

CONTEMPORARY OPTIONS IN ESCHATOLOGY III

Secular Perspective The earth dwellers assume the end of the world will not come soon. While multiple options/alternative scenarios/possible accounts exist (the sun will nova; the ETs will destroy us; we will destroy ourselves through war; etc.), the optimistic perspective is that we will continue to grow and improve. This will especially take place through the globalization of our planet. Efforts are very much underway toward this end. Warning: The biblical data states a global figure will assume leadership of this important project. It also states that this figure will be tied to the agenda of satan (we do not capitalize his name intentionally). Through this aligning of powers, satan will eventually be the one who seeks to control the world. Good news though: Jesus Christ will return and forever destroy evil following His millennial reign after coming to earth in the clouds. Those who have aligned themselves with the worldly system (who receive the mark of the beast as accounted in Revelation 13) will, with the beast and his false prophet, be cast into the lake of fire, forever separated from the eternal and glorious Creator God. Those who reject the deceiver (and who are *in* Jesus Christ) will enjoy eternity in the presence of glorious Creator God because they have accepted Him as their Savior, Redeemer and King.

Religious Perspective The inhabitants of the earth will be deceived into thinking that the global spirituality offered by the leadership is good and true, but to their own peril. The global system will attempt to offer a syncretistic religion whereby the biblical Truths (e.g., salvation from sin and death in Jesus Christ alone; one true God; etc.) are seen as the evil of society. Due to dark deception (biblically predicted to occur before this project was even conceived), people will actually accept that which is mandated by the antichrist and global leadership. Even religious systems will commit to this system under satan. As the religious leaders of Jesus Christ's day were in opposition to Him and the Truths He proclaimed, so too will the religious system of the global society be in total opposition to biblical Christianity. Many Christian denominations will also commit to the system. But the Word of God counsels those who are His to come out from among them. When this day is realized, great persecution will break out against those who persist (Endure!) in faithfulness to Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior. But in the end, Jesus Christ will return, depose the antichrist and his false prophet, throw the dragon (satan) into the pit and rule for one thousand years. Be warned, oh earth dwellers, be warned you inhabitants of the earth who persist in throwing off the one true God and His glorious Son, Jesus Christ. You will account for your deeds and the consequences that come will indeed be eternal. It's not too late to repent from your sin and receive God's forgiveness found only in the provision of His Son, Jesus Christ— LORD of lords and KING of kings! The decision is yours.

Biblical Perspective Simply read the passages God has graciously made available. For references, go to:

<http://www.endmin.org/templates/gen03br/details.asp?id=28436&PID=179120>

Blessed be! the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ Who alone, with His glorious Son, is worthy of all glory, honor and praise—both now and evermore. AMEN!