THE DOOMSDAY CLOCK

Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists Cites Wars, Multi-Dimensional Nuclear Threats, Failures to Address the Climate Crisis, Bio-Threats, and Artificial Intelligence.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – January 23, 2024 – The <u>Doomsday Clock was reset at 90 seconds</u> to midnight, still the closest the Clock has ever been to midnight, reflecting the continued state of unprecedented danger the world faces. The *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, stewards of the Doomsday Clock, emphasized in their announcement that the Clock could be turned back, but governments and people needed to take urgent action.

From a biblical point of view we also have:

- 1. Israel fighting for its life in the Muslim Middle East
- 2. Israel being condemned by nations and even Christians all over the world

Jesus said:

About that day and hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in **the days of Noah**, so it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

Genesis 6:5 The Lord saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on Earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. At that time the Lord destroyed the Earth by water. Before Jesus comes it will be destroyed by fire.

I don't need to tell you about how evil the world is becoming – not only wars and climate change and AI and nuclear weapons and biological warfare – but things like gender change, LGBT, secularism – removing God from politics and education – mankind is in open rebellion against God.

Gen 1:27 God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, **Male and female,** he created them.

When talking about the end of this age, Jesus said:

You will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death and you will be hated by all nations because of me. Many will turn away from the faith and hate each other. ... There will be great distress unequaled from the beginning of the world until now.Because of the increase in wickedness, the love of most will grow cold.But the one who stands firm til the end will be saved. This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

When the Lord comes, he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

In Isaiah, the Lord said: I will create **new heavens and a new Earth**, the former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create.

The apostle Peter said: That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But, in keeping with God's promise, we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new Earth, where righteousness dwells.

I want to give you some idea of what the **new heavens and the new Earth** are all about.

This planet Earth is the only Earth that is spoken about in the Bible, a new Earth simply means a renewed Earth.

The new Earth

The Earth will never be a perfect or sinless place.

After Jesus returns, he will reign from sea to sea, over the whole Earth for one thousand years. We are not told that he will appear physically or live physically on this Earth. He will rule the nations with a rod of iron. There will be peace, righteousness, renewal, justice. During the Great Tribulation warfare and worldwide earthquakes will destroy everything.

In Ezekiel's vision of the Millennial temple, he heard someone speaking to him from inside the temple. He said: Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet. This is where I will live among the Israelites forever.

Paul says: I consider our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed **in us**. For the creation waits in eager expectation for **the children of God** to be revealed. Creation will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

The godless people of the nations who survive the death and destruction of the Great Tribulation are the ones who will inhabit the millennial Earth. They will marry and have children. They will live longer lives. They will farm and eat their produce in peace. They are the subjects of the Messianic kingdom. **Zechariah said**: If they don't make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem and worship King Jesus, they will have no rain.

Israel will be God's people on Earth. There will be a new temple in Jerusalem and Israel will live in peace in their enlarged land and they will fulfill all the temple duties for the people on Earth. The leaders of the nations will bring their wealth to Jerusalem as an offering to the Lord.

Satan will be bound in the Abyss. No war or armies or corrupt governments. Knowledge of the Lord's glory will fill the Earth as the waters cover the sea.

The new heavens

Where are the saints? Where are we, the church that was saved at Jesus' coming?

Paul said (1 Thess 4) We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God and

the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in **the air**. And so we will be with the Lord forever. There we are **in the air** with the Lord, not in heaven, not on Earth, but in the air.

Revelation 21:9 One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls of wrath of the seven last plagues came and said to me. "Come, I will show you **the bride**, the wife of the Lamb. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain, great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. The bride of Christ, that is us!

That is our home during the millennium. In our **supernatural resurrected bodies**, we will live in the New Jerusalem with God and Jesus and the angels. From there we will rule the world with Jesus and **we will see God's face.**