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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah 24

Jacob's Trouble Pt 2

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The Consummation of all Things

- We continue this unit by building on the foundation of the 70th 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**

Revelation Mentions the Earth

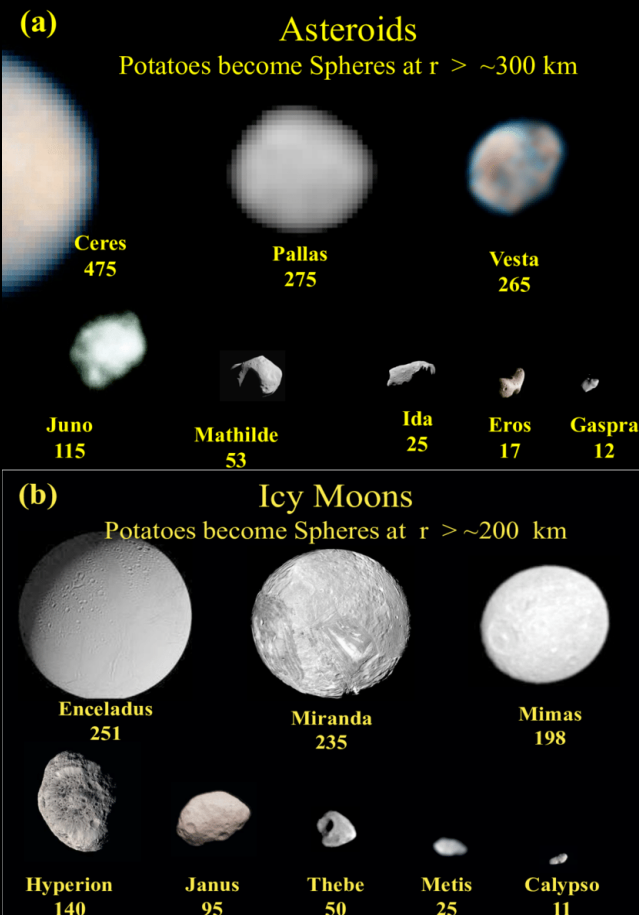
- We know that forming the mountains and the seas were part of the flood event.
 - Even in it's judgment the heavens and earth are seen as God's creation.
 - In the Tribulation we see what appears to be events that counter the judgments.
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- In the Seals Judgment Revelation 6:14—not easily seen?
 - “the sky is split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.”
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Moved and Disappear?

- Then in the last Bowl Judgment in Revelation 16:20— “... every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.”
- Could this be figurative or hyperbole? Not likely, rather literally the earth was shaking—quaking, realigning, reforming (Isaiah 24). This is no pleasant nursery rhyme!
- (?) Are there natural laws that could account for this phenomenon as there were for the Flood?
- Hard to imagine any. The reason is that thermo laws, go from order to disorder.
- (?) What about gravity smoothing out an irregular mass?

Astroids Shapes

- “Rock potato shapes” will form a ball at about 180 miles in diameter. (Heat is generated)
- Icy shapes will form spheres at about 130 miles diameter.
- The earth at 7000 miles diameter could pull itself into a smooth ball. How smooth?

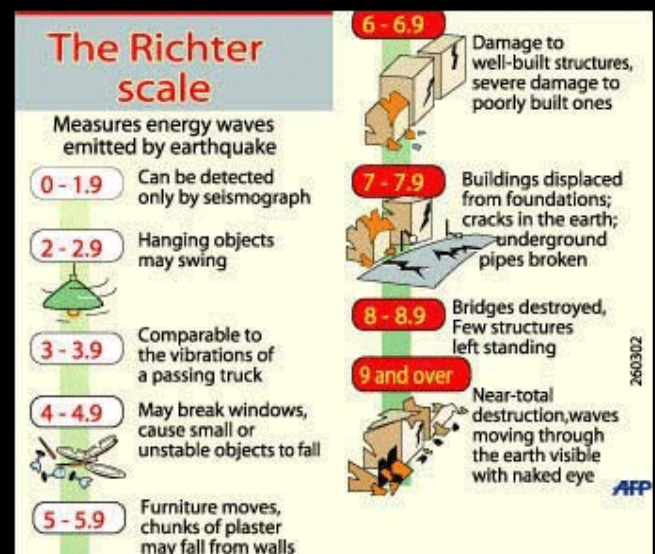


Moved and Disappear?

- (?) Are there forces that hold the earth in a balance of forces of compression and tension?
- It seems so. We say in mechanics that for every force there is a counter force. Quora: “According to Newton, (3rd Law) every action has an equal and opposite reaction, but when we move an object, its moves and doesn't counter (stop) our force?”
- Chair legs push against the floor, the floor resists with equal force the chair to penetrate it.
- From Creation to our day, there is stability then chaos to \pm equilibrium.

Moved and Disappear?

- The point is that if the islands move or disappear something is acting that is unusual.
- Common Earthquakes are explained as the earth attempting to gain equilibrium. (Yet minor.)



Valdivia, Chile, 1960 9 on Richter Scale

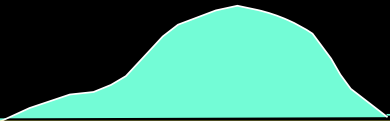


Moved and Disappear?

- But in moving the mountains, etc., what is the cause behind this phenomenon?
- What is the cause of the sheer power needed to accomplish such a change?
- It is hard to speculate about it—so massive these forces.
- Moving mountains and islands may not need to be lateral movements.

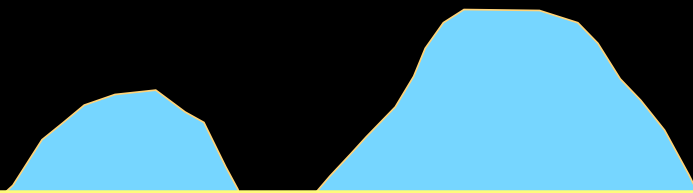
Island “fled away”

Which of these three actions favor Revelation’s description 1,2,3,?



Islands Appear and Disappear

Mountains Move/“were not found”



Mountains sink into the earth.

Returning to a Smoother Earth

- These two statements would be satisfied if the earth surface is smoothed out.
- The Bible needs not be a technical book but it does not mislead the reader.
- The effects of a smoother globe can be profoundly stated in these two statements—
- “... every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.” Revelation 16:20

AS A LAST RESORT WE CAN CONSIDER MIRACLES

- Reasonable? The Tribulation event is in the Day of the Lord therefore expect the **UNSCIENTIFIC UNEXPECTED.**
- We have these kind of events in Rev. 6-18; some — unexplained by known physics.

But, then we remember the truth—

He Holds all things together

- “For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together¹.” (Colossians 1:16–17, NASB95)
- ¹to be composed v. — to be or become composed of many parts into a cohesive and enduring whole.

He Holds all things together

- “And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and **upholds (maintains) all things by the word of His power.** When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”
 - (Hebrews 1:3, NASB95)
- **So for an explanation of these events we will mostly expect miracles rather than natural phenomena.**

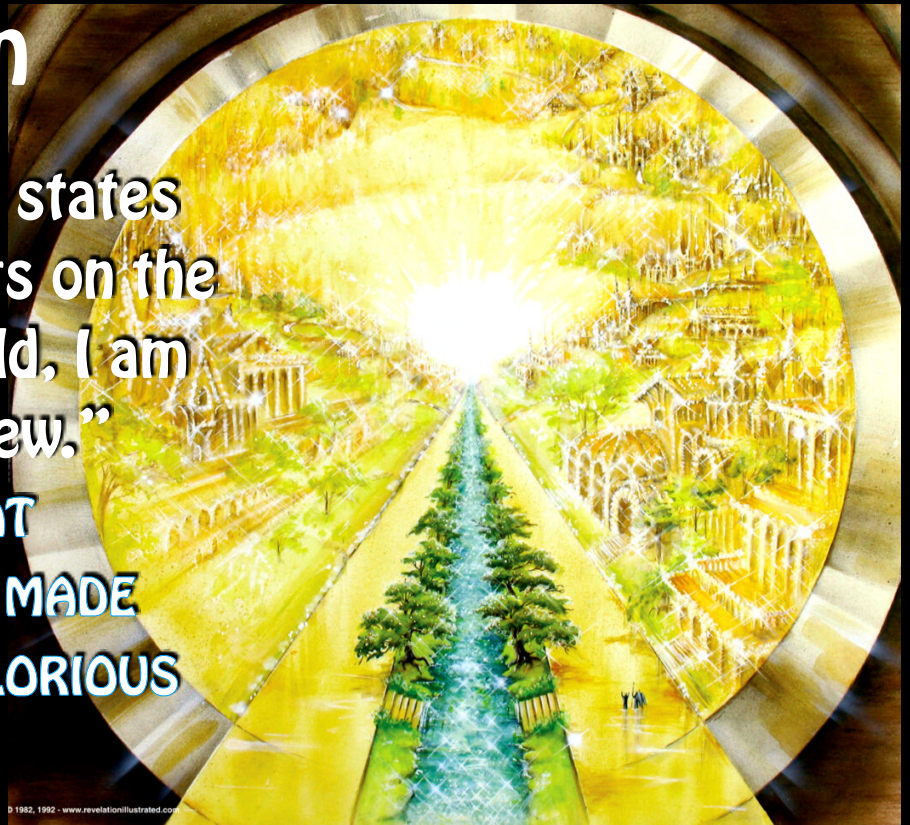
Moved then Disappear?

- We can understand that the **world** was thrown, torn and wrinkled by the chaos of the flood. It could be started by some kind of trigger— something could have triggered the explosion.
- Like a tire rupture—a weak spot gives way! (One Miracle?)
- In a reverse process, it is reasonable that the **world** will be reshaped (by a new violence, but miraculous, to undo the flood effects).
- That is, breaking the egg that fell to the floor is one thing but restoring it will take “all the kings men.”



New Jerusalem

- So when Rev. 21:5 states that “... He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”
- **IT IS NECESSARY THAT RECONSTRUCTION BE MADE FOR THE ETERNAL, GLORIOUS KINGDOM.**



Now to our First Love—Evangelize the Lost

- Hebrews 12:25 “See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him (Noah or Jesus?) who warned them on earth, much less will we escape who turn away from Him who warns from heaven (the Lord Jesus Christ).
- ²⁶ And His voice shook the earth then (Flood), but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.” (The Tribulation)

Warning Passage

- Hebrews 12:27 “This expression, “Yet once more,” denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.”

Contrasting the physical earth with spiritual realities—a good reminder!

**“Behold, I am making all
things new.”**

Rev. 21:5

Now Isaiah 24

We have graphic information here—You have been warned!

Jacob's Trouble



- **EARTH:** “Behold, the **Lord** **lays the earth waste**, devastates it, **distorts its surface** and **scatters its inhabitants**.
- **PEOPLE:** And the people will be like the priest, the servant like his master, the maid like her mistress, the buyer like the seller, the lender like the borrower, the creditor like the debtor. (Gone is the elite class!-Remember Autonomous Man?)
- **EARTH:** The **earth** will be completely **laid waste** and completely **despoiled**, for the **Lord** has spoken this word.”
(Isaiah 24:1–3) Full destruction is indicated.



Jacob's Trouble

- The People: “The earth (planet) mourns and withers, the world (people) fades and withers, the exalted of the people of the earth (planet) fade away.
 - (Earth and people, mourn, withers 2x, fades 2x—looses power.)
- “The EARTH is also POLLUTED by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant. (Polluted land? Worship nature? Preserve it destroys it?)
- “Therefore, a curse devours the EARTH, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.” (Isaiah 24:4–6)

Jacob's Trouble

- People: “The new wine mourns, The vine decays,
All the merry-hearted sigh.
- The gaiety of tambourines ceases, The noise of
revelers stops, The gaiety of the harp ceases.
- They do not drink wine with song; Strong drink is
bitter to those who drink it.” (Isaiah 24:7–9)

Jacob's Trouble

- People: “The city of **chaos** is broken down; Every **house is shut up** so that none may enter.
- There is an **outcry** in the streets concerning the wine; All joy turns to **gloom**. The **gaiety of the earth is banished**.
- **Desolation** is left in the city And the **gate is battered** to ruins.” (Isaiah 24:10–12)

In Jacob's Trouble—the Faithful Recognize the Lord

- **The Righteous: “For thus it will be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, As the shaking of an olive tree, As the gleanings when the grape harvest is over. They raise their voices, they shout for joy; They cry out from the west concerning the majesty of the Lord. Therefore glorify the Lord in the east, The name of the Lord, the God of Israel, In the coastlands of the sea.” (Isaiah 24:13–15)**

In Jacob's Trouble—the Faithful Recognize the Lord

- “From the ends of the earth we hear songs,
“Glory to the Righteous One,”
- (Isaiah 24:16)

In Jacob's Trouble—the Faithful Recognize the Lord

- “From the ends of the earth we hear songs,
“Glory to the Righteous One,”
- Prophet: But I (Isaiah) say, “Woe to me! Woe to me! Alas for me!
- **The treacherous deal treacherously, And the treacherous deal very treacherously.”**
- (Isaiah 24:16)

Jacob's Trouble

- People: “Terror and pit and snare Confront you, O inhabitant of the earth. Then it will be that he who flees the report of disaster will fall into the pit, And he who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the snare;
- Earth: For the windows above are opened (Like the Flood events again?), and the foundations of the earth shake.” (Isaiah 24:17–18)

Jacob's Trouble

- “The earth is broken asunder,
- The earth is split through,
- The earth is shaken violently.
- The earth reels to and fro like a drunkard
- And it totters like a shack,
- For its transgression is heavy upon it, And it will fall, never to rise again.” (Isaiah 24:19–20)

Jacob's Trouble

- “So it will happen in that day, That the Lord will punish
- the **host of heaven** on high,
- And the **kings of the earth on earth.**
- **Rev. 19:18** “birds eat flesh of kings.”
- **They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon.**
- And will be **confined in prison;** And after **many days** they will be **punished.**” (Isaiah 24:21–22)

This sounds like the
1000 yr.
imprisonment of the
demonic and Satan
as they are in the
dungeon— later
punished at the
GWT.
Rev. 20:1-3, 7-9

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- “Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. And he **laid hold of the dragon**, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things **he must be released for a short time.**”
(Revelation 20:1–3, NASB95)

Jacob's Trouble

- “When the thousand years are completed, **Satan will be released** from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. 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.”
(Revelation 20:7–9,)

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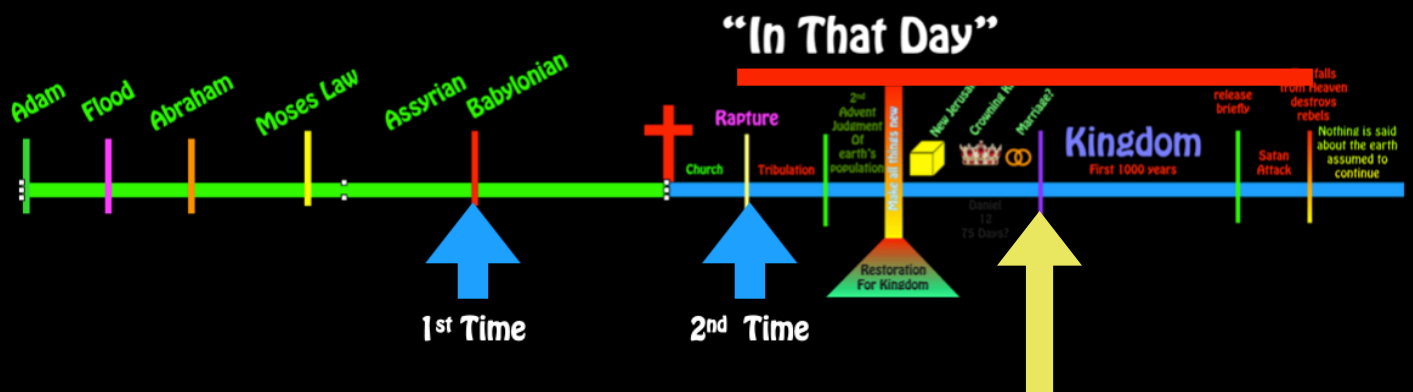
- “Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.”
(Revelation 20:11–14)

Jacob's Trouble

- Ed: At this point we leave Tribulation language and move to the conclusion and the restoration in the glorious kingdom—jumping ahead after the Kingdom's inauguration the sun and moon still shine but in Jerusalem, they are not seen (“abashed” “ashamed”) due to the glory and splendor of the Lord of Hosts who will reign in Jerusalem, on Mt. Zion.
- “Then the moon will be abashed and the sun ashamed,
- For the Lord of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will be before His elders.” (Isaiah 24:23)

Finis—

- We have then seen (Is. 24) the GREAT RESET OF THE COSMOLOGICAL SYSTEM as God created/judged it.
- As the Tribulation ends, a NHE appears for the Messianic Kingdom that comes in all its glory.
- Ending 24, as the conditions and explanations during the Tribulation are beyond our vocabulary—we are not left in a dark deep hole of despair but Isaiah gives us a statement of hope in the last verse of 24.



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