

Things which must shortly come to pass

(Revelation 1:1)

Many people try to predict the future, often with dire warnings if trends persist. But crystal balls do not work with any kind of precision. "*Ye know not what shall be on the morrow*" (James 4:14). No one can look beyond the curtain separating present from future...

...Except God

God is omniscient; that is, He knows all, and sees all, past, present and future. God, in His book, the Bible, has given us a look ahead. There can be no doubt about it. One of the key sections that reveal God's mind about what's ahead for this world and its 7 billion people, is the book of Revelation. Part of the first verse is quoted at the top.

Shortly

For those who trust God and totally believe that what He writes is true, the word "shortly" indicates that their part in the future is bright and near, and is to be eagerly anticipated and absolutely sure. For all others, the picture is dark and forbidding, and is presented as a warning to "*flee from the wrath to come*" (Matthew 3:7).

The next step

In the future chronology that God has established, the next firmly scheduled event (date and time not revealed to us) is the return of the Lord Jesus on the clouds to call all who have put their trust in Him and His finished work at Calvary, to accompany Him into the Father's house in heaven. That's a day worth watching for!

What comes after that

The book of Revelation tells us that soon after all true believers are snatched away, a series of frightening judgements will fall upon the earth and its people. These will end when the Lord Jesus Christ Himself comes back to Jerusalem to set up His world Kingdom, a kingdom to last 1,000 years. After that there will be a final judgement upon Satan and his followers, and then will begin a never-ending era of peace and tranquility throughout heaven and the created universe.

Flee from the wrath to come

Returning to the verse in Matthew 3:7, there is only one possible escape plan. It is not of man's devising, but of God's. "*The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*" (Romans 6:23). We are all born as sinners, and many continue along that route their entire life. But the power to wipe all sins clean before God is the blood of Jesus, God's Son, shed at Calvary. "*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved*" (Acts 16:31). This is a one-time life changing transaction, that continues its benefits forever. Hurry, believe and flee by transacting now!

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