

NKJV (John 3:16) 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

In the previous article we talked about opening the scroll with the 7 seals, the two witnesses prophecy, the times of the Gentiles, the New Jerusalem born as a child and the rapture in heaven of the prophets and the 144,000 saints.

Again a brief summary of God's torments:

– The opening of the seven seals (see Rev. 6: 1-17, 8: 1-5)

Rev. 8: 6 The opening of the 7th seal includes – the blowing of the seven trumpets

– The blowing of the seven trumpets (see Rev. 8: 7-9: 21, 11: 15-19)

Rev. 16: 1 The blowing of the 7th trumpet includes – pouring out the seven bowls of wrath

– The pouring out of the seven bowls of wrath (see Rev. 16: 2-21)

There remained the question of why the great multitude will also receive a heavenly resurrection.

The theme of this article is the persecution of Christians, the new heaven and the new earth and why it is logical that the great multitude will be included in heaven.

- **1 The foretold persecution of Christians**

NKJV (Ephesians 6: 12) 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

As first is our struggle against Satan and his demons, but also against the secret agenda and power influence of Satan's children. (See introduction: 1. Future <http://www.dojc.nl/?p=5318&lang=en>)

Not only Satan, but even some of our immediate neighbors will betray us:

NKJV (Luke 21: 16) 16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

NKJV (Matthew 24: 9-10) 9 Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. 10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

NKJV (John 15:20) 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. (see also Revelation 2:10)

- **2 The stages of the last days**

Were the previous plagues (from the 1st to the 4th trumpet) painful, with the 5th, 6th and 7th trumpet the actual intense pain shoots (the 3 woe's) start for the unrepentant mankind:

[The 5th trumpet, the 1st woe](#)

NKJV (Revelation 9: 1-3) 1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. 2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. 3 Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

A star falls from heaven to earth, who is given the key to the abyss.
Falling from heaven means - logical reasoned - to be thrown out of heaven.
Angels are sometimes depicted as stars, just as Jesus calls himself a morning star:

NKJV (Revelation 22:16) 16 ... I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.

The star that falls from heaven is not Satan, because Satan is hurled to the earth 'after' the war in heaven against Michael and his angels (Rev. 12: 7-9). The described angel has been removed previously out of heaven and belongs to Satan's followers.

Because Satan is ultimately imprisoned in the abyss (Rev. 20: 1-3), this is also as support, that in

Rev. 9:1 with 'abyss' is meant the place (the prison) of the disobedient angels.

Tartarus is thus a prison for angels, an abyss, where they have to live in darkness.

Before the flood (the flood was about 2350 BC), these angels were disobedient to God and according to the Scriptures they were locked up for that reason:

NKJV (Genesis 6: 1-2) 1 Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, 2 that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.

NKJV (2 Peter 2: 4) 4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell (Tartarus) and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment (see also Jude 1: 6)

These angels, who have been cast in Tartarus since the flood, stay there awaiting their verdict. It is remarkable that Jesus preached to these spirits in Tartarus after his resurrection:

NKJV (1 Peter 3: 19-20) 19by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, 20 who formerly were disobedient ...

Jesus preaching in their prison has most probably been intended to make arrangements with these angels, that - when the prison is opened - they are not allowed to do anything to the people with the seal of God on their foreheads. They also are not allowed to kill anyone else:

NKJV (Revelation 9: 4-5) 4 They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And they were not given authority to kill them, but to torment them for five months. Their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.



In Joel chapter 1 is written about a swarm of locusts that take away all food:
(As also is written about the locust plague in Egypt in Exodus 10: 12-15)

NKJV (Joel 1: 4-6,15-16) 4 What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten. 5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion.... 15 Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty. 16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes

But the locust plague since the 5th trumpet will go far beyond removing food:

NKJV (Revelation 9: 6-7,11) 6 In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. 7 The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.... 11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

According to Webster's Online dictionary, the Hebrew name Abaddon or the Greek name Apollyon means to destroy or the destroyer.

So far the statement about the grasshoppers, although - according to Rev. 9: 7 - a further meaning is described as 'prepared for battle', wars who are waged between human kings.

The 6th trumpet, the 2nd woe

Four angels are 'loosened' who were kept in readiness for this decisive moment.

In Rev. 7: 1 is written about the 4 angels, who hold the four winds of the earth firmly.

These four angels (in Rev. 9: 14-15) now get permission to act and make it possible, that a very large group of horsemen will kill the 3rd part of mankind:

*ESV (Revelation 9: 12-19) 12 **The first woe has passed**; behold, two woes are still to come. 13 Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar before God, 14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates." 15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour, the day, the month, and the year, were released to kill a third of mankind. 16 The number of mounted troops was twice ten thousand (myriads) times ten*

thousand (myriads)'; I heard their number. 17 And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths. 18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed, by the fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents with heads, and by means of them they wound.

How can these horsemen consist of twice ten thousand times ten thousand?

Two times ten thousand times ten thousand will be 200 million horsemen. Even China now has only a total force of 7,054,000 men, namely 2,285,000 active soldiers, 800,000 reservists and 3,969,000 paramilitaries. Jesus gives insight about this group of horsemen:

NKJV (Matthew 26:53) 53 Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels?

This very large group of horsemen is, according to our research, quite certainly an angelic army.

Also in Joel chapter 2 is written about a large and powerful army as there has been never before:

NKJV (Joel 2: 1-4) 1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand: 2 A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations. 3 A fire devours before them, And behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, And behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them. 4 Their appearance is like the appearance of horses; And like swift steeds, so they run.

In Joel 2, a numerous and powerful people are used by God to bring back apostates from his own people back, so that the repentants will return to their God (YHWH):

*NKJV (Joel 2: 10-12,25) 10 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. 11 The Lord gives voice before His army, For **His camp is very great**; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it? 12 "Now, therefore," says the Lord, "Turn to Me with all your heart, With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.".... 25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust, **My great army** which I sent among you.*

Our Heavenly Father speaks in Joel about 'My' great army and hopes that people will come to repentance which they unfortunately are not doing, because the vast majority of people show no remorse:

NKJV (Revelation 9: 20,21) 20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

As the 70 disciples that were sent (Luke 10:17) were protected, so will all those who have the seal of God on their foreheads be protected. Also in the very last days sons and daughters will prophesy, the elderly will dream and young people will see visions (see also Acts 2:17):

NKJV (Luke 10:19) 19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

NKJV (Joel 2: 28-32) 28 "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 32 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved....

The 7th trumpet, the 3rd woe

God's kingdom has come. (Rev. 11: 15-17)

The second coming of Jesus

Matt. 24:17 If you are on the roof, do not go into the house to pick up goods

Matt. 24:18 If you are in the field, do not return home to pick up clothes

Luke 17:26 It will be like in the days of Noah, suddenly the flood comes

Matt. 24: 30 + Luc. 21: 27 + Rev. 1: 7 Sign of the Son of man on the clouds

Matt. 24:31 Jesus begins by bringing together the elect saints

It will be just as with the rescue of Noah, the rescue of Noah comes at the same time as the destruction of the wicked in those days.

The ending of the world

Matt. 24: 29 + Luc. 21: 25 + Rev. 6: 12, 13 The sun is darkened, the moon will not shine

Matt. 24: 29 + Luc. 21: 26 + Rev. 6: 15, 16 The powers of the heavens are moved

2 Peter 3:10 The heavens will pass away with a hissing noise

Luke 21:25 People become desperate because of the roaring of the sea

Rev. 6:14 All mountains and all islands are moved out of their place

When the Son of man will reveal Himself and after the inclusion of the saints and Christians into heaven and brought into safety, then a violent fire will burn on the earth.

- **3 Why the great crowd will certainly be included in heaven**

Jesus received from the Sadducee's a question about the resurrection of already deceased Jews:

NKJV (Matthew 22: 23-24, 28-30) 23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him, 24 saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up offspring for his brother..... 28 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her." 29 Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels of God in heaven.

Children of God will become equal to Jesus, with a spiritual body:

NKJV (Galatians 3: 26-27) 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

NKJV (1 John 3: 2) 2 Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Christians pray to become part of God's kingdom, so they may also inherit it:

*ESV (1 Corinthians 15: 49-50) 49 Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven. 50 I tell you this, brothers: **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.***

In Revelation a great multitude is described 'that no one could count' which comes out of the great tribulation and stands before the throne of God and for the Lamb and performs holy service in His temple. They are 'the small and great ones, who fear God's name' and who are also rewarded:

NKJV (Revelation 7: 9,13-14) 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,.... 13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

John was familiar with the heavenly inheritance of the saints, but apparently surprised at the great crowd he saw. One of the older people, however, wanted to inform Johannes about these:

*NKJV (Revelation 7: 9,11,15) 9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before (enopion) the throne and before the Lamb,..... 11 All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before (enopion) the throne and worshiped God,..... 15 Therefore they are before (enopion) the throne of God, **and serve Him day and night in His temple (na'os)***

For all those in heaven who stay before the throne of God, the word 'enopion' is used. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words gives as an explanation for the word enopion used in the Greek Scriptures:
Before, Beforetime, Presence, Sight of (in the)

This literal staying before the throne also applies to the great crowd who is serving in the temple.

The often quoted Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words provides a clear explanation of the word na'os, translated in the Greek Scriptures:

Na'os - 'a chapel or sanctuary'.

The Greek word na'os means the 'temple sanctuary' or (most) holy place. The Scriptures

contain conjugations of Hi'e-ron (temple complex) and Na'os. The great crowd serves God in the na'os.

The bride (the 144,000 saints or first fruits) is previously included in heaven.

The large crowd is invited to the supper of the wedding.

Both (formerly) bad and good people are called as guests for the supper.

The wedding garment stands for showing deep respect and faith:

NKJV (Matthew 22: 2-3,8-14) 2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen."

Jesus has given His word to come and take his wedding guests to the marriage meal and to serve them:

NKJV (Luke 12: 35-37) 35 "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; 36 and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them.

NKJV (Revelation 19: 9) 9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'...."

In Revelation 17:14 are mentioned the three groups that will receive a heavenly inheritance and who are with Jesus in heaven, now with other names as in Rev. 11:18:
the called = the great crowd, the chosen = 144,000 saints, the faithful = the prophets.

*NKJV (Revelation 17:14) 14 These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and **those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful.**"*

- **4 The inclusion of the great crowd in the last hours**

After the 7th trumpet, 7 bowls will be poured out with 'the wrath of God'.

In Revelation 16:15, after pouring out the 6th bowl, Jesus speaks of his coming as a thief, just before the violence of nature, which will erupt on earth. Then Jesus and his angels collect the other Christians who have not received the mark and they will also be included into heaven:

NKJV (Revelation 16: 12, 15) 12 Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates.... 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

NKJV (Revelation 16: 17-18) 17 Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and

a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, "It is done!" 18 And there were noises and thunders and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

In Luke and Matthew it is written, that the timing of the inclusion of the great multitude is a very urgent matter, comparable to the sudden destruction by the flood or the sudden destruction with fire and sulfur of Sodom and Gomorrah:

NKJV (Luke 17: 28-30) 28 Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Jesus thus compares his return in Luke with the flight of Lot and his family. Let us therefore take a closer look at the history and flight of Lot and his family. What was going on in Sodom and Gomorrah, which - according to Jesus - is the same in the end times? There are loud complaints about Sodom and Gomorrah, gross sins are committed:

NKJV (Genesis 18: 20-21) 20 And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."

NKJV (Judas 7) 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

How has the flight of Lot and his family gone?

The sun was already risen when they arrived into the safe town of Zoar, where after God rained brimstone and fire upon Sodom and Gomorrah from heaven:

NKJV (Genesis 19: 23-25) 23 The sun had risen upon the earth when Lot entered Zoar. 24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Shortly after the arrival of Lot's family in Zoar, Lot's wife looked back and immediately she turned into a pillar of salt:

NKJV (Genesis 19:26) 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

The fact that Lot's wife turned into a pillar of salt means, that she was being punished by God.

She was told that she was not allowed to look back or even stop during the flight. (Gen. 19:17)

This 'looking back' is definitely related to the choice that had to be made in her heart.

She found it hard to give up the old life, her heart was still there and she therefore did not see the value of the grandiose rescue towards her new life.

The lack of appreciation to be saved and lack of confidence in God, those together were fatal to her:

NKJV (Luke 17: 32-33) 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

What can we learn from the flight of Lot and his family?

It finally comes down to an unwavering faith in our Heavenly Father and His Son to come along immediately without hesitation during the inclusion in heaven:

NKJV (Revelation 16:15) 15 "Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame."

A similar scene of fire and brimstone will also take place during Jesus' second coming. At Jesus parousia or second coming, the unjust people have lost their chances and will be erased.

Those who belong to the large crowd and still being alive at the end of the great tribulation will not have to die, but must come along without hesitation and not look back.

- **5 Scriptures about the New heaven and the New earth**

God's great and awe-inspiring day;

When we read Isaiah chapter 24, it seems as if God is going to use a strange planet in the last hours, which is in orbit close to the earth and that will shake the earth exceedingly:

NKJV (Isaiah 24: 17-20) 17 Fear and the pit and the snare Are upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall be That he who flees from the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, And he who comes up from the midst of the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For the windows from on high are open, And the foundations of the earth are shaken. 19 The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

Ezekiel and Zephaniah talk about God's day, that gold and silver cannot save people:

NKJV (Ezekiel 7:19) 19 They will throw their silver into the streets, And their gold will be like refuse; Their silver and their gold will not be able to deliver them In the day of the wrath of the Lord; They will not satisfy their souls, Nor fill their stomachs, Because it became their stumbling block of iniquity.

NKJV (Zephaniah 1: 17-18) 17 "I will bring distress upon men, And they shall walk like blind men, Because they have sinned against the Lord; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, And their flesh like refuse." 18 Neither their silver nor their gold Shall be able to deliver them In the day of the Lord's wrath....

In those last hours God (YHWH) will leave his people for a moment:

NKJV (Isaiah 26: 20) 20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. (see also Isaiah 54: 7-8)

Isaiah confirms in the following section, that heaven will fall apart and that the earth will grow old like a garment:

NKJV (Isaiah 51: 5-6) 5 My righteousness is near, My salvation has gone forth, And My arms will judge the peoples; The coastlands will wait upon Me, And on My arm they will trust. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And look on the earth beneath. For the heavens will vanish away like smoke, The earth will grow old like a garment, And those who dwell in it will die in like manner.... (see also Isaiah 34: 4)

Then Isaiah speaks about a new heaven and a new earth.

NKJV (Isaiah 65:17) 17 "For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.

NKJV (2Peter 3:13) 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

NKJV (Revelation 21: 1, 5) 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea..... 5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

In 2 Peter 3:13, the Greek word used for 'new' is derived from KAINOS.

According to W. E. Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words, KAINOS means 'new', of that which is unaccustomed or unused, not 'new' in time, recent, but 'new' as to form or quality, of different nature from what is contrasted as old.

KAINOS is thus used to indicate a shape or quality and means fresh, unused, brand new.

As applied to 'new wine' in Matthew 9:

NKJV (Matthew 9:17) 17 Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

Jesus speaks about the 'passing away' of the present heaven and earth:

NKJV (Matthew 24:35) 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

The cosmic planet earth itself will therefore continue to function as a carrier of the 'new' mantle or garment. So, the only what will be changed is the garment, the outer layer or top layer:

NKJV (Hebrews 1: 10-12) 10 And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 11 They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; 12 Like a cloak You will fold them up, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail."

NKJV (Psalms 102: 25-26) 25 Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. 26 They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. (see also Revelation 6: 12-14)

How that change or exchange is going to happen is written in 2 Peter, where is written that the heavens and earth are saved up for the fire until the Day of Judgment:

NKJV (2 Peter 3: 7, 10) 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.... 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

So the 'new' earth will not be a cleansed or refurbished earth, but an unused, brand new earth. With a new earth, the curse of the 'old' earth (Gen. 3:17) will be lifted. There will be no light on Gods great day of darkness:

NKJV (Joel 3: 14-15) 14 ... For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.

NKJV (Acts 2: 20-21) 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.' (see also Zephaniah 1: 14-18 and Ezekiel 32: 7-8)

The fire and brimstone will not be a symbolic fire, but real fire and brimstone:

NKJV (Luke 17: 29-30) 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

NKJV (Psalms 11: 5-6) 5 The Lord tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates. 6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.

In the city, on which God's Name has been proclaimed, the great battle will begin:

NKJV (Jeremiah 25: 29) 29 For behold, I begin to bring calamity on the city which is called by My name, and should you be utterly unpunished? You shall not be unpunished, for I will call for a sword on all the inhabitants of the earth," says the Lord of hosts.'

The city on which 'My Name' has been proclaimed is Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem God will intervene as first, starting with the king of the north:

NKJV (Daniel 11: 40-41) 40 "At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown....

The earthquakes, volcano eruptions and fire from heaven will be unbearable.

The chemical industry, nuclear power plants and oil industry will suddenly become unmanageable.

- **6 Why a New Heaven and New Earth are needed**

Everywhere on our earth, animals die unnatural in large quantities.

Whales and dolphins that have lost their way, birds massively falling from the sky, huge numbers of dead fish, dead groups of turtles and penguins. Elk and deer that are sick and have lost their way, the coral in the Great Barrier Reef that is in trouble, the population of the

Monarch butterflies that is declining very strong.

Our planet is sick! If you want to see daily examples of tragedies, see:

<http://www.end-times-prophecy.org/animal-deaths-birds-fish-end-times.html>

It is not only that we make a rubbish dump from our earth and destroy it by using chemical pesticides, radioactive waste, fall-out and leaked radioactive cooling water.

Creation is also seriously damaged by genetically modified organisms (GMO's).

The modification is intended to make the varieties resistant to diseases or against certain pesticides and sometimes to contain extra nutrients or to grow under worse conditions.

But GMO's pose risks. They can cause allergies or harm beneficial insects.

GMO's are mainly found in the agricultural production of corn (with products such as corn flakes and cornmeal) and soya (with products such as tofu and soy sauce).

Chances are that GMO's multiply and displace other plants or cross pollinate.

In 2009, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) stated, 'Several animal studies indicate serious health risks associated with GM food,' including infertility, immune problems, accelerated aging, faulty insulin regulation, and changes in major organs and the gastrointestinal tract. The AAEM asked doctors to advise all patients, to avoid genetically modified food.

<http://naturalsociety.com/american-academy-of-environmental-medicine-warns-gm-foods-are-inherently-unsafe>

The advice of health authorities is to buy as much organic food as possible.

The shameful exalting above God

The above was already very serious, geo-engineering is probably even worse.

Geo-engineering or climate-engineering is influencing the weather or climate.

John O'Brennan (director CIA until 2017) talks about how 'geo-engineering' is used around the world (June 2016). An intelligence service does only do this, if it cannot do otherwise.

He talks about aerosol Geo-Engineering, which are also called chemtrails:

See: <https://youtu.be/vjeAeV6WASU>



The mentioned aerosols (which include nano particles aluminum, barium and strontium, or more recent calcium carbonate) are systematically sprayed with airplanes to influence the weather or climate.



The video below is highly recommended to view:

Why in the world are they spraying? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mEfJO0-cTis>

When a jet engine emits hot, humid air in an atmosphere that is cold, condensation is the result. The water vapor that comes out of the engine quickly condenses into water droplets and then crystallizes out in ice. We then see the condensation tracks. You can compare it with hot breath on a cold day. Condensation tracks normally disappear within a few minutes, depending on the humidity of the atmosphere.

The aforementioned aerosols that are sprayed in the ionosphere continue to hang much longer, everyone can see this with his or her own eyes. As reason for geo-engineering is called global warming. This is called solar radiation management (SRM).

The aluminum particles prevent +/- 20% solar heat, but after then the heat of the earth is retained more by the reflection against the particles.

In reality, there are various interests, such as geo-military interests, the climate as a weapon.

These aerosols or chemtrails cause blue air to be not as a deep blue air anymore, but milky blue or as artificial veils.

Land, air and water are slowly poisoned by the nano particles of aluminum and the barium and strontium particles.

Microorganisms in the soil die because of the aluminum oxide.

Concerning humans, the nano particles are trapped everywhere, in the lungs, in the bloodstream, in the brain.

Aluminum works on neurological systems such as the brain and never goes out of the biological system. We can wait for lung diseases, asthmatic problems, A.D.D. and especially dementia on a large scale.

The pharmaceutical industry will be able to sell a lot of medicines and the population will shrink.

The modified seed industry will flourish.

Geo-engineers play for God by (in commission) dealing this way with the creation.

But definitely no longer on the new earth:

HCSB (Revelation 11:18) 18 ... and the time has come to destroy those who destroy the earth.

Finally

We live in a world that has completely lost the Biblical compass and that hardly knows or does not know God anymore:

NKJV (Matthew 7: 13-14) 13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

NKJV (Luke 13: 27-29) 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God.

Jesus will never leave us:

HCSB (Matthew 28:20) 20 And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

In the next article we will discuss the 1000 year empire, the New Jerusalem that will descend and the New Temple that will be built.

P.S. On the site ['Disciples of Jesus Christ'](#) there are more substantive Christian articles.