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6CP Psalm 37:9-11. The wicked will be destroyed from off the earth, and then those who love and obey the Lord will have the earth to themselves.

7. 2 Peter 3:10, 13. This will be accomplished by a devouring fire from God, which will melt the earth, and purify it from all sin and sinners; then God will remake, or reconstruct, it into a new earth, wherein the righteous alone will dwell.

8. Revelation 20:9, 14; 21:1. This will take place at the end of the 1,000 years of Revelation 20. The New Jerusalem will descend from heaven to become the glorious capital of this Dew earth. Revelation 21:1-3. The new earth will be as perfect and lovely as this earth would have been if sin had never entered. It will be restored to its Edenic beauty. The meek shall inherit the new earth (Matthew 5:5), and God's will shall be done on earth as it is now done in heaven. Matthew 6:10.

9. Revelation 22:1 The new earth will never be marred by sin. Nahum 1:9.

10. Revelation 21:4. There will never be any sickness, sorrow, pain, or death in the new earth.

11. Isaiah 35:5, 6, 10. Everyone who lives in the new earth will be happy forever.

12. Isaiah 65:17, 21-23. Each one of the saved will have, in this new earth, a beautiful borne.

13. Isaiah 66:22, 23. Everyone on the new earth will keep the Sabbath of the Lord. This earth is destined to be purified from sin and sinners by fire, and to be remade into a perfect new earth, where the righteous will dwell in perfect and everlasting happiness throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. Everybody has a choice to make: he will either cling to sin and be destroyed with this evil world in the lake of fire, or give up his sins to Christ, obey Him, and be saved to spend the 1,000 years in the New Jerusalem, and then after that to live forever on the beautiful new earth. Let us choose to be among those who will survive the burning up of the things of this present evil world, and live forever in the new earth. Isaiah 24:6; 1:18-20.

4. THE NEARNESS OF THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

1. Matthew 24:1 The disciples inquired how people could know when the end was near, and Christ would be about to return to the earth.

2. Matthew 24:36. It is impossible for anyone to know the exact date-the day, the month, or the year-of Christ's return.

3. Matthew 24:32, 33. But it is the privilege and duty of every Christian to know by the signs that Christ has given when His coming is near, even at the door. Those who understand the Bible prophecies will know what is to happen just before Christ comes; and when they see those things taking place in these days, then they know that the great day is approaching. God's people will thus be able to see when the great day of the Lord is approaching. Hebrews 10:25. They will not be in darkness and overtaken by His coming, as by a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 5:4.

4. James 5:1 Prophecy tells us that in the very last days, when the end is near, the rich will pile up great fortunes, and heap up great treasures and wealth. The piling up of great fortunes since 1900 exceeds that of all previous centuries. In 1900 a certain man who has since become a millionaire did not have enough money to buy a turkey for Thanksgiving. Today he has such great wealth that if it were put into one-dollar bills it would take 16,300 men to lift them.

5. James 5:7, 8. There was to be suffering on the part of the poor in the last days.

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6. Daniel 12:4. In the time of the end knowledge was to be increased. The increase of knowledge during the last 100 years exceeds that of all previous centuries from the beginning of time. Anyone today who is sixty years old has during his lifetime seen an advance in knowledge which exceeds all that people of past generations saw from the time history began. In the day of God's preparation the chariots of men were to run like the lightning (Nahum 2:3-5), and this we see now in this great age of speed.

7. Luke 21:11. In the last days, Jesus said, there will be fearful calamities. We see this in the increase of earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, tidal waves, droughts, and heat waves of recent years.

8. 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Paul prophesied there would be perilous times in the last days, with a craze for pleasure, and a marked decline in true religion. We see all this right now before our very eyes.

9. Matthew 24:12. Jesus said that in the last days lawlessness would abound; the land would be full of bloody crimes. Ezekiel 7:2, 23; Matthew 24:37; Genesis 6:5, 11. We see this in the great crime waves of our day.

10. Matthew 24:14. The supreme sign that the end is near is seen in the fact that God is now sending a special message to all the world to warn the people to prepare to meet Christ Revelation 14:6-14; Joel 2:1.

11. 2 Peter 3:3-5. There will be many who will scoff at the idea of the end being near.

12. Isaiah 2:2-4. The nations in the last days will talk about putting an end to war. We see this fulfilled in the great peace movement of our day.

13. Joel 3:9, 10, 14. When the day of the Lord is near, the nations will prepare for war as never before, and this we see before our very eyes today.

14. Mark 13:29. When we see all these things we should know that the coming of Christ is at the door, and we should now be prepare to meet Him.

5. ANGELS

1. Hebrews 1:13, 14. Angels are ministering spirits sent forth by the Lord to minister to every person who trusts in the Lord and serves Him.

2. Genesis 3:24. Angels could not be the spirits of the departed righteous dead, because they were in existence before the first man died. The angels were in existence before even Adam or this world was created. Job 38:34. Adam was made a little lower than the angels. Psalm 8:4, 5.

3. Ezekiel 28:14, 15. Lucifer as one of the highest angels was created. As with him, so with all the rest of the angels. They are created beings. They were created by the Son of God before He made Adam, and this world. Colossians 1:16.

4. Ezekiel 10:12. Angels are not incorporeal phantoms, without form or parts, but they are real beings with spiritual bodies. 1 Corinthians 15:44. Angels appeared to Abraham and Lot as real beings. Genesis 18:1-8; 19:1-3. During Bible times angels appeared to men at different times, and in God's Word are found descriptions of their appearance. These descriptions show that angels resemble men in general appearance. (Luke 24:4; John 20:12; Acts 1:9-11); but with their spiritual bodies they are far more beautiful than men, and have powers far superior to those of men. Revelation 18:21; Ezekiel 1:14; Isaiah 37:36. At the last day when Jesus comes and our natural bodies are changed to glorious spiritual bodies (Philippians 3:20, 21; 1 Corinthians 15:44), then we will be equal to the angels. Luke 20:35, 36.