

3ABN SABBATH SCHOOL PANEL
013 - THURSDAY – JUNE 27, 2024

TWO ETERNITIES

Habakkuk 2.3 NKJV “For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.”

6000 years delayed, yet not denied.

**Each one of us is facing one of two eternities;
eternal life or eternal death.**

There is no third category.

- 1. What would you do in light of the inevitable?**
- 2. Would you prepare for it?**
- 3. Would you ignore it?**
- 4. Would it seem relevant and important to you?**
- 5. Would it become your singular focus?**

The world is being conveyed to a time of incomprehensible catastrophe.

- Come with me to the most intense period in history.**
- This is the moment of unquestionable Loyalty.**
- Polarization is complete. Polarity is absolute.**
- There is no middle ground. There are no neutral places.**
- The lines of distinction are drawn.**
- Everyone identifies with one group or the other.**

- For 6000 yrs we were confronted by an indiscriminate contagion.**
- Calamity and Disease are Satan’s tools preparing the world for its end.**
- There is an irreversible, fearful, anxiety hovering over humanity.**
- Unquenchable disasters are consuming life’s accomplishments, in minutes.**
- Medically, Socially, Economically, Financially, and Religiously citizens of the world are in SOLEMN AWE about the future of planet earth.**

Testimonies for the Church 9:43: “We are on the very verge of the time of trouble, and perplexities that are scarcely dreamed of are before us.”

FACT 1: 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NKJV) “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

FACT 2: Romans 14:10–11 (NKJV) (10) But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. **(11)** For it is written: “As I live, says the LORD, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.””

To resolve the sin problem so evil never arises again, everyone must be convinced that God has been fair and just in all His ways. Ultimately, every knee shall bow and acknowledge God’s justice in the great controversy, even Satan and his evil angels, and that there was never any justification for rebellion against God.

Everyone **will stand on one side of the verdict or the other.**
Every decision God makes will be flawless.

Revelation 15:3 (NKJV) They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!”

“The whole wicked world stand arraigned at the bar of God on the charge of high treason against the government of heaven. They have none to plead their cause; they are without excuse; and the sentence of eternal death is pronounced against them.” —*The Great Controversy*, pp. 666, 668.

Revelation 20:9 (NKJV) “They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

The Earth will be purified of sin.

Psalm 37:10, 20 (NKJV) (10) “For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. (20) But the wicked shall perish; and the enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor of the meadows, shall vanish. Into smoke they shall vanish away.”

What insights do these passages give us about the ultimate destruction of sin and sinners and the reward of the righteous?

1. All of the conditions of sin will be eradicated:
 - a. **Revelation 21:1–4 (NKJV) “(1) Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. (2) Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. (3) And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. (4) And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.””**
2. The Earth will be purified of every defilement:
 - a. **2 Peter 3:10 (NKJV) “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.”**
3. The world, as it was, will be forever banished from our minds:
 - a. **Isaiah 65:17 (NKJV) “ “For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.”**
4. We will ascend it to our heavenly home:
 - a. **1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NKJV) “Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”**
5. Sin will never rise again:

a. Nahum 1:9 (NKJV) “What do you conspire against the LORD? He will make an utter end of it. Affliction will not rise up a second time.”

Great Controversy, p. 678.3: “The great controversy is ended. Sin and sinners are no more. The entire universe is clean. One pulse of harmony and gladness beats through the vast creation. From Him who created all, flow life and light and gladness, throughout the realms of illimitable space. From the minutest atom to the greatest world, all things, animate and inanimate, in their unshadowed beauty and perfect joy, declare that God is love.

There are only two eternities:

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

1. Sin will be Eradicated
2. Pain will be Eliminated
3. War will be Assassinated
4. Sinners will be Extricated
5. Satan will be Annihilated

- Death will be Exterminated
Sorrow will be Terminated
Hate will be Obliterated
Life will be Celebrated
Jesus will be Vindicated