

## Subjective eschatology

I have fully explained all the objective features of the end: the Second Coming, the Final Judgment and the events surrounding these things. However, it is beneficial to consider a more oblique viewpoint on aspects that are rarely considered. What will characterise the time of the end?

### **A time of great contrasts**

Of course the greatest contrast is seen in the difference between those called to eternal life and those who are doomed. Huge differences are found in the character of each group at the end. The elect are persecuted; the reprobate enjoy luxury and hedonism. The elect are killed; the reprobate rejoice over these killings. The elect spurn earthly pleasures; the reprobate wallow in debauchery, entertainment, fornication and liberalism. The elect rejoice in God's word; the reprobate hate the Bible and try to eradicate it. Truth is celebrated by the saints but the reprobate exult themselves in lies. God is worshipped by Christians but sinners are full of idolatry.

A foretaste of the end is seen in the Bolshevik Red Terror period where Jewish Communists stole the riches and property of Russians, ruled with a rod of iron and tortured and killed millions of Russian Christians. Christians starved in poverty while Communist leaders lived in stately homes. At the end, being a Christian is costly and is evidenced in godly living in contrast to those around. The clearest contrast is when the elect are plucked into the air to meet Jesus and the resurrected saints, while the reprobate are left to suffer death on the earth, followed by resurrection for judgment.

### **A time of unparalleled fear in sinners**

As the end approaches, and especially as the Lord returns in glory in the sky with an angelic shout and a blast of God's trumpet, the world is plunged into the most devastating fear as it dawns on the reprobate that everything the Bible foretold is true and their destruction approaches. People cry for mountains to fall on them to hide them from the living God who comes with condemnation and justice. The realisation grips every sinner that they must now account for their whole life of rebellion to God; their lives pass before them and the grave consequences of judgment are fully appreciated. They crave death but know that death can't give them escape from what is coming – the vengeance of God.

### **The exultation of nature**

As the end comes the natural world leaps into rejoicing and exultation knowing that its bondage to futility is over and a new world is about to begin. Exactly how this is expressed is unknown. However, it is likely that the pent up frustration of the natural world will erupt in one crescendo of relief. Volcanoes will explode, hurricanes will howl, tidal waves will emerge, there is a great roar of noise, fire will come from the earth, and finally God will destroy the whole world with cleansing fire from heaven (2 Pt 3:10). Then nature will be reborn because resurrection is the basis of the new world. Nature undergoes resurrection as the world is restored to perfect, harmonious beauty. The elect are resurrected with spiritual bodies to last eternally to enable saints to serve God forever. Plus the King over all, Jesus, is also the one that has been resurrected and lives and reigns forever. The precursor of this was the cataclysmic events surrounding the global flood.

### **The great reversal of ethics**

In the end period before the Second Coming the reversal of God's law in society will come to fruition. Everything good will become bad; but worse than that, the evil is celebrated and the good is denounced. We see the beginnings of this in society today where evil is legislated for, such as Gay marriage, or when criticism of evil becomes a crime. The end is a time of great exultation in evil and wickedness knows no bounds. Satan is worshipped both directly and indirectly. Luciferians run society and entice the world to worship Satan either through the promises of material benefits for doing so or the threat of punishment for failing to do so. Saints who refuse to worship Satan will be persecuted. This will begin in removal of rights, removal of bank accounts and mortgages, making them unable to buy or sell. This will be followed by prison and finally by death. [In case you think this cannot happen, it is already being done to individuals today who have had their bank accounts / credit cards terminated and their livings ruined for not following the politically correct path. For example comedian Count Dankula (Michael Meakin) was prosecuted for a politically incorrect joke and the fine was taken directly from his bank account when he chose to go to prison instead.] The precursor of this was the persecution of Christians under the Roman Empire for refusing to worship Caesar.