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# The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

## Isaiah

Isaiah 24  
Jacob's Trouble  
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# The Consummation of all Things

- We continue this unit by building on the foundation of the 70<sup>th</sup> week of Daniel as the **Tribulation**—it is called **Jacob's Trouble**, (distress).
  - The **emphasis** of Isaiah 24 as in many others sections in the Isaiah.
- ➔ • Isaiah 24 **Destruction**
  - ➔ • Isaiah 25 **Victory/Restor.**
  - ➔ • Isaiah 26 **Resurrection**
  - ➔ • Isaiah 27 **Glory Restored**

# Imminency

- Last week we did a lesson on “how close to the Rapture are we? (The Arrival of Autonomous Man.)
- Coincidentally someone gave me an email (not our class) from a friend who is attending a major former Dispensational church, (Lincoln) where a teacher challenged his class to “find others that are in his camp.”
- Hence the email to an IHCC member.



# Seeking for Support?

- The student, author of the email, dutifully did just that and then sent his finding to his Dispensational “friend” at Indian Hills.
- At the beginning of the paper the writer launches his best shot at Pretribulationists—
- “The rapture in church history is really a history of pretribulationism, and the topic of the rapture as presented by Kelly Baker should embarrass the average evangelical Christian.
- 1 Eric Cline Pre-tribulation Rapture. Is it a Problematic Doctrine?

## Eric Cline Author

- “Baker presents “rapture ready” practices whereby adults and children jump into the air to make it easier for Jesus to pluck them up to heaven.
- “The only Bible reference Baker provides is 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven . . . the dead in Christ will rise first . . . caught up together with them . . . meet the Lord in the air.”
- “Baker offers an argument of literary theorist Elaine Scarry as saying that it is our imagination that generates a belief in an object that is not physically present and of such having no evidence of existence.”

## Eric Cline Author

- Conclusion: “There is uncertainty is [sic] about the end times and what happens when Christ returns.
- “Uncertainty is further exacerbated with the pre-tribulation doctrine.
- “Questions about the rapture and tribulation seem to be the most popular, unanswered questions...”

## Eric Cline Author

- “If Christians believe the kingdom of God can only be built by God, [evangelism] it prevents them from engaging in radical political ideologies and utopian behavior that will ultimately result in violence and oppression.
- “Those Christians may just sit around and wait until the dispensations of God are administered.

## Eric Cline Author

- “On the other hand, if Christians believe in working to further the kingdom of God, they will be active in efforts such as evangelization, social reform, and conservation.
- “Those Christians will not be sitting around waiting to be “snatched up” or raptured but they will be ready.

## Eric Cline Author

- We will not waste time going through a paper that is mostly emotional charged diatribe against Dispensationalists.
- But it did motivate me to write in less than 300 words the biblical case for the Pretribulational Rapture.
- You may want a copy—pick one up. I will attach it to the email of this lesson later this afternoon.

# THE TRIBULATION IS SEVEN YEARS

- So we launch into a study of the Isaiah 24—Tribulation event. We cannot talk about the Rapture in New Testament terms (It was a mystery in the OT times (1 Cor. 15:51, we will not all die)).
- But we can talk about Jacob's Trouble as a seven year period of time, as given in Daniel 9:24 f.
- The Rapture as pretribulational has extensive New Testament support. Already cited is "ONLY ONE" passage!

**It is Hard to Disregard this “ONE passage!”**

- **1 Thessalonians 4:16** “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.”



# THE TRIBULATION IS SEVEN YEARS

- The clock is in Daniel 9:24-27—
- But when Isaiah wrote, he did not give the beginning of this period. Also, he talks about the “tribulation” without a name as a time without marking the beginning or its duration.
- But he does talk about an eventual deliverance and glory in chapters 25-27, after Jacob’s Trouble— later as Jeremiah (30:7) names it as Jacob’s distress.
- The New Testament calls it the Great Tribulation. Rev. 7:14; ca. plus 4-5 other places.



# General Statements of the Tribulation

- Jesus gave the “Gospels” teaching of this period, not directly in years (“then thinking Daniel’s calendar it comes to the end” Matt. 24:14)— counting from 483 to the end of “Daniel's age.” When the Antichrist appears, there are seven years yet unspent.
- Were the disciples counting from 444 BC?—they could have! Dan. 9:25 is quite clear.
- Cutoff at 483. (Dan. 9:26) Jesus made these comments two days before his death—that was when the 483 years ended, leaving 7 years for the end of the age He was addressing.

# Now Our Interest Turns to Events

- Unlike Isaiah, we have the entire Scripture to fill out our understanding. All the following build on the Old Testament.
- **Jesus**, talks about Jacob's Trouble in Matt. 24. (33)
- **Paul** writes 1st. 2nd Thess. (49-50) to the church details giving knowledge about this period (of antichrist).
- **Peter** (2nd book) is the first apostle to write (65-68) about this time in any detail.
- **John** writes Rev. 6-18 (95) will give the most extensive description of the Distress of Jacob in the Bible.
- **Isaiah** We have in Isaiah 24 the second most extensive treatment (other sections of Isaiah add to this).

# Revelation

- **John** in Revelation 6-18 gives us the basic chronology in the Seals, Trumpets and Bowls.
- **Peter** gives the impact on the physical world without many details. We say Peter describes the “end product” of the Tribulation Judgment. 3:10  
“elements will be destroyed with intense heat”  
(v12) “elements will melt with intense heat”

# Setting Aside the literal Sense

- Reflecting on the “paper” there are **many passages** that must be butchered in order to discount the Rapture of the Church before the wrath of God is released on earth—Rev. 14:10 in “full strength.”
- Our purpose in 2 Peter is not to be informed of the Tribulation, we will study Isaiah 24 **for that but for the connection Peter makes with the—Flood event as a bench mark.**

# The Flood

A Bench Mark

- **2 Peter 3:3** “Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, 4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.” 5 For when they maintain this, **it escapes their notice that by the word of God the heavens existed long ago and the earth was formed out of water and by water, 6 through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water.<sup>7</sup> But by His word the present heavens and earth are being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.**

# Watch the Flood

- Peter is pointing out the laziness of the scoffers who disregard the history of the water judgment, and with the same hubris they will dismiss the prophecy of the coming fire judgment.
- Now being good “Bible Detectives” (interpreters) we need to mentally grasp the scope from creation—to its destruction and its recreation and glorification.



# Briefly Recapping

- 1. Creation was good, very good.
- 2. Adam's sin— By judgment the Creation became hostile.
- New competition with weeds and thistles.
- What about thermodynamic Laws? Here at the Garden or at the Flood? The energy issue is huge. Modern energy debate is traceable to God who provided the fossil fuels. (Therefore opposed.)

# Briefly Recapping

- 3. But—with the Flood— The world became aggressively dangerous. Necessitating, building protection from the weather, climate, from wild beasts, observing the harsh geography of cliffs, oceans and general danger and yes floods. These can be observed—thermodynamic laws are in place here or were they employed over time. The building of the pyramids present a reason for their delay (?). What energy force built them? To date unanswered.
- 4. The environmental judgement seen in our world today.

# Two Judgments

- The scoffers are willfully ignorant of the Flood—but they need to be informed about the flood event because there is an even greater judgment of fire coming.
  - Matt 24:21 “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.
  - This “until now” must include the flood!

# Destruction needs Reconstruction

- Therefore—due to these two severe judgments (2 Peter 3:10, 12) there is a necessity of a **new heaven and earth** as given in 2 Peter 3:13 “but we (not like the scoffers) are looking **for a new heaven and earth in which righteousness dwells.**”
- Full judgment then is in water plus fire—before the necessary **restoration is made.**
- Note: The final event (of this destruction) is **at the end of the Tribulation.**
  - **Matthew 24:29 “But immediately AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.— Second event follows.**

# For Our Understanding

- An explanation of 2 Peter 3— The Classic understanding of this passage is that it does not describe the Tribulation—but the supposed Conflagration, at the end of the Millennium.
- The argument is that the new heaven and earth follow this ‘fiery destruction’ of the earth thus it follows the chronology as Rev. 20 and then Rev. 21:1. They see 2 Peter 3 as describing the Conflagration (burned up earth) first, then the NHE is created. It is held that—

## For Our Understanding

- Then Peter is not clear. What appears to be the Tribulation is really the Conflagration.
- So 2 Peter 3:10 f as the Tribulation is wrong and must be moved to after the 1000 yr Kingdom before the NHE of Revelation 21:1.  
Rev. 20:9

## Textual Support is—

- Gog and Magog: Revelation 20:9 “ And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.”
- But this is a surgical removal of the unrighteous.
- So we will leave Peter as written in order and understand it as a description of the impact of the Tribulation.

# What About the Flood

- What happened in the Flood event? To some degree the Flood will inform us about the Fire “event.” In the Water Flood—
- The fountains of the earth were opened and the whole earth was flooded to over the highest mountain. (Less than 30K’)
- Genesis 7:11 “In the six-hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day all the fountains of the great deep burst open, and the floodgates of the sky were opened.”
- Burst used in Job 32:19 “Behold, my belly is like unvented wine, Like new wineskins it is about to burst.





# The Popular Flood

- The physiology of the flooded world as usually understood is a civilization in a bathtub, turning on the water until it is covered killing the air breathing—drain the water. So the flood event.
- But observing our diverse geography, the varied surfaces, water, land, mountains, folded rock mountains, some jutting up to 30k, and oceans deep as 30k,  $\frac{2}{3}$  water on its surface — shows sometime more destructive than agitated water rising in the tub.
- Remember that the Bible presents truth but not all the details.

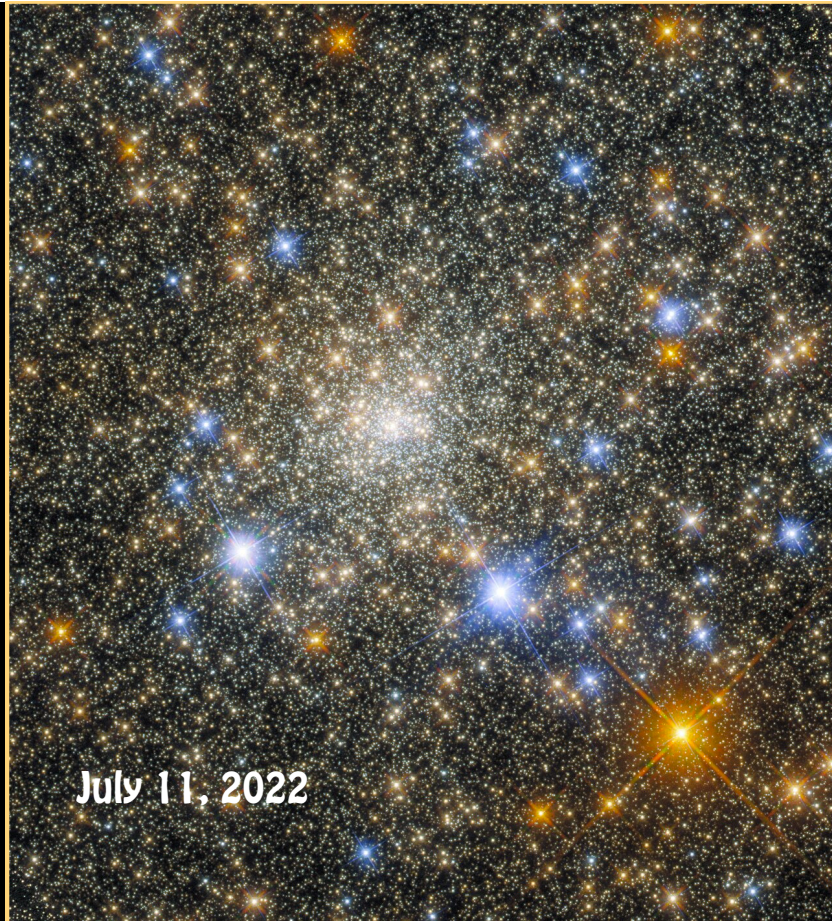
# Side Trail into the Flood Event

It is less violent than the judgment by fire (Matt 24)

- The idea that the flood marred the earth's surface was proposed again in ca. 1960.
- 200 years of knowledge was lost while the Bible and the WW Flood was discredited.
- But now we are taking a second look at the event—
- It was more violent, explosive and destructive beyond our ability to imagine (the earth burst).
- See Walt Brown's *In the Beginning* for a hydraulic engineer's work on this subject. (Also Whitcomb and Morris).

# Stunning Creation

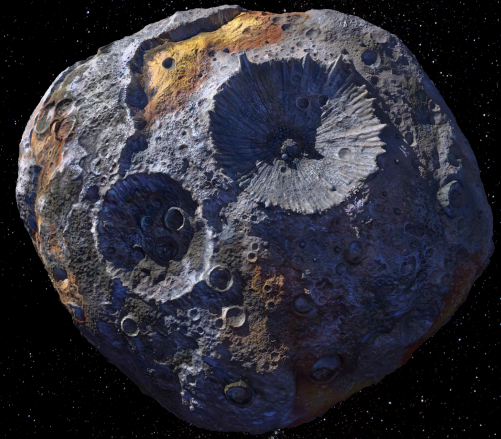
- We have new images from the New Hubble that are stunning.
- Psalm 19:1 “The heavens are telling of the glory of God;
- And their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.”
- Ps. 8:4. What is man?



## Astroid Belt

### Psyche is seen up close

- “Unlike most other asteroids that are rocky or icy bodies, planetary scientists think **Psyche** is composed mostly of metallic **iron** and **nickel** similar to **Earth’s core**.  
• <http://www.sci-news.com/astronomy/Hubble-asteroid-psyche-08990.html>

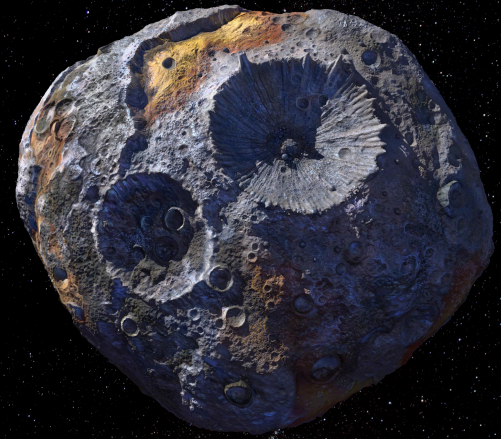


An artist's concept of the asteroid Psyche,  
Which lies in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.  
Image credit: NASA / JPL-Caltech / ASU.

## Astroid Belt

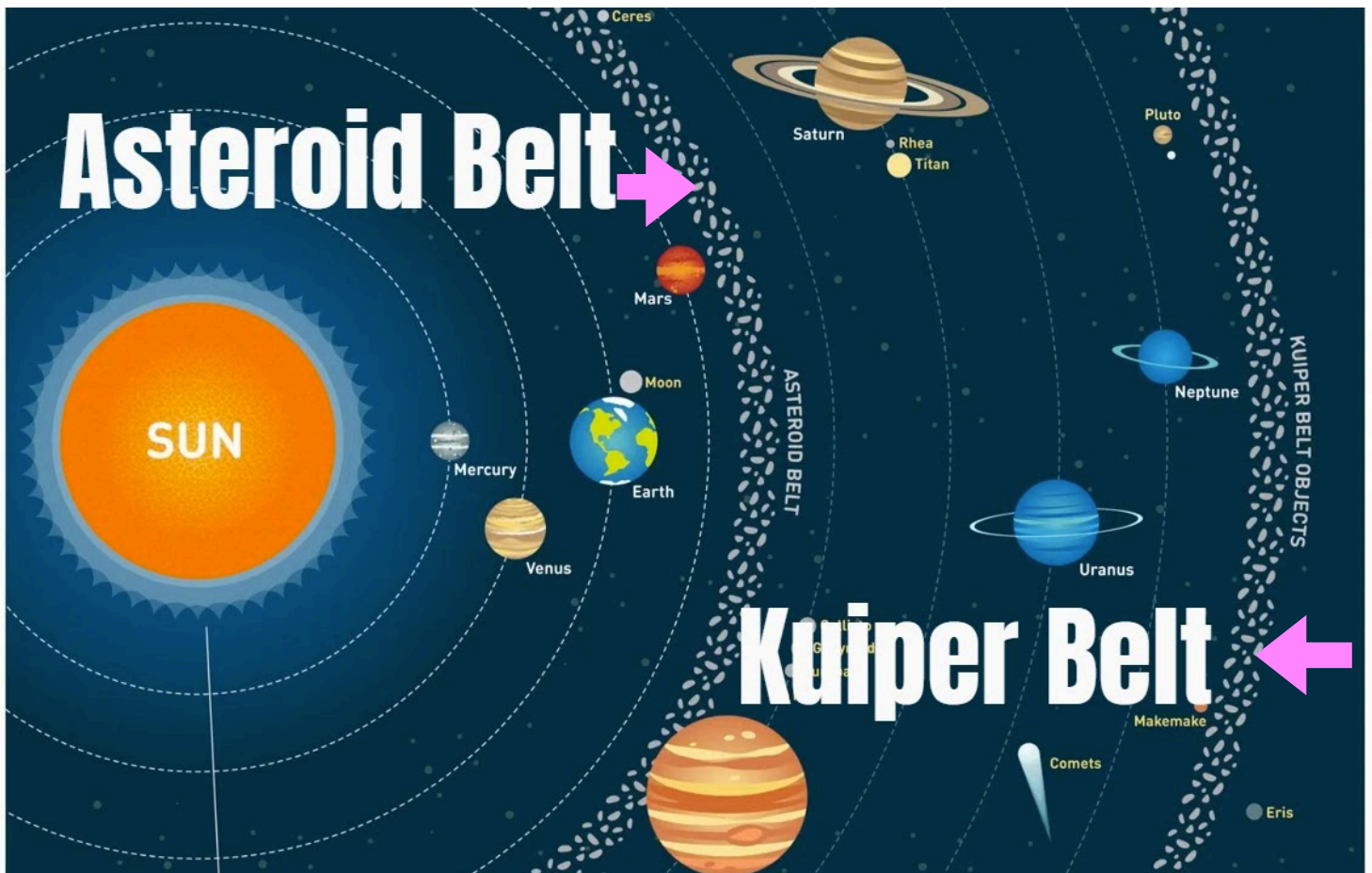
### Psyche is seen up close

- “Psyche, a metal asteroid about 226 km (140 miles) in diameter, is one of the most intriguing targets in the main asteroid belt.
- “This asteroid orbits the Sun between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter at a distance ranging from 378 to 497 million km (235-309 million miles) from the Sun.



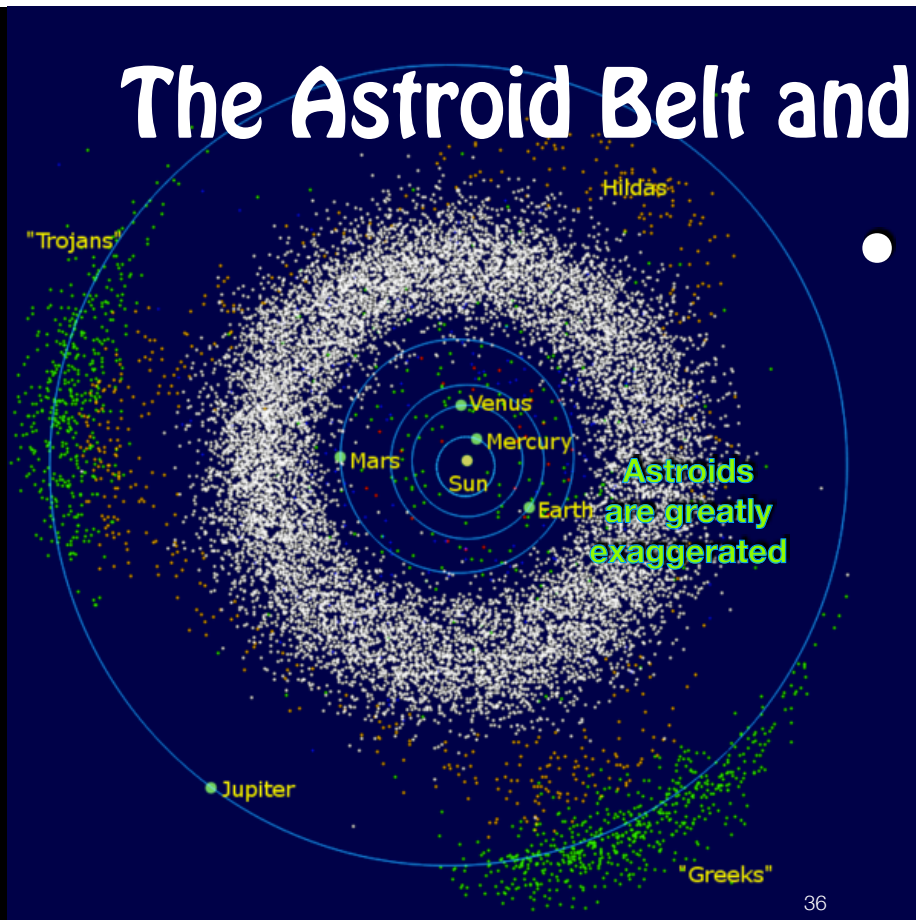


# Asteroid Belt



# Kuiper Belt

# The Astroid Belt and Shooting Stars



- The belt is estimated to contain between 1.1 and 1.9 million asteroids larger than 1 kilometer (0.6 miles) in diameter, and millions of smaller ones.



# Cross Checking Realities

- If the Astroid belts are the product of the flood (bursting earth), how significant is the loss of mass to the earth.
- The belt contains only about 4 percent of the Moon's mass in asteroids — not enough to form a planet-sized body.
- 80 moon mass=1 earth. 4% of Moon mass=.00005 earth mass. (in kilometers<sup>3</sup>)  $1.8321 \times 10^{12} \times .00005$ .
- 54,160,500 km<sup>3</sup>

# Astroid Belts

- The Flood event makes the astroid belts in our solar system plausible. The exploding earth explains how they got there.
- **We know that it was not there at creation.** Adam did not need to worry about falling stars hitting his head. The falling stars still occur as testimony to its instability and a possibility exists that it may yet fully collapse (to the earth, or at least a portion of it. (Tribulation language? Revelation 8:10 "The third angel sounded (trumpet) , and a **great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch,** and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. (Largest astroid is 600 miles in diameter)

# **100 Uses of “fire” “burning” etc.**

- **We state one example of the violence of the Flood which is out-done in the “flood of fire” in the Tribulation.**
- **Notice these fire words from Rev 6-18. burn OR burning OR fire OR scorching OR flame OR smoke OR flame OR smoke OR melt OR heat OR brimstone.**

# **100 Uses of “fire” “burning” etc.**

- **As we move through Isaiah 24 we will recognize some of these events are echoes of the Flood.**
- **We will suggest that these descriptions may be destructive (Tribulation) and in some way are the beginnings of the reconstruction.**
- **For example—**

**Thus far—**