



Global Warming

CLIMATE CHANGE



The world it seems has recently discovered **Global Warming** and **Climate Change**. 'Global Warming' refers to an increase in the average temperature near the Earth's surface. 'Climate change' refers to the broader set of changes that go along with global warming, including changes in weather patterns, the oceans, ice and snow, and ecosystems. Most people now use the term 'climate change' because they think it gives a more complete picture of the changes that are happening around the world.

The main reason given for global warming/ climate change is increasing amounts of carbon dioxide in the earth's atmosphere. Carbon dioxide (CO₂), is released whenever people burn fossil fuels to do everyday activities like driving cars, heating buildings, and making electricity. As CO₂ and other 'greenhouse' gases build up in the atmosphere, they cause the Earth to trap extra heat, making the planet warmer.



Higher temperatures are said to make the water of the seas and oceans expand and sea levels rise. For us in the Pacific sea level rises, it is predicted, would mean flooding of low-lying and coastal areas and small islands and atolls under water.



As weather and temperature changes, the homes of plants and animals will be affected all over the world. Many animals and plants may not be able to cope with these changes and could die. This could cause the loss of some animal and plant species in certain areas of the world or everywhere on Earth.

The whole world is urged to cut down carbon dioxide emissions to help save it from disaster. Many believe that as humans are the cause of the problem humans can also be part of the solution by doing the right things.

However, for Christians global warming, climate change and extreme weather events are nothing new. The Bible speaks of these things as the Earth is subjected to a series of devastating judgements before the Second Coming of Christ and God creates a new heaven and earth.

2 Peter 3: 5-7, 10-13

⁵But they deliberately forget that long ago by God's word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare. ¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. ¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

Isaiah 65:17

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.



Before the creation of the new heaven and Earth, the Earth that we now live in will first be destroyed by fire (heat). The Bible in the book of Revelation speaks of a 7-year period of great trial and devastation on the earth before the Second Coming of Christ.

The seven seals (**Revelation 6:1-17, 8:1-5**), seven trumpets (**Revelation 8:6-13; 11:15-19**), and seven bowls/vials (**Revelation 16:1-21**) are three succeeding series of end-times judgments from God. The judgments get progressively worse and more devastating as the end times progress.

The first four of the seven seals are known as the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. The first seal introduces the Antichrist (**Revelation 6:1-2**). The second seal causes great warfare (**Revelation 6:3-4**). The third of the seven seals causes famine (**Revelation 6:5-6**). The fourth seal brings about plague, further famine, and further warfare (**Revelation 6:7-8**).

The fifth seal tells us of those who will be martyred for their faith in Christ during the end times (**Revelation 6:9-11**). God hears their cries for justice and will deliver it in His timing—in the form of the sixth seal, along with the trumpet and bowl judgments. When the sixth of the seven seals is broken, a devastating earthquake occurs, causing massive upheaval and terrible devastation—along with unusual astronomical phenomena (**Revelation 6:12-14**).

The seven trumpets are described in **Revelation 8:6-13**. The first trumpet causes hail and fire that destroys much of the plant life in the world (**Revelation 8:7**). The second trumpet brings about what seems to be a meteor hitting the oceans and causing the death of much of the world's sea life (**Revelation 8:8-9**). The third trumpet is similar to the second, except it affects the world's lakes and rivers instead of the oceans (**Revelation 8:10-11**).

The fourth of the seven trumpets causes the sun and moon to be darkened (**Revelation 8:12**). The fifth trumpet results in a plague of "demonic locusts" that attack and torture humanity (**Revelation 9:1-11**). The sixth trumpet releases a demonic army that kills a third of humanity (**Revelation 9:12-21**). The seventh trumpet calls forth the seven angels with the seven bowls of God's wrath (**Revelation 11:15-19, 15:1-8**).



The seven bowl/vial judgments are described in Revelation 16:1-21. The first bowl causes painful sores to break out on humanity (**Revelation 16:2**). The second bowl results in the death of every living thing in the sea (**Revelation 16:3**). The third bowl causes the rivers to turn into blood (**Revelation 16:4-7**). The fourth of the seven bowls results in the sun's heat being intensified and causing great pain (**Revelation 16:8-9**). The fifth bowl causes great darkness and an intensification of the sores from the first bowl (**Revelation 16:10-11**). The sixth bowl results in the Euphrates River being dried up and the

armies of the Antichrist being gathered together to wage the battle of Armageddon (**Revelation 16:12-14**). The seventh bowl results in a devastating earthquake followed by giant hailstones (**Revelation 16:15-21**).

Many if not all of these events/ judgments will be explained by world leaders and people of influence as impacts of climate change/ global warming. But God brings these judgments on an unbelieving and wicked world. However, those who have placed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ today will not suffer these judgements.



For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:9)

¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷After 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

The Church (all true Christians) will be transported away (raptured) from the Earth by the Lord Jesus Christ and the

Earth will undergo a series of devastating judgments (seals, trumpets, bowls/vials). After these judgements Christ will come for the second time to the Earth and will be seen by all.

Revelation 19:11-16

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.



In His first coming, the Lord Jesus Christ was the suffering Servant. In His second coming, the Lord Jesus Christ will be the conquering King. In His first coming, the Lord Jesus Christ arrived in the most humble of circumstances. In His second coming, the Lord Jesus Christ will arrive with the armies of heaven at His side.

The final result of the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ will be fulfilment of all the promises of the kingdom of God. Satan will be destroyed, and there will be no more sin, suffering or death.

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Revelation 20:10)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away. (Revelation 21:1-4)

Are You Prepared!

Because no one knows when the Lord Jesus Christ will come again we must always be prepared. There is only one sure way of escaping these devastating judgments and worse still eternal separation from God and suffering in the fires of Hell. All we have to do is believe in the Lord Jesus Christ to be forgiven of all our wrongs and to spend eternity with God. Believing means trust and commitment - acknowledging our sinfulness, trusting Christ's forgiveness and letting Him control our life. Eternal, abundant life is a gift for us to receive. Jesus offers the greatest gift anyone could ever ask for. All you need to do is humbly accept it.

- For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. **(John 3:16)**
- Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord. **(Acts 3:19)**
- If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **(Romans 10:9-10)**
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved., you and your household" **(Acts 16:31)**
- "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes Him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." **(John 5:24)**

The above verse has one promise with three parts. The person who believes:

1. Has Eternal life
2. Does not come into judgment
3. Has passed from death into life.

Here's how to claim that promise - What to pray?

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as the Lord and Saviour of my life. In Your name. Amen.



God's assurance of eternal life

If you've prayed this prayer and are trusting Christ, then the Bible says that you can be sure you have eternal life.

- ...for, everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. **(Romans 10:13)**
- He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

(1 John 5:12-13)

Receiving Christ, we are born into God's family through the supernatural work of the Holy Spirit who indwells every believer. This is called 'regeneration' or the 'new birth'.

What next?

This is just the beginning of a wonderful new life in Christ. To deepen this relationship you should:

1. Read your bible every day to get to know the Lord Jesus Christ better.
2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
3. Be baptised, worship, fellowship and serve with other Christians in a church where the Lord Jesus Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
4. As Christ's representative in a needy world, demonstrate your new life by your love and concern for others.

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