

WHAT WILL THE WORLD LOOK LIKE AFTER JESUS RETURNS?

ser5036 The Second Coming of Jesus, Pt 2

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I. (HOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. I would be remiss if I didn't give a shout out, expressing my deepest gratitude, to ALL who made *The Passion of Christ* an amazing success.

To everyone—ushers, greeters, lights, sound, projection, video, cast, stage crew, make up, sets, the directors John K, Martino & Paula, and you, who prayed, put up lawn signs, posters, and extended personal invitations ... ***thank you!*** You were a part of 378 people (that we have record of) who gave their lives to Christ through *The Passion of Christ*.

Let's raise a hallelujah for King Jesus, who is the reason why GCCC puts on a Passion Play every year, and we celebrate this most glorious time of the year. (**applause**)

B. If I may, let me read you three "notes" (texts, emails, SM), and there were literally hundreds that I received relational to the play.

Good Morning Rev. Sofia,

I just wanted to let you know that my kids and I attended the 2:30pm show yesterday and it was fantastic! We enjoyed every second of it and were blown away by how powerful the performance was. It will be our new Palm Sunday tradition!

Kind Regards,
KC

A friend of mine, D. S., brought a group of 6 with her to the 3:30pm show last Saturday. One of them was from Serbia. She stated that seeing this play made the story of Jesus come alive. For the 1st time, she understood what Christianity was all about...the love of God. Yes, she accepted Jesus and can't wait to tell her relatives about who He is! It doesn't get any better than that!

CGF

I was one of the FTD's back in June of 2000 when I returned from active duty. For 22 years, I became lost and of the flesh, but have now recommitted myself to Christ and wow, it feels good.

DMS

C. For those of you who were at the 2:30 Sunday show, I want to clear up a Biden moment.

To be honest, I'm not sure if I had these moments when I was younger. Maybe I did, maybe I didn't. Those of you who have been attending GCCC for 40 years would know. At the Invitation, I was addressing when we become aware of our sinful nature. I meant to say, "We are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners." Whatever I said was not that. LOL!

NOTE! I told Stan (he's our video man), when you do a final post of the Passion Play, don't use that Invitation. LOL!

II. (BOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. King David, in his penitent Psalm, says this of himself:

Psalm 51: 5

New International Version

Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

New Living Translation

For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

New King James Version

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

NOTE: There are two schools of thought here:

1. David is saying, “He was conceived in sin.” That is, he was bastardly born. Which very well could be true, because his mother is never named; and his father, Jesse, did not consider him a choice to be King Saul’s successor.
2. The other school of thought is that David was sinful by nature.

In other words, not only was David a sinner by practice, but he was also born with a sinful nature.

Personally, I suspect both are true.

ILLUSTRATION: One evening Noelle was working on Eden’s hair. I’m not sure how the subject came up, but Sheryl and I

were talking about Covid-19 restrictions being lifted on the kids, and that everyone was thrilled. Eden said ([show photo - E's girl thing](#)), "I liked it when we took dance lessons by Zoom—I could mute the computer, walk away and do whatever I wanted." Yep, it's in there. We all have it—a sinful nature.



B. That is why there is a virgin birth, a crucifixion, a resurrection, and a second coming.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 2:14

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.

1 Corinthians 15:55

O Death, where *is* your sting? O Hades, where *is* your victory?"

Revelation 1:18

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

III. INVITATION

A. Jesus speaking of the life to come said in *John 5:28-29*

²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Now the reality is that verse is somewhat of an oxymoron. Reason being, God tells “there are none righteous—no not one; for all have sinned.” (*Roman 3:10 & 3:23*) So then who is going to enter the “resurrection of life?” Those who have clothed themselves with God’s righteousness through Christ Jesus. *Colossians 1:22* tells us, “[Jesus Christ] ... through His death, presents you [before the Father] holy, blameless and without reproach.”

B. So, the outstanding question is: Have you received Jesus for the remission of sin?

John 1:12 tells us, “To as many as received Him, to them He gave the power/right to become children of God, even to them who believe on His name.”

Why not on this Easter Sunday? He's done His part; all you have to do is yours. Here's how!

Work through the ABCs. Pray to receive Christ. Ck FTD. Text "Pray." Email bruce@gcccprayer.com)

SALVATION AGREEMENT
PARTIES INVOLVED
JESUS THE CHRIST & _____

I Admit - my sins have separated you from God.
(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

I Believe - that God did something about my sins
through Jesus Christ.
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

I Commit - myself to His righteousness by confessing
Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

I will Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that
are wrong; I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving
me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my
sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and
Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

Your name

Jesus Christ, God the Son & Son of God

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IV. WHAT WILL THE WORLD LOOK LIKE AFTER JESUS RETURNS?

A. As a setting for the **AFTER**, let's take a quick look at what the world will look like **WHEN** Jesus returns

Here's the timeline as I understand it. ([show photo](#))



1. The antichrist will begin putting into place his system by which he will seek to control the world.
 2. The world will be ugly—wars, famines, and all the other uglies Jesus spoke of.
 3. Halfway through the seven years the antichrist will demand that he be worshipped. I'm not sure exactly what that will look like, but he will demand complete obedience.
 4. At that point many believers, more than John the Revelator could count, will die for what they believe. It will not be pretty.
 5. Sometime towards the end or the tribulation, God will have had enough. He will have heard the prayer of the martyred saints and “rapture” them as He did Noah, Lot, and Israel while enslaved in Egypt. The saint has never had to face the wrath of God as will the wicked.
 6. It's at this point that God will pour out His wrath upon the Satanic Trinity and the wicked world.
 7. Then He will come back to earth with His saints to rule and reign for one thousand years.
 8. After that, there's a final battle between Michael the Archangel and Satan ... God wins and we enter ETERNITY.
- B. (LOOK) Let's look at the one-thousand years, then close with Eternity (which you're going to love—both child and adult).**

Isaiah 11:4

He will give justice to the poor
and make fair decisions for the exploited/KJV-meek.

NOTE: *Meek—depressed; needy because of one's circumstances

The earth will shake at the force of His word,
and one breath from His mouth will destroy the
wicked.

⁵ He will wear righteousness like a belt
and truth like an undergarment.

⁶ In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;
the leopard will lie down with the baby goat.

The calf and the yearling will be safe with the lion,
and a little child will lead them all.

⁷ The cow will graze near the bear.
The cub and the calf will lie down together.
The lion will eat hay like a cow.

⁸ The baby will play safely near the hole of a cobra.
Yes, a little child will put its hand in a nest of deadly
snakes without harm.

⁹ Nothing will hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,
for as the waters fill the sea,
so the earth will be filled with people who know
the LORD.

WHY IS THAT? Satan will be bound for one-thousand years; saints will rule and reign with Jesus, and wickedness will not raise its ugly head. And the Church of Jesus Christ said, "Hallelujah!"

C. (LOOK-2) After the one-thousand years, Satan is loosed.

Revelation 21:1-4

¹ Then I saw an angel come down from heaven with the key to the bottomless pit and a heavy chain in his hand. ² He seized the Dragon—that old Serpent, the devil, Satan—and bound him in chains for a thousand years, ³ and threw him into the bottomless pit, which he then shut and locked so that he could not fool the nations anymore until the thousand years were finished. Afterwards he would be released again for a little while.

Sadly, a bunch of deceived fools follow Satan as they did in Heaven and on earth—When will we ever learn? Right? Then there is a war like no other wars... Well, rather than me tell you about it, let's watch it.

VIDEO: SUPERBOOK, Season 1, Episode 12 (3:31)

D. And there you have it.

That's what the world will look like when God ushers in eternity.