



2021 1Q Isaiah: Lesson 13 Rebirth of Planet Earth

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SABBATH

What do you think of the title for this week's lesson?

As a Christian, what do you believe the future for this planet is?

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

What is going to happen to this planet?

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." (Re 21:1 NIV84)

What is going to happen to this planet?

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the **earth, and the heavens** are the work of your hands.

They will perish, but you remain;
they will all wear out like a garment.
Like clothing you will change them
and they will be discarded.

But you remain the same,
and your years will never end. (Ps 102:25–27 NIV84).

Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment
and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last forever,
my righteousness will never fail. (Is 51:6 NIV84).

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath.
In the fire of his jealousy



the whole world will be consumed,
for he will make a sudden end
of all who live in the earth.” (Zep 1:18 NIV84).

What is going to happen to planet Earth?

Can we stop it?

Because the Earth is going to be destroyed by God and replaced with a new Earth, a planet free from all marks of sin, does that mean we do NOT have to be good stewards, that we are free to pollute, that we are free to destroy the Earth? No!

We have a responsibility to be good stewards—why?

- What happens to the Earth if we are good stewards? It still gets destroyed in the end.
- What happens to us if we are negligent, selfish, and unfaithful stewards? We harden our hearts and obstruct God’s healing plan and are lost in the end.
- What happens to us if we are good stewards, living in harmony with God’s design, protecting nature and helping others? We develop mature Christlike character and will be saved in the end.

So, yes! We are to be good stewards and care for the planet, we are not to exploit the animals etc. But if we are good stewards—what happens to the planet?

Now—let’s be very clear—let the truth come home to your mind, our enemy the liar, the father of lies, has advanced his false worldview and is seducing Christians into joining his ranks through their desire to be good stewards. What am I talking about?

What is the philosophy that the world is embracing today? Is the modern, so-called enlightened view that there is a God in heaven, the Creator, who is returning to eradicate sin and who will recreate this world in perfection, or is the accepted popular view that there is no God, we evolved from lower life forms and our future is up to us?

And what future do those who reject God, who believe we evolved from lower life forms see? They see over-population of the Earth that will destroy the planet and the only way to have a future is that we must act to save ourselves.

The lie that is being foisted on the world today is that because there is no God, this planet is our mother our lifeboat and it has limited resources and if we don’t stop population growth, carbon emission, consuming of the forests and fishing out the oceans, then the planet is going to die and humanity will die. Therefore, we must save the planet. And in order to save the planet we must stop consuming, stop using fossil fuels etc., stop filling the earth with waste, plastics, garbage.

Understand there are two grand world philosophies—a Creator God who created the Earth and life upon it. In this worldview, God loves us—human beings made in His image—and the future is a future



of hope in which the Earth, as we know it, is going to be destroyed and a new perfect Earth will be created by God. There is nothing we can do to stop this and in this view **people are more valuable than the planet. We do NOT seek to save the planet at the expense of the people, we take the gospel to the world to save the people!**

But in the godless Green worldview, there is no God and we must save ourselves. In this view, if we don't act then overpopulation will consume all the resources and eventually destroy the planet, so we must stop this process. In the **Green worldview the planet is more valuable than the people. Understand, if you give your support to political movements that advance the Green worldview, you are empowering those agencies that will one day kill you and your descendants.** The future for them is to reduce the population and protect Earth's limited resources for themselves and their descendants.

Martin Armstrong, an economist, posted a satire about Greta, the cute little Swedish girl who became famous as a Green activist. He wrote as if she had a dream of the future where the Green had a world without any more petroleum products when she wakes up:

She tossed aside her cotton sheet and wool blanket and stepped out onto a dirt floor covered with willow bark that had been pulverized with rocks. "What's this?" she asked.

"Pulverized willow bark," replied her fairy godmother.

"What happened to the carpet?" she asked.

"The carpet was nylon, which is made from butadiene and hydrogen cyanide, both made from petroleum," came the response.

Greta smiled, acknowledging that adjustments are necessary to save the planet, and moved to the sink to brush her teeth where instead of a toothbrush, she found a willow, mangled on one end to expose wood fiber bristles.

"Your old toothbrush?" noted her godmother, "Also nylon."

"Where's the water?" asked Greta.

"Down the road in the canal," replied her godmother, "Just make sure you avoid water with cholera in it"

"Why's there no running water?" Greta asked, becoming a little peevisish.

"Well," said her godmother, who happened to teach engineering at MIT, "Where do we begin?" There followed a long monologue about how sink valves need elastomer seats and how copper pipes contain copper, which has to be mined and how it's impossible to make all-electric earth-moving equipment with no gear lubrication or tires and how ore has to be



smelted to a make metal, and that's tough to do with only electricity as a source of heat, and even if you use only electricity, the wires need insulation, which is petroleum-based, and though most of Sweden's energy is produced in an environmentally friendly way because of hydro and nuclear, if you do a mass and energy balance around the whole system, you still need lots of petroleum products like lubricants and nylon and rubber for tires and asphalt for filling potholes and wax and iPhone plastic and elastic to hold your underwear up while operating a copper smelting furnace and . . .

"What's for breakfast?" interjected Greta, whose head was hurting.

"Fresh, range-fed chicken eggs," replied her godmother. "Raw."

"Why raw?" inquired Greta.

"Well, . . ." And once again, Greta was told about the need for petroleum products like transformer oil and scores of petroleum products essential for producing metals for frying pans and in the end [Greta] was educated about how you can't have a petroleum-free world and then cook eggs. Unless you rip your front fence up and start a fire and carefully cook your egg in an orange peel like you do in Boy Scouts. Not that you can find oranges in Sweden anymore.

"But I want poached eggs like my Aunt Tilda makes," lamented Greta.

"Tilda died this morning," the godmother explained. "Bacterial pneumonia."

"What?!" interjected Greta. "No one dies of bacterial pneumonia! We have penicillin."

"Not anymore," explained godmother "The production of penicillin requires chemical extraction using isobutyl acetate, which, if you know your organic chemistry, is petroleum-based. Lots of people are dying, which is problematic because there's not any easy way of disposing of the bodies since backhoes need hydraulic oil and crematoriums can't really burn many bodies using as fuel Swedish fences and furniture, which are rapidly disappearing – being used on the black market for roasting eggs and staying warm."

This represents only a fraction of Greta's day, a day without microphones to exclaim into and a day without much food, and a day without carbon-fiber boats to sail in, but a day that will save the planet. <https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/gretas-nightmare/>

Understand this satire is what the elites that push the Green movement want—they want a future in which about two-third of the world's population die. They want the planet and the resources for themselves and their descendants.

The Green is not a movement of love, a movement of people who believe in the God of love, it is a movement that is led by those who do not believe in the Biblical worldview and thus they do not value human life over the planet—they value self-preservation. But they know that they cannot present their



true agenda because everyone else also values self-preservation, so they present their agenda through the lens of what we must do this to save the planet lest we all die. But the impact, if their reforms become reality, will not impact all equally, the wealthy, the elites will have their private generators, medical facilities, laboratories, factories, work force, it is the masses, the poorest, that will be without heat, food, water, medicine, shelter it is the masses that will die.

When you hear the rhetoric about saving the Earth consider implementing what they want to do and the consequences—it will lead to mass starvation, rationing of resources and the reduction in population, because the Green values the planet more than the people.

Consider what Peter wrote about the future of Earth:

First of all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. 4 They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” 5 But they deliberately forget that long ago by God’s word the heavens existed and the earth was formed out of water and by water. 6 By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. [Do we have scoffers today that scoff at the idea of Creation, and scoff at the idea of a worldwide flood and Noah’s ark? They deliberately forget—meaning they deny evidence and truth. Understand that the evidence of intelligent creation of life is irrefutable at this point. Life requires matter, energy and coded information found in the DNA of all living organisms. It is impossible for information to code itself. All reasonable people know this, but they all deny it purposely. And these people who deny evidence, deny truth, cling to a false worldview are the ones who are leading the Green movement. And since they have denied the evidence of God, and have denied God then who do you think is leading them, inspiring them? It is Satan—the Green movement is not a godly movement and young people you need to realize this and reject it.] 7 By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. [Why? What does this mean? What law lens do we see this through? This is talking about God’s accurate diagnosis that these people have hardened their hearts, destroyed the faculties that respond to truth and love and therefore no amount of truth or love will win them. This is what happens when one persistently rejects evidence, truth and love. Paul writes in 2Thes 2:11-12:

“They perish because they **refused** to love the truth and so be saved. For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned” (NIV84)

What does this mean? What law lens do you hear this through? What happens to the mind that refuses truth? What is the only thing left for the mind to believe if it rejects truth? Lies, they become delusional. This is what is happening in the world today. As people reject the truth about God and believe evolutionism their minds become less capable of recognizing other truths and thus they reject them. We see this in the world today—people rejecting obvious truths like the reality that there is male and female—yes in every species. But agendas are going forth denying this reality. In California, there is currently a bill in the CA assembly, that



if passed will fine stores \$1000 if they have a boys and girls clothing or toy section. Minds are being damaged. We live in a time of scoffers and liars and we must cling to the truth or our minds will be damaged as well.]

8 But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. 9 The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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 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, the home of righteousness.** (2 Pe 3:3–13 NIV84).

What is the future of planet Earth? Understand reality, this planet is going to be destroyed. Before God returns and recreates it anew, things are going to get worse and we cannot stop it. Satan is going to use the worsening conditions on the planet to incite fear, fear of climate change, rising oceans, terrible storms, famine, pandemics, and Satan will cause these calamities to increase and thereby increase fear. This will cause those who have rejected God to become more fearful and seek to save themselves by taking greater coercive control and passing more laws and taking away more freedoms and ultimately seek to cull the population to try and save the planet.

The righteous, those who love people and speak the truth, will be targeted as agitators and the cause of these problems.

Consider this historic quote about the end time judgments of God:

"I was shown that the judgments of God would not come directly out from the Lord upon them, but in this way;

"They place themselves beyond His protection. He warns, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then if those who have been the objects of His special care will follow their own course, independent of the Spirit of God, after repeated warnings, if they choose their own way, then **He does not commission His angels to prevent Satan's decided attacks upon them.**

"It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land, bringing calamity and distress, and sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey, and storm and tempest both by sea and land will be, for Satan has come down in great wrath. He is at work. He knows his time is short and, he is not restrained; we shall see more terrible manifestations of his great power than we have ever dreamed of." Manuscript Release vol. 14, p. 3



Are there Bible texts to support this? Revelation 7, the angels holding back the four winds—they are described as having power to destroy the land—how? By letting go what they hold back.

If you are a Christian and you are supporting the movement of the Green, you are supporting the enemy of God; you are empowering those who value the planet more than the people and whose policies are designed to cull the population in order to save the planet. As children of God, we love people and want as many people as possible to come to salvation, which means we don't want to cull the population, we want to bring people to Jesus.

Don't misunderstand what I am saying—I already said it once today, but will say it again because some will misunderstand if I don't. Rejecting the Green movement does not mean we fail to be good stewards of the Earth in the way we govern ourselves. We will practice God's methods and not pollute, not abuse animals, not exploit the environment etc. But we will not give our support to a godless movement that values the planet more than the people and will initiate policies that will result in injuring billions in the name of saving the planet.

What do you think of the second part of our memory verse: “the former shall not be remembered or come to mind”?

Does it mean that we won't remember our sin-sick lives? We won't remember our sins, our heartaches, our healing, our deliverance?

What is the problem if we believe we won't remember the events of sin and God's deliverance from it?

- Then it can all happen again—what protects the universe from sin ever arising again is that all remember what sin is, what sin does, and what God did to eradicate sin and save sinners. Without this knowledge then the lies could rise again.
- What happens to our appreciation and love for God if we don't remember? Jesus said that those who are forgiven much love much, if we don't remember all that Jesus did for us will we still love and appreciate and trust Him as much?
- What does it mean to sing a song of our experience, as the Bible says we will do, if we don't remember our experience?
- If we don't remember our sins and our deliverance from them, then will David and Bathsheba remember Solomon is their son and how they got together? Will Uriah remember he was married to Bathsheba and wonder how David became her spouse?

So whatever this means it doesn't mean erasure of the memory of historic reality or facts—remembering those historic events is essential for a secure future without the risk of sin arising again.

So what does it mean then?

Consider this quote from *The Great Controversy*:



Satan's rebellion was to be a lesson to the universe through all coming ages, a perpetual testimony to the nature and terrible results of sin. [If Satan's rebellion is to be lesson through all coming ages and a perpetual testimony to the nature of sin, what is required? Isn't that we must remember what happened with sin here on earth?] The working out of Satan's rule, **its effects upon both men and angels**, would show what must be the fruit of setting aside the divine authority. [Some argue that we remember Satan's sin and rebellion but not our own, but this author says we remember the effects of sin upon both men and angels. And what is the greatest impact of sin's effect and the lessons each of us must learn—what sin has done in other people's lives or our own sins and our redemption from sin?] It would testify that with the existence of God's government and His law is bound up the well-being of all the creatures He has made. **Thus the history of this terrible experiment of rebellion was to be a perpetual safeguard to all holy intelligences, to prevent them from being deceived as to the nature of transgression, to save them from committing sin and suffering its punishments.** GC 499.1 [In a universe where there is real love there is real freedom and real freedom requires informed choice, knowledge, awareness. If God were to erase memory, He would only be creating an environment where sin could rise again. And God will NOT do that. It is a sad fact that many Christians teach the lie that God erases all memory of our sins.]

From the SDA Bible Commentary on this passage:

Some have felt that the prophet here predicts **a future oblivion concerning things on this earth, at least concerning past sins.** The Hebrew of this verse need not be so understood. Zakar, translated "remembered," frequently defines the action or condition that results from conscious memory. For example, the statement that the children of Israel "remembered not the Lord their God" (Judges 8:34) does not mean that God never entered their conscious mind. It simply means that the people did not render unto Jehovah the worship that a knowledge of Him should have led them to render (see on Judges 8:34). If such a shade of meaning is to be attached to Isaiah's statement, then the passage may be understood to assert that **a memory of former things will no longer distress or annoy the mind or cause feelings of remorse...**

A knowledge of the history of the great controversy will be the safeguard against any future repetition of the evil experiment of sin (GC 499) (Vol. 4, pp. 332–333).

So what does this mean? Not that we don't remember, but that these historic facts that we do remember, don't intrude into our minds, don't cause us fear, distress, guilt, shame, we will no longer think of them and worry whether we are good enough, or whether others will like us or love us because of these past sins. We remember our sins and tell our stories of God's redemption, patience, love, forbearance, Christ's sacrifice, our deliverance and healing and give thanks to God and rejoice in His salvation.



MONDAY

Read first paragraph, “Through the prophet...” What is going on here? How do we understand the destruction of the wicked?

The way it is worded in the lesson it sounds like an act of infliction, God uses power to inflict an outcome that the wicked would not otherwise reap if God didn’t do it to them.

What is the truth? Does sin destroy or does God destroy? Could the wicked live eternally if God simply refused to use power to kill them?

Do the wicked, including Satan, have life that originates with them? Do they have the ability to live on their own disconnected and separated from God? Or, does all life originate from God and is sustained by God?

So, what does sin do to the relationship between God and sinners? Sin severs the relationship, and if that disruption in our relationship with God is not fixed, if the sin is not removed and if we are not restored to unity with God, what happens?

If a branch is cut off from the vine, what happens to that branch if it is not grafted back into the vine? What causes the death of the branch?

Understand reality, the wicked die, but why do they die?

So, we read in Isaiah 33:14-16:

The sinners in Zion are terrified;
trembling grips the godless:
“Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire?
Who of us can dwell with everlasting burning?”
15 He who walks righteously
and speaks what is right,
who rejects gain from extortion
and keeps his hand from accepting bribes,
who stops his ears against plots of murder
and shuts his eyes against contemplating evil—
16 this is the man who will dwell on the heights, (Is 33:14-16 NIV84)

Who dwells in the consuming fire and eternal burning? The righteous not the wicked—why? What is this fire?

- Moses and the bush Exodus 3:2
- Sinai Exodus 24:17



- Solomon's Temple dedication 2 Chronicles 7:2
- Lucifer amongst fiery stones Ezekiel 28:14, 16
- Ancient of days and rivers of fire Daniel 7:9, 10
- God is a consuming fire Hebrews 12:29
- New Jerusalem Revelation 22:5

Satan's grand lie is: the place you don't want to go is the place of eternal burning and consuming fire—but that place is God's very presence!

The righteous are transformed—just as Moses' face radiated after 40 days in God's glory. Exodus 34:29–35

But the people shrank back—why?

The wicked are destroyed by the brightness of Christ's coming.

2 Thessalonians 2:8 what does this mean? Isn't this God inflicting it upon them?

Consider this description from the book *The Great Controversy*:

God does not force the will or judgment of any. He takes no pleasure in a slavish obedience. **He desires that the creatures of His hands shall love Him because He is worthy of love.** He would have them obey Him because they have an intelligent appreciation of His wisdom, justice, and benevolence. And **all who have a just conception of these qualities will love Him because they are drawn toward Him in admiration of His attributes.** {GC 541.3}

The principles of kindness, mercy, and love, taught and exemplified by our Saviour, are a transcript of the will and character of God. Christ declared that He taught nothing except that which He had received from His Father. The principles of the divine government are in perfect harmony with the Saviour's precept, "Love your enemies." **God executes justice upon the wicked, for the good of the universe, and even for the good of those upon whom His judgments are visited. He would make them happy if He could do so in accordance with the laws of His government and the justice of His character.** [What does this mean? What laws? What justice?] He surrounds them with the tokens of His love, He grants them a knowledge of His law, and follows them with the offers of His mercy; but they despise His love, make void His law, and reject His mercy. While constantly receiving His gifts, they dishonor the Giver; they hate God because they know that He abhors their sins. The Lord bears long with their perversity; but the decisive hour will come at last, when their destiny is to be decided. **Will He then chain these rebels to His side? Will He force them to do His will?** {GC 541.4}

Those who have chosen Satan as their leader and have been controlled by his power are not prepared to enter the presence of God. Pride, deception, licentiousness, cruelty, have become **fixed in their characters.** Can they enter heaven to dwell forever with those whom they despised and hated on earth? Truth will never be agreeable to a liar; meekness will not satisfy self-esteem and pride; purity is not acceptable to the corrupt; disinterested love does not



appear attractive to the selfish. What source of enjoyment could heaven offer to those who are wholly absorbed in earthly and selfish interests? {GC 542.1}

Could those whose lives have been spent in rebellion against God be suddenly transported to heaven and witness the high, the holy state of perfection that ever exists there,-- every soul filled with love, every countenance beaming with joy, enrapturing music in melodious strains rising in honor of God and the Lamb, and **ceaseless streams of light** flowing upon the redeemed from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne,-- [what does that light look like? From where does it come? Do you integrate texts like these: “the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.” (Dan 7:9-10 NIV84) “for our ‘God is a consuming fire.’” (Heb 12:29 NIV84)? Is this fire harmful? Do the righteous get injured by it? Why not? What about the wicked, why do they experience pain in this fire? From where does the pain come, from the fire or from unremedied sin?] could those whose hearts are filled with hatred of God, of truth and holiness, mingle with the heavenly throng and join their songs of praise? **Could they endure the glory of God and the Lamb? No, no;** years of probation were granted them, that they might form characters for heaven; **but they have never trained the mind to love purity;** they have never learned the language of heaven, and now it is too late. **A life of rebellion against God has unfitted them for heaven. Its purity, holiness, and peace would be torture to them; the glory of God would be a consuming fire. They would long to flee from that holy place. They would welcome destruction,** that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them. [What is being described? Do you integrate texts like “They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!” (Rev 6:16 NIV84)? What kind of law? What is the reason? Is God acting justly? He is executing justice?] The destiny of the wicked is fixed by their own choice. **Their exclusion from heaven is voluntary with themselves, and just and merciful on the part of God.** [Who decides the fate of the wicked? What does it mean voluntary with themselves? It is what they want, is it right and just on God’s part to grant them exclusion from heaven? What kind of law?] {GC 542.2}

Like the waters of the Flood the fires of the great day declare God's verdict that the wicked are incurable. [Why are they lost? Who made them incurable? Is this just on God’s part? Is it an infliction that their condition does not bring upon them?]{GC 543.1}

WEDNESDAY

In the middle of the lesson it reads:

In God’s “new world order,” Gentiles would not only join God’s people but they also would be equal partners with Jews in the combined community of faith that would be a “royal



priesthood.” Therefore, the distinction between Jews and Gentiles would become functionally irrelevant.

Paul, the missionary to the Gentiles, proclaims: “There is no longer Jew or Greek.... for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.” (Gal. 3:28,29 NRSV).

Is it true? Are we all, Jew or Gentile, now part of the promise and considered royal priests of God? Does that include women?

Did you notice the lesson authors cut out part of what Paul proclaimed, they put in an ellipse and edited out male or female, I wonder why?

If we are all priests of God, both Jew and Greek, male and female, as Paul wrote it, what does that mean functionally in how we work for God? And why did the authors cut out male and female?

The bottom green section asks, “In light of the Cross, in light of the gospel commission, why is any kind of spiritual or ethnic or even political elitism so abhorrent in the sight of God?”

What about gender elitism—that only men can be ordained, or church leaders, or pastors? Is this abhorrent in the sight of God?

THURSDAY

Read Isaiah 66:22-24:

As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. 23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. 24 “And they will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.” (Is 66:22–24 NIV84).

What does this text mean?

Read the second paragraph, “Though there are...” Do you like this explanation? Does it satisfy or are there questions unanswered? What questions are not answered?

Did the Sabbath exist before sin? No, it existed before human sin, but not before angelic sin. If it didn’t exist before sin what was its purpose in being created (remember the Sabbath was “made”)? Will that purpose remain for all eternity? Is this the reason for the Sabbath—a perpetual reminder of God’s character, methods, laws, and principles—truth, presented in love, leaving us free?



Is the Sabbath a legislative order, a legal requirement? Will we be monitored in heaven and have citations issued for Sabbath violations?

As the lesson indicates we may worship many days of the week, so the Sabbath is more than a day to worship—what?

What does it mean that the Sabbath is a day of rest? What would a day of rest be like in a sinless world?

What do you think about the description of looking on the dead bodies and the worm not dying and the fire not being quenched?

Is this literal? Will dead bodies have worms (maggots) in them that live in fire and can't die and the fires never go out? Is the new earth a volcanic pyre of smoke and death? Will the new earth be covered in dead bodies? Or is this symbolic?

We have read about the elements burning in the fervent heat in 2Peter, we have read about consuming in Isaiah 33:14, and we read here in Isaiah 66 about suffering and fire that won't go out. We also read in Revelation 14 about the wicked burning in sulfurous fire and their torment rising forever and ever. And then we read in Revelation 20:

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Re 20:14–15 NIV84).

So what is all of this? What kind of fire is it? How do we put it all together?

One of the founders of the SDA church wrote the following describing events after the 1000 years and the final eradication of sin:

Satan rushes into the midst of his followers and tries to stir up the multitude to action. But fire from God out of heaven is rained upon them, and the great men, and mighty men, the noble, the poor and miserable, are all consumed together. I saw that some were quickly destroyed, while others suffered longer. They were punished according to the deeds done in the body. Some were many days consuming, and just as long as there was a portion of them unconsumed, all the sense of suffering remained. Said the angel, "The worm of life shall not die; their fire shall not be quenched as long as there is the least particle for it to prey upon

Satan and his angels suffered long. Satan bore not only the weight and punishment of his own sins, but also of the sins of the redeemed host, which had been placed upon him; and he must also suffer for the ruin of souls which he had caused. Then I saw that Satan and all the wicked host were consumed, and the justice of God was satisfied; and all the angelic host, and all the redeemed saints, with a loud voice said, "Amen!" EW 294.2



How do we explain this?

- Does God perform a miracle to keep people alive to torment them in fire until they die?
- Why do some suffer longer?
- What is the cause of the suffering?
- What is the fire?
- What kind of fire can destroy death—death and the grave are thrown into the lake of fire? The fire of life!
- These are the unveiled fires of God's life-giving glory the fire of truth and love—and what happens to those in that fire? And why do some live longer? Because they fight it longer, resist it longer, and because some have many many more lies for the truth to burn through. Another way to say it is that some have more sins in their minds for the truth to burn through and Satan with the greatest amount of lies, distortions, denial, selfishness and sin struggles to resist the truth the longest. But the truth burns through and each sinner sees the truth, experiences the reality of their own sinfulness, guilt, shame and the reality of the pain they have caused others. This is a terrible torment of unremedied sin in their minds and eventually they all accept the TRUTH of THEIR condition and surrender their lives and die.
- The fire that torments those with the mark of the beast in Revelation 14:10 happens “in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb.”
- Then, the fires of combustion burn the corpses and cleanse the earth

Questions?

SUNDAY

What will the new Earth be like?

Read Isaiah 11:6-9:

The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

7 The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

8 The infant will play near the hole of the cobra,
and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

9 They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea. (Is 11:6–9).



What does this mean? Is this literal or is this a description to teach the idea that there will be no killing there, no animal will eat another, no animal will be poisonous or predatory? In other words, the new Earth will be completely safe because there will be no sin and nature will be restored to perfection.

TUESDAY

What does it mean to you to be a missionary for God? Is this only going to foreign lands, or are we missionaries in our community?

Read second paragraph, “Just as the Israelites...” What is the reason grain offerings are used in this way? What is the object lesson?

In order for grain to bring forth more grain what does it have to do?

I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. (Jn 12:24–25 NIV84).

Can we take the truth about God and love of God to people if we don't have the truth and love of God in our hearts?

And how do we get the truth and love into our hearts? We must “die to self” we must fall on the rock Jesus and be broken, we must be born again. Thus the metaphor of the grain being buried and bringing forth more grain.

FRIDAY

read the two paragraphs, “And the years...”



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Change in Class Time: April 3, 2021 our class will start meeting at **10:00 a.m.** and go until 11:00 a.m. Then we will have a live 30 minute Q&A for our online viewers. This will be one of the benefits for members only.

Have you notice the changes to the website? Have you noticed it is faster to load? Dean Scott has been working furiously to move our website from a provider that was becoming slower and slower, to our own, unshared, virtual private server. He has also changed the core operating system the website used to create content on demand to a new one that powers 64% of all websites today. This required updating the multitude of articles and adding new features. He's currently creating a member's section, which will contain exclusive content.

New Member's Section: March 20, 2021 we will open our new Member's Section to new applications. This will be FREE and will contain member's only content, so it will require creating an account on our website. We are currently loading *The Remedy* audio to this section and when complete, will remove it from Soundcloud (due to their addition of advertisements during playback). We will also have other exclusive content on this site as well.

Our goal, as a ministry, is to continue to enhance your growth and experience with the wonderful, life-changing message of God's design and healing plan.

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