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A Future Seeking to Emerge

Yogi Berra once quipped, “You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you're going, because you might not get there.” When the Eschaton arrives, every person will experience a decisive connecting point with Jesus Christ. Missing this connection would be catastrophic; might not get there—an inconceivable option. Yet many, perhaps most, do not know where they are going. Fear, doubt, and insecurity monopolize their future.



The word eschaton means last. Theologically, it refers to the climax of finite history. For those in Christ, the Eschaton epitomizes hope. Eternal life follows their last moment in time. For those not following Christ, the Eschaton epitomizes dread. Eternal death awaits them.

The word eschatology refers to the study of final events including the last judgment and destiny of humanity. It considers events associated with the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great tribulation, and a Millennial Kingdom.

...there will be a great tribulation (Mat 24:21, 29 and Rev 7:14 NAS)

Those participating in the first resurrection,

“will reign with him for a thousand years” [i.e., a millennium].

(Rev 20:6 NIV)

Connecting with God is not a matter of religious convenience; it's a matter of paramount priority. The Eschaton Institute was founded to

promote a dynamic connection with Jesus Christ. Adhering explicitly to a Christ-centered worldview, this institute accommodates various potential end-time scenarios. The start date for eternity remains a topic of debate, whether it occurs before, during, after, and with or without a Millennium. Because of its decisive nature, the circumstances associated with the Eschaton deserve special attention and merit divine assistance to navigate.

When supernatural rivals wage supernatural warfare, apocalyptic outcomes occur. Trials and tribulation will seize the international community as anger and fear escalate into heart-stopping terror. Jesus said hearts will fail from *“fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken”*.¹ God will deliberately expose our mortal weakness to reveal His eternal power and divine nature.

As the wrath of God and the rage of Satan erupt, ancient biblical predictions will dominate center stage. The Holy Spirit inspired these predictions to attract and command a global audience. In an essay entitled *“Systems: What America could be in the 21st Century”*, Peter Senge introduced the concept of a future that is seeking to emerge.² Prophetic moments are poised to materialize with unprecedented audacity—they are *“seeking to emerge”*.

Imminent danger generates more than adrenalin. It provides an opportunity to build strength and develop courage. Adversity provides an incentive to accelerate beyond the status quo of religious mediocrity. It fuels that primordial quest, which seeks to know the truth about God and the truth about us.

Overwhelming circumstances unleash a thrust of urgency. They provide opportunities to embrace that which is most important. Perilous

¹ Luke 21:26 NKJ

² *Imagine: What America Could be in the 21st Century*, edited by Marianne Williamson, New American Library, NY, 2001, pp. 167-179

times challenge us to align our priorities with spiritual reality. They force us to consider the authenticity of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Hardship helps fortify our faith beyond opinions and liturgical performances. Ultimately, the end times will escort us into God’s presence where the reliability of faith meets the priority of truth.

Disasters certainly are disruptive. Yet, they offer a critical benefit in perspective. Difficult times are a gift because they help us notice the inadequacy of superficial religion. Dire circumstances force us to reevaluate our spiritual assumptions. They expose legitimate fears while drawing attention to our mortal limitations. Each catastrophe reveals neglected support systems while emphasizing overlooked vulnerabilities. They provoke attentive men and women to recognize their weakness apart from God.

Eventually, the most severe of times will make their global debut. Horrific tribulation will escort humanity through the end of this age. A generation of people, like you and me, will live through perilous times, which are unprecedented. Perhaps we will experience them. Perhaps others will. Inevitably, one generation will experience the consummate ferocity of the Apocalypse. The perplexing and terrifying events, which John describes in “The Revelation”, will make a transition from Bible studies and quiet times to real-life experience. At some point, individuals will no longer ponder eschatological nuances because they will be busy encountering them.

For the time being, apocalyptic events seem to be delayed as if restrained by God’s grace. Nonetheless, this world cannot avoid the vortex of God’s wrath and Satan’s rage forever. As this supernatural maelstrom gains momentum, we all need to connect with Jesus Christ for the strength to prevail.

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