclone; and should they escape those tragedies, and also escape the asteroids, they will eventually be forced to worship "the beast" - duped into worshipping the devil.

Oh the terrible tragedy! People crying to the rocks and the mountains; crying out for death. Already today, we see great perplexity, pressure and suicide. **Every day** throughout the world, one thousand people kill themselves, and another nine thousand people attempt suicide. Can you imagine what it will be like during the Great Tribulation when everything has become so chaotic and hopeless, and men's hearts are filled with despair?

Now let us turn to Revelation chapter 8. This chapter lists further judgments on the earth. The time has now come for the saints to be avenged. These saints are believers in the Messiah who have been afflicted by the world.

"When He (*Y'shua the Lamb*) opened the seventh seal there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God; and seven trumpets were given to them.

"Then another angel who had a golden censer came and stood at the altar; and much incense was given to him, that he might offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar before the throne. And the smoke of the incense *together* with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with the fire of the altar, and hurled it upon the earth; and there followed peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and **an earthquake.**"

(Revelation 8:1-5)

This is the fury of the wrath of God. The earthquake warns of more disasters. Some of the following judgments could be caused by man-made weapons, others may be a part of the universal upheaval.

THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

Seven angels now blow trumpets that announce judgments, and after each blast, new calamities strikes the earth.

Let me mention in passing; these are seven trumpets that announce judgments; they are **not** the trumpets announcing the Rapture or the coming of the Master for His people. The Rapture trumpets are mentioned by Paul:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. Then the dead in Christ - *those who died in union with the Messiah* - shall rise first."
(1 Thessalonians.4:16)

We read of the last Rapture trumpet:

"... in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we, also, will be transformed."
(1 Corinthians 15:52)

The last trumpet Paul speaks of here is the trumpet of **summons**. But the trumpets spoken of in these chapters of Revelation however, are trumpets of **judgment**. That's a big difference! I mention this because some people use the "trumpet argument" to assert that the Lord's coming is in the middle of the Tribulation when the 7th trumpet sounds. Not so! That is a different type of trumpet altogether. Look at the first four trumpet judgments:

The first trumpet

"The first angel blew his trumpet, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were hurled down upon the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up."
(Revelation 8:7)



This is very likely referring to nuclear warfare. Ezekiel also refers to hailstones, fire and brimstone, which causes the destruction of the forces of Russia when they come against Israel. Huge hailstones have been experienced as a result of nuclear explosions.

The second trumpet

"The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain blazing with fire was hurled into the sea; and a third of the sea turned into blood; and a third of the living creatures in the sea died; and a third of the ships were destroyed."

(Revelation 8:8-9)



"Something like a great mountain," sounds like a meteor or an asteroid burning as it passes through our atmosphere. The asteroid that hit the earth at the time of Noah's flood, estimated to have been several hundred miles wide, must have been something like a great mountain.

The third trumpet

"The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters - the name of the star is Wormwood - (*Bitterness*). A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter (*poisoned*)."



Here is another star falling from heaven, which could well be an asteroid. Another real possibility is that it is a man-made satellite falling from the sky. Remember the American Skylab that fell and crashed in Australia? And in January 1978, a Russian Cosmos satellite crashed into Canada. It was a nuclear-powered satellite, and the contamination of thousand of square miles of territory in the North West of the country, took months

to clean up. The area was radio-active for months. Another Russian satellite crashed into Australia in early 1981. There are now many nuclear-powered satellites spinning around our earth.

The falling star of Revelation 8:10, could be a nuclear-powered craft; or yet another possibility - a man-made biochemical weapon, causing great pollution of our rivers and oceans.

I think, for example, of the poison called botulinus toxin. It is the most powerful poison known to man - 300 million times more powerful than cyanide. And some nations have already harnessed it into a fearful weapon. You only need six ounces of this toxin and if you distribute it correctly in the water reserves of a nation, you could wipe out the whole nation overnight. That's just one example. There are also other types of weapons that men have created.

The rivers and the oceans will be poisoned. Yes, it is possible that this will be caused by a man-made poison. The word "Wormwood" has a connection with herbs; and of course, many poisons are made from herbs. So it could well be a man-made poison.

Some people think this is becoming a much better world. Some say we are on the verge of a **new world order** that will solve our problems, and bring in peace, justice, equity and prosperity. But no way! The evidence we see today shows that society is becoming more cruel, unrestrained, violent, selfish and ungodly.

America is now deploying the **neutron bomb**. And they say the advantage with the neutron bomb is that it kills the people without destroying the buildings. That's wonderful, isn't it? Somebody has remarked, that is what they did with bows and arrows. So we are no better than the barbarians of the past. In fact, mankind is now far more capable of mass torture and annihilation than ever before.

We are now in the business of laser weapons. Have you heard of **HEL**? - not the Lake of Fire! This is a man-made hell - **HEL** stands for High Energy Lasers. They are beams of light that can

fire at the speed of light over thousands of miles. The U.S. denies that it is deploying "star wars" in space. But it is known that scientists are developing "international lasers" that can fire, say, from the New York to Moscow, at the speed of light. Laser weapons can wipe out a whole city. These are our modern weapons!

We are becoming technically advanced. Yes! Our computers and scientific achievements are revolutionising society, and opening up new amazing frontiers. Yes! But does this achievement make us more kind, patient or civilized?

Hollywood is producing films about the **disasters** of the future - a hundred years hence. "STAR WARS" is such a projection. Why don't they make a film depicting the beautiful man-made **utopian society** of the future? The first reason is that the film wouldn't be a success without violence, suspense and villains.

"And this is the judgment - *the indictment* - that the Light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than Light; for their deeds were evil."
(John 3:19)

The second reason is that technology does not change the heart. Even though we might build colonies in outer space, we cannot implant decency, peace and righteousness in our own hearts. Colonisation of planets, and the development of galactic cities in space, would merely transfer the arena of violence and war to wider spheres. Star wars would be the inevitable result.

The fourth trumpet

"The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and *also* a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their *light* was darkened; and a third of the day was kept from shining, and likewise the night."

(Revelation 8:12)



Here again is the upheaval in the universe, but at this time it effects only one third of the sun, moon and stars.

THE SCORCHING OF THE EARTH

In Revelation chapter 16 also we see the sun smitten . . .

"The fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun; and the sun was given power to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with fierce heat; and they blasphemed YHWH, the Name of God who had control over these plagues; but they did not repent and give Him glory."
(Revelation 16:8-9)



The sun scorching the earth! This is the prelude to "the popping of the core" of the sun. But notice, even though men are scorched with fierce heat, they do not repent.

The sun scorching the earth comes in the second half of the Great Tribulation, and at that time, there will be no repentance. It will be too late to repent. In the first half, yes, there will be many who repent, for the LORD pours out His Spirit upon the world. In the first 3½ years, He will turn the hearts of the people of Israel to the Messiah, and they will recognise that Y'shua is indeed the Anointed One.

Zechariah prophesied that a fountain will be opened for the people of Israel in that Day (Zech 13:1). Multitudes of people will be saved in the first half of the Tribulation, but not many in the second half. It will be too late for most, for by the middle of the Tribulation, everyone will be either sealed by God or marked by Satan. The Mark of the Beast becomes compulsory by the middle of the seven years.

If Revelation 16:8 describes the intense heat which is a prelude to the explosion of the sun, we could expect to also read a prophecy about darkness following. Well, look at these verses:

"The fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony.

"And they cursed and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their anguish and their sores; and they refused to repent of their wicked deeds."
(Revelation 16:10-11)

There is the darkness! The kingdom of the Beast, by this time, is worldwide. So the whole world will lie in this eerie darkness. The people will have no idea how long it will last. The ultra-red rays emitted by the sun will be enough to prevent the world from freezing, but those same red rays could be the cause of the pain, during the darkness.

THE ULTIMATE EARTHQUAKE

At the end of Revelation 16 we read of the ultimate earthquake - the catastrophic end to the seven years of "hell upon earth." Earthquakes will characterise the whole seven years, but this earthquake is the big one; the final one. Seismologists have predicted it. The Bible has prophesied it:

"The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air; and a loud voice came out of the temple *in heaven* from the throne, saying, 'It is done!' Then there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder; and there was a great earthquake, such as there had not been since man came to be upon the earth, so great an earthquake was it, and so mighty.

"The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. And God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup *filled* with the wine of His furious wrath *and indignation*. And every island fled away, and the mountains could not be found. And huge hailstones from heaven, *each weighing* about a talent (*about 40 to 50 kilograms*), fell upon men; and men blasphemed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was extremely severe."
(Revelation 16:17-21)

The ultimate earthquake! Mountains disappear. Islands flee away. Yes, the earth is going to be shaken to such a terrible

degree - "split through." Turned upside down. Utter destruction to countless cities.

It is easy to believe that the earthquake will come along the San Andreas fault - the major quake fault that begins down in South America, in Argentina. It comes up through Chile, through the Central Americas, through Nicaragua. (Remember the big earthquake there a few years ago?) It comes up through Mexico, and then along the coast of California. San Francisco and Los Angeles, two of the most wicked cities in the world, are situated on that San Andreas fault.

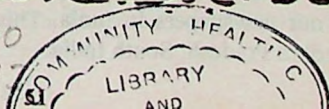
The fault follows the Pacific plate and the Ring of Fire. It passes right up the coast of California, and then across to Alaska. (Remember the big earthquake in Alaska in 1964? It was felt from Alaska to India). The fault goes right down through China, Japan, Philippines, Indonesia, and the Pacific to New Zealand.

Japan has a lot of earthquakes. I'm told that in Tokyo the skyscrapers often have a dance in the streets.



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A massive colliding of the Pacific tectonic plate would cause a quake chain reaction in the Eurasian, Indian, Arabian and African plates as well as the north and south American plates. (See map on page 30).

We can expect a massive reaction right across China and the Himalayas, through Afghanistan, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the Gulf, Israel, and right up into Turkey, Greece, Italy and Europe But it will be felt worldwide. This is the GLOBAL EARTHQUAKE !

And by the way, can you believe it, the Americans have even built a nuclear laboratory on earthquake faults? A report . . .

DEADLY NUCLEAR LAB BUILT ON QUAKE FAULTS

The deadliest weapons on earth are developed at a secret laboratory in a valley crisscrossed with more then a dozen earthquake faults, just 64 km from San Francisco.

Critics say quakes could damage Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, a centre for nuclear weapons research, and **cause deadly plutonium to be released** in an area where more than five million people live.

Weapons research requires the lab to keep as much as several hundred pounds of plutonium on hand for experiments.

- AAP. Los Angeles. (*The Sun*, 5-1-81)

Imagine it, the most deadly weapons on earth are developed at this secret laboratory in a valley criss-crossed with more than a dozen earthquake faults, just 64 kms. from San Francisco!

We read in Revelation 16:21, huge hailstones that accompany the ultimate earthquake. One hundred pounds each!

You may ask, How is this possible? It's very possible. In fact, such a thing has already happened. Look at this report from one of our newspapers in India. This happened in March 1981, in Andhra Pradesh, South India:

17 people killed by GIANT HAILSTONES !

There were also thirteen thousand cattle and sheep killed. 8,450 houses collapsed. Many people were injured. And then they had a procession, carrying some of the hailstones which were weighed. The weight of each hailstone was between 200 and 300 kilos each. Incredible! The areas were calling out for massive aid to help the victims.

Strange things are happening already; a foretaste of what is to come.

Other SIGNS confirming the Great CLIMAX is near!

Many people still hope that world war will be avoided. They reason that nothing so serious is going to affect the earth, and that the doomsday scientists' fears will prove to be groundless. But when we look from the prophetic perspective, we see an array of evidence that is conclusive - we are on the verge of the climax of man's 6,000-year history.

Some of the most significant prophecies being fulfilled, or that are ready to be fulfilled:

1. The nation of Israel has become militarily strong with a nuclear capacity. (Joel 3:10)
2. After the Israel-PLO accord, Jerusalem has now become the focus of world attention. (Zech. 12:2-3)
3. Independent Russia is preparing to lead a massive Northern Alliance in an invasion of Israel. (Ezekiel. 38)
4. The revival of the Roman Empire. The Maastricht Treaty has paved the way for a unified Europe. A 10-nation Anti-christ confederation is in the making. (Dan 2:40-43, 7:23-24)
5. The preparation of the Arab nations to wage a final war against Israel. (Jer. 46:8)
6. The rise of the mighty Eastern Kings, China and Japan, and their increasing alliance. (Rev.16:12)

7. The massive armaments build-up in most nations. (Joel 3:10)
8. The technological revolution, and computerized society, which will pave the way for Antichrist's total control of the world. (Rev. 13 11-18)
9. The multitude of organisations calling and working for the New World Order (which will pave the way for the dictatorship of the Antichrist). (Rev.13:5-8)
10. The cashless society which is developing rapidly in most nations. (Rev.13:16-17)
11. The appearance of number 666 as the world economic code number. (Rev.13:18)
12. Reports that already people are receiving invisible, laser-tattooed, 18-digit numbers on their hands. (Rev.13:16)
13. The World Parliament of Religions and the ecumenical progress towards a one-world confederate religion. (Rev.17:4-5)
14. The resurgence of the occult, witchcraft and the widespread expansion of Satanism. (1 Tim 4:1, Rev.13:4)
15. The increasing pressure and attacks on fundamental evangelical Christians. It is the Satanic-Illuminati plan to destroy the true faith. (2 Thes. 2:7-12)
16. The mighty movement of God, on the other hand, saving multitudes all around the world. This is undoubtedly part of the latter rain of promise. (James 5:7)
17. The moral collapse in society. (Luke 17:26-28)
18. The saturation of society with drug addiction, alcoholism, violence, crime and corruption. (Luke 17:26-28)
19. The fear and perplexity in the nations. (Luke 21:25-26)
20. The increase of earthquakes, cyclones, pestilences, plagues and famines. (Luke 21:11,25)
21. The chaotic weather conditions and resultant famines. (Luke 21:11, Rev.8:12)

The prophecies and the evidence all around point to the world climax in the very near future. It could be any day.

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Fathers of the revolution

Battle for the fifth generation intensifies

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POOR GUY

Computers could be planted inside your skull

NEW YORK (UPI) — Forget that mini-calculator you've tucked in your briefcase or purse — it's just a relic of the past. The year 2000 you'll be able to tell the time by the way you know all

necessities all may be compressed into a single pocket-sized gadget called a "data." It will have the capability of providing instant information, communications, entertainment and medical monitoring on command.

WHAT HOPE IS THERE?

The main part of this book is concerned with issuing a warning of the coming disasters. Both Bible prophecies, and scientific observations and concerns have been elaborate, and it has been my intention to impress upon my readers, the fact that the Great Tribulation is near and that there is no way the world is going to escape it.

But in the midst of these shocking predictions, Bible prophecies, and current happenings, there is **Good News** for all who will receive it. There is hope - not a vague hope or a slim chance of survival, but a very definite **deliverance from the coming holocaust** that has been promised.

The deliverance is through the Person of Y'shua (Jesus) the Messiah. Y'shua is coming again to deliver those who have believed and trusted in Him. He is coming to deliver all who are His genuine followers - those who are born again. The Master gave this assurance to His people:

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you, for I am going *there* to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and receive you to Myself, so that you also may be where I am."

(John 14:1-3)

Here He promises to receive His people, and if He was not going to take them to Heaven, there would be no point of Him mentioning "The Father's House."

The Apostle Paul makes it very clear:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a **shout**, with the voice of the archangel, and with the **trumpet call of God**. Then the dead in Christ - *those who died in union with the Messiah* - shall rise first.



Reagan's vision for a new world



Figures to prove America ain't nothing yet

TOWARDS A NEW WORLD ORDER

A document without precedent in Unesco's history: the Medium-Term Plan (1977-1982)

Club wants to rule world

One hundred rich and powerful men have just returned from a three-day meeting at one of the world's shaggiest and most secret clubs. Exactly what they were talking about is being kept behind the curtains. But the Chairman, Mikhail Gorbachev, is a member of the club.

THIRTY years old, Unesco has paused to take stock, to look at the world as it is today and to suggest what it could be like tomorrow. This, in a nutshell, is the substance of Unesco's Medium-Term Plan (1977-1982), presented in this stage to readers of the Unesco Courier.

To prepare, for education, science, culture and communication, a six-year programme of action corresponding to what the international community would like to see and should achieve.

Reshaping the International Order

A REPORT TO THE CLUB OF ROME



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Then we, the living *believers* who remain, will *simultaneously* be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words."

(1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

When the Master summons His people, they will be literally caught up - their bodies being changed in an instant.

"Listen! I tell you a mystery, *a secret truth*; we will not all fall asleep, (*that is - die*); but we will all be changed, *transformed* - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for **the trumpet will sound**, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we, also, will be transformed."

(1 Corinthians 15:51-52)

The Messiah, when speaking of the endtime events - the things that we are seeing today, said;

"But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

(Luke 21:28)

The redemption referred to here, is the catching up (the event generally called **The Rapture**). Paul also refers to this deliverance as salvation.

"For God has not destined us to *suffer His wrath*, but to receive salvation through our Master, Y'shua the Messiah." (1 Thes.5:9)

In the context Paul is speaking of the Day of the Lord. The day of darkness, and says;

"But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that the Day of *YHWH* should take you by surprise like a thief . . . But since we are of the day, let us be sober *and self-controlled*, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation."

(1 Thessalonians 5:4,8)

The hope of salvation, is not some vague hope that somehow we might be saved. It is a very definite assurance that God has given to us, that He will save us both from the Great Tribulation, and also from the Lake of Fire.

It is called "the hope of salvation" because it is THE CONSTANT EXPECTATION that believers have that the Saviour will keep His people from "the great trial" by gathering them home - at any time. Y'shua gave a definite promise:

"Because you have kept My word - My command - to patiently endure and persevere, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which is about to come upon the whole world, to try those who live on the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

Another promise in First Thessalonians:

"For God has not appointed us to suffer wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Master, Y'shua the Messiah." (5:9)

And in the last chapter of Revelation the Master emphasises three times . . .

"Behold, I am coming quickly. Blessed is he who lays to heart and keeps the words of the prophecy of this book . . . Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to everyone according to what he has done . . . He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming quickly'. Amen. Come, Y'shua, Master, come." (Revelation 22:7,12, 20)

The coming again of the Messiah, then, is a comforting hope for true believers. For them it will not be a disappointment to leave this world - to forgo whatever plans and ambitions we may have had for these few fleeting years, for ahead is the glorious future of which we can barely begin to imagine at this time.

The apostle, Paul, expressed it this way:

**"But just as it is written (in Isaiah 64:4),
NO EYE HAS SEEN, NO EAR HAS HEARD,
AND NO MAN'S HEART HAS IMAGINED
ALL THE THINGS GOD HAS PREPARED FOR
THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."**

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

WHO WILL BE DELIVERED?

In short, ALL TRUE BELIEVERS in the Anointed Saviour. I say TRUE, because there is a type of "belief" that is nothing more than a mental assent. Some people believe in Jesus Christ in the same way as they believe in Julius Caesar - merely believing the historical facts about the person.

True belief is a faith that springs up from the heart. It is based on an appreciation of who Y'shua is, of what He has already done, and of what He is willing and able to do.

Faith is an active response to the call of the Messiah, who is no other than the Creator. He is called . . .

"Y'shua because He will save His people from their sins."
(Matthew 1:21)

"Y'shua" means "Yahwah is salvation." And the salvation He provides is nothing less than a miraculous work of Yahwah El Shaddai - the Almighty God. And man desperately needs that salvation - that provision.

Y'SHUA CAME TO SAVE A RUINED RACE

Rebellion in the heavenly realm amongst certain angels long ago, affected the whole earth and the perfect environment that had been fashioned for humanity. That infection - rebellion, sin, evil - was soon threatening to make this planet and its resident race, a total ruin and a "write off." In fact, the human race, through Adam and Eve's disobedience became depraved, and stood defeated and condemned.

But the Creator came to deal with the problem - physically, judicially and eternally. As we read in Scripture, the Creator took a human garment to reveal Himself and to fulfil His plan. He was called "the Son of Man." And He came to save the lost.

Y'shua ... "who, although existing in the form of God - *being in very nature God*, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped, but emptied Himself (*of all rightful dignity*),

taking the form of a bond-servant, being made in human likeness.

"And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself (*still further*) by becoming obedient to the extreme of death, even death on a stake. Therefore (*because He stooped so low*), God exalted Him to the highest place, and gave Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Y'SHUA every knee should bow - in heaven and on earth and under the earth -and every tongue confess that Y'shua the Messiah is LORD (*the Heavenly Master*), to the glory of YHWH, God the Father."

(Philippians 2:6-11)

Why did Y'shua, the sinless, Anointed One, die on a Roman execution stake like the worst criminals? It was because He had come to seek and to save the lost. (Luke 19:10)

Y'SHUA PAID THE PENALTY FOR THE SIN OF THE WORLD

The Messiah first provided a judicial basis for saving men. He paid the penalty for humanity's enormous sin debt.



"The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23).

And Y'shua paid that penalty! He Himself became the Sacrificial Lamb of God at Calvary, just as was prophesied long before by Isaiah.

"All of us like sheep have gone astray.
Each of us has turned to his own way, but
YHWH has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him
From arrest and judgment He was taken away;
and as for His generation, who considered
that He was cut off out of the land of the living?
For the transgression of My people He was stricken."

(Isaiah 53:6,8)

The apostle Peter explained:

"For indeed the Messiah died for sins once *for all*, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, so that He might bring us to God. *He was put to death in the body, but was brought to life by the Spirit.*"
(1 Peter 3:18)

His death on behalf of mankind was the basis of man's forgiveness. And now it is a fact: **"The blood of Y'shua His (God's) Son, cleanses us from all sin."** (1 John 1:7). Provided, of course, that we come to Him and avail of the cleansing.

Y'SHUA IS THE GREAT HIGH PRIEST WHO CAN RECONCILE US TO YAHWAH EL SHADDAI

The Messiah came to seek and save the lost. He became the Lamb of God, but moreover, He was the Great High Priest who entered into the holiest sanctuary in Heaven, sprinkling His blood to make a way of access for men to come to God.

He poured out His own blood for the redemption of man; His was the only blood that could provide a permanent solution to man's sin problem; His was the only blood that could cleanse men of their defilement and depravity.

And moreover, the blood of Y'shua is the blood that ratifies the **New Covenant** which God prepared for His people - His corporate Body. That New Covenant supersedes the Old Covenant which came with Moses. The Old Covenant could never save. It could only condemn to DEATH, all who broke its Laws. But the New Covenant brings LIFE, for under its conditions, the SPIRIT OF LIFE is implanted in the hearts of all true believers.

And . . . "because *Y'shua* lives and continues for ever, He has a permanent and unchangeable priesthood. Therefore **He is also able to save completely and for ever those who come to God through Him**, since He always lives to intercede for them."

(Hebrews 7:24-25)

**Y'SHUA IS THE RISEN AND EXALTED MASTER
WHO IS MORE THAN ABLE TO FULFIL HIS PROMISES**

Y'shua the Messiah who rose again from the dead is now exalted at the right hand of the Eternal Majesty, and He is both able and willing to save all who come to Him just as they are - in all their need - but with an attitude of repentance (renouncing their earlier attitude and life of rebellion.) He will save ALL who come in childlike faith, calling upon His Name.

**"For WHOEVER
WILL CALL UPON THE NAME OF
YHWH-Y'SHUA the LORD
WILL BE SAVED."**

(Joel 2:32. Romans 10:13)

The very moment a person sincerely, and with simple faith, calls out, "Y'shua, save me!" or "Jesus, LORD, save me!", the Almighty responds by implanting the life of His Eternal Spirit in the believer's heart. It's a miracle. It is what is called, "the new birth." This is the most essential thing in the world.

"Y'shua replied, 'This is the solemn truth I tell you; no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is **born again**'. " (John 3:3)

You cannot be born again if you by-pass the Anointed One, for Y'shua is the Source of Life.

"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believe *and trust* in His Name *Y'shua*, He gave the right to become children of God - children not born of blood (*of natural descent*), nor of the will of the flesh (*human decision*), nor of the will of man (*a natural father*) but of (*YHWH the Almighty*) God." (John 1:12-13)

In Y'shua, God's Anointed One, there is life - **eternal life**.

"For *YHWH, the Almighty* God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten (*His only and unique*) Son, so that

whoever believes *and trusts* in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal (*everlasting*) life. For God did not send the Son into the world to judge *and condemn* the world; but so that the world might be saved through Him." (John 3:16-17)

Y'SHUA IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR!

Salvation, and deliverance from the wrath to come, is available in Y'shua (Jesus) the Messiah only.

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)

My dear reader, if you have never received Y'shua the Messiah as your personal Saviour, why don't you do so now? He does not ask for money, for self-righteousness, or self-improvement. He asks you to **trust** Him. He will do the rest. He will do a miracle in your life, changing your attitudes and setting you free from the bondage of sin.

If you are willing, make your decision to follow the Messiah, now! You may pray to Him, in the words of the following prayer - or using similar words of your own, to express your decision.

Why don't you pray just where you are, right now?



DECISION PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Y'SHUA (Jesus) the Messiah, to confess that I am a sinner who has been part of the rebellion in the world. I have sinned against Your commandments, and have gone my own way. But I now come to You, Father, just as I am, trusting You to save me from my sin and its penalty, and from the wrath to come.

Forgive me, Father, for every sin I ever did. Cleanse me, and make me a new person. Plant Your eternal life within me, and make me a true disciple of Y'shua the Messiah. Make me Your born again child.

Y'shua, my loving Master, I believe in You. I believe You died as the Lamb of God on my behalf. I believe that You rose from the dead to be my living Saviour. I believe You are my Great High Priest and have brought me to the Father. I trust in You and I give myself to You. Master, by Your grace and power, I will be Your follower from this day on. Keep me faithful, Beloved Master, until You come again to take me to the place You have prepared for me.

Thank You Father for hearing my prayer. Thank You Father for saving me. I thank You from the bottom of my heart, and I worship You,

in Y'shua the Messiah's Name. Amen.

Signed.....Date

Reader, if you have made this decision for the Messiah today, would you kindly write me a note at the below address, so that I might rejoice with, and pray for your spiritual growth. Write to,

Bro Don Stanton, Maranatha Revival Crusade
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DICTIONARY ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

For the convenience of our readers, some of the less-common words used in this issue have a ~ sign after them. These words are included in this dictionary.

ARCHIPELAGO: group of islands.

EXTERMINATE: destroy utterly, wipe out, eliminate.

ILLUMINATI CONSPIRACY: For details, see the book, "Mystery 666."

RICHTER SCALE: the most commonly used scale by which the magnitude of earthquakes are measured, having graded steps from 1 to 10.

RICOCHETING (rikosheyng): rebounding, springing back, bouncing off, being deflected by solid surface.

YHWH: the original, Hebrew Name of the Almighty, eternal, Heavenly Father. Also written as YHVH. Pronounced as YAHWAH or YAHWEH. In Hebrew the Name is written as יהוה . The meaning is "the eternally existing One." In most English Bibles, YHWH is written as LORD (all capitals).

YAH is the short form of Yahwah, and it is the end part of the word halleluYAH.

Y'SHUA: (also written as Yahshua, or Yeshua); the Hebrew, original Name of Jesus. It means "Yahwah saves."

HALLELUYAH: means "Praise Yah" (ie., praise Yahwah/Y'shua).

YAHWAH EL SHADDAI: Yahwah Almighty God.

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The Sacred Name of YHWH is used wherever the Hebrew Name has been used in the Old Testament. The original Hebrew Name of Y'shua the Messiah has been preferred to the hellenized and anglicized forms of our Saviour's Name.

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"For thus says
YHWH OF HOSTS:

In a little while

I will ~~+~~
once more
SHAKE

the heavens
and
the earth,
the sea,
and the
dry land.

I will shake
ALL
nations,
and *then*



'THE DESIRED OF ALL NATIONS'
*(Y'SHUA the Messiah and
Saviour of the world)*
will come."

(Haggai 2:6-7)