

AT THE END OF THIS WORLD

Mt.13:36-43

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I. INTRODUCTON

1. The expression which constitutes the topic of our study is found in V.40 of our text Mt.13:36-43, a text which pertains to the Parable of the Tares.
2. Our desire in this study is to emphasize what shall take place or happen at the end of this world, some of which is stated in the parable of the tares.
3. At the end of this world:

II. DISCUSSION

A. JESUS CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN.

1. When Jesus, after his resurrection, ascended to the Father, and while his chosen apostles “looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up,” the angels declared that Jesus is coming again, Ac.1:9-11.
2. Jesus, through his chosen apostles, his ambassadors, his official spokesmen, said he is coming again.
 - a. Paul declared it, 1Ro.15:22-26; 1Th.4:13-18; 2Th.2:8; 2Tim.4:1.
 - b. The author of Hebrews said Jesus is coming again, Heb.9:26-28.
 - c. Peter also said Jesus is coming again, 2Pet.3:1-10.
 - d. John also taught that Jesus is coming again, 1Jno.2:28; 3:2.
3. As we shall see from other points to be discussed, his coming shall be at the end of this world. Also, as Heb.9:28 reveals, this coming refers to his 2nd personal coming.

B. THE DEAD, THE PHYSICALLY DEAD, BOTH THE JUST AND THE UNJUST, WILL BE RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

1. Jno.5:28,29a; Ac.24:15; 4:1,2; 17:32; 1cor.15:20-23.
2. At that time, according to 1Cor.15:
 - a. Then cometh the end, V.24a.
 - b. Jesus shall have delivered the kingdom (rule and reign) back to God, even the Father, V.24b.
 - c. He shall have put down (abolished, defeated, made ineffective) all rule and all authority and power, V.24c.

- d. Jesus will have completed his Mediatorial reign, having put all enemies under his feet, when he shall have destroyed death (physical death), which is said to be the last enemy that shall be destroyed, Vv.25,26.
- 3. Therefore, at Jesus' 2nd Personal Coming at the end:
 - a. All will be made alive, raised from the dead, Ac.24:15; Jno.5:28,29a; 1Cor.15:20-26.
 - b. All those who are still alive at his coming, along with the resurrected dead, those made alive at his coming, will have their bodies changed to incorruptible, imperishable bodies, 1Cor.15:50-54; Phil.3:20,21; 1Jno.3:2.
- 4. What a point of contrast we find when we compare Bible teaching about the end of this world with the popular false teaching of today.
 - a. The Bible teaches that Jesus' Mediatorial reign will end at his 2nd Coming.
 - b. In contrast, the false theories of men have Jesus returning in his 2nd Coming to reign on this earth for 1,000 years after his 2nd Coming.

C. AT THE END OF THIS WORLD, ALL MEN, BOTH THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS, WILL BE JUDGED BY JESUS CHRIST AT HIS 2ND COMING, WITH EVERY MAN REWARDED ACCORDING TO HIS WORKS, WITH NO 2ND CHANCE OFFERED.

- 1. Mt.16:24-27; Lk.16:19-31; Jno.5:22,26-29; Ac.17:30,31; Rom.2:16; 2Cor.5:10; 2Th.1:6-10; 2Tim.4:1; Heb.9:27; Jude 14,15; 1Jno.2:15-17.
- 2. Mt.25:31-46; Jno.12:48-50.

D. AT THE 2ND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST WHEN THE "END COMETH" IT WILL BE THE END OF THIS WORLD, ITS COMPLETE DESTRUCTION, NOT 1,000 MORE YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE, 2Pet.3:10-12; 1Cor.15:22-26.

III. CONCLUSION

- 1. At the end of this world:
 - a. Jesus Christ, in his 2nd person coming, will appear.
 - b. He will raise all men, both the just and unjust, from the dead.

- c. He will execute the final, eternal judgment upon all men, both the just and the unjust.
 - d. Jesus will cease his Mediatorial reign.
 - e. Complete destruction of the heavens and the earth and all the works therein shall take place.
2. We are told in the Scriptures of the fact of his 2nd personal coming.
 3. We are not told when it shall be; but rather, that we do not know when.
 4. On the other hand, we are told to be prepared for it at all times.
 5. We are told how to prepare for it, and how to continue to be prepared for it. And we are held personally responsible for our preparation for it. It is that or else!
 6. We have been warned! We have been urged to get ready! What have you done about it? Going to do about it? When? Now is the time!