

WATER AND FIRE (power point handout)**13/12/20**

The world is on the brink of a disaster that will eliminate almost all forms of human and animal life. This is the second time that the bible has recorded such far reaching disasters... the first time was the great flood and the next and soon to come calamity relates to a fiery death for almost all forms of life. God had Noah build an ark to save those who believed the prophecy of the coming flood and Jesus Christ is building another ark... called the church; which will also deliver those who prepare for the coming fire. Both destructive judgments are the results of human rebellion against the principles of God.

The bible reveals the distinct parallel of both judgments... water (Noah) and fire (Jesus).

MAT 24:37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. *Even though they had been warned for many years, only few were ready for the great disaster that came.*

2PET 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. *The gospel of Christ is also mostly ignored.*

The two major judgments against the earth, also involve two different actions within each judgment.

GEN 7:11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up (underground water), and the windows of heaven were opened (the rain). *Two completely different sources of water.... And likewise with fire.*

ISA 24:18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open (from above the earth), and the foundations of the earth do shake (from within the earth).

19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. *See also...*

HEB 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.** *Both the heaven and earth are distinctly itemised again.*

Judgment is against those who have rejected God.

HEB 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**

27 And this word, Yet once more (for the second time), signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: *Encouragement to serve God with respect and sincerity.*

29 For our God is a consuming fire.

The heat and power of the fire.

ISA 30:25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. *The ground water may boil upwards.*

26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire:

REV 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. *Prophecies often have more than one layer of application, consider the consistent use of fire.*

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

&17 And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. *See ISA 24 above.*

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God

because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

ZEP 3:8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination [is] to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, [even] all my fierce anger: **for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire** of my jealousy.

MAL 4:1 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall **burn as an oven**; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

Claimed scientific observations, which may reveal the source of some of the plagues described in the bible.

* *Nuclear War... Nuclear bombs may be used, but are not powerful enough to create the total carnage described in the bible.*

* *Earthquakes... Earthquakes cause distortion of the earth's crust and the mantle underneath. This distortion can lead to a change in the earth's axis and rotation... tilt, wobble, even a complete axis flip.*

* *Polarity reversal of the earth's magnetic field. During field reversals the outer portion of the earth's magnetic field is greatly altered. The absence of a magnetic field would mean that the solar wind would approach much closer to the Earth. Cosmic-ray particles that are normally deflected by the earth's field or are trapped in its outer portions would reach the surface of the planet. Over exposure to x-rays and gamma radiation causes cancers and death. Fatal doses of radiation will be experienced whenever the sun shines. At the moment, only 1/2,000 millionth of the sun's radiated energy reaches the earth...this could rise dramatically. The next reversal is 400,000 years overdue.*

* *Coronal mass ejections and other solar activities... studies have found that stars similar to the Sun occasionally become as much as ten times brighter, for periods of hours or days.*

* *Collapsing universe... some scientists believe that the expanding universe will actually spring back to its original beginnings, like an elastic band. This could happen faster than the speed of light, making it undetectable. It would roll up like a scroll... potentially, another bible prophecy. ISA 34:4 & REV 6:14.*

The Moment of Christ's' return.

MIC 1:3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. **4** And the mountains shall be **molten under him**, and the valleys shall be **cleft** (*split and divided*), as **wax before the fire**, and as the waters *that are* poured down a steep place. *Molten earth flowing like water.*

NAH 1:5 The mountains quake at him, and the **hills melt**, and the **earth is burned at his presence**, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? **his fury is poured out like fire**, and the rocks are thrown down by him.

PSA 97:5 The hills **melted like wax** at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The final judgement.

2THES 1:7 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In **flaming fire taking vengeance** on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

God wants to save, not to destroy.

2PET 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that all should come to repentance.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens shall pass away with a great noise**, and the **elements shall melt with fervent heat**, the earth also and the **works that are therein shall be burned up**.

11 *Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved*, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the **heavens being on fire** shall be dissolved, and the **elements shall melt with fervent heat?**

NAH 1:7 The LORD *is* good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.

1PET 3:20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

The salvation message (spiritual judgment of life and death), is also based on water and fire.

LUK 3:16 John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed **baptize you with water**; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire**.