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WHERE IS THE WORLD GOING

Luke 21:25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea.

26 Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ... 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

God is moving all history to His purpose.

Ephesians 1:11 ... (God) works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will.

The Rescue of believers

The Wrath of God

The Return of Christ

The Restoration of all things

Acts 3:21 He (Christ) must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

Isaiah 51:3 The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD...

The Millennium and the new heaven and new earth

1. Revelation 20: Satan will be bound in the Abyss.
2. Revelation 20: Christ will reign for 1000 years.
3. Revelation 20: Martyrs raised to reign with Christ.
4. Revelation 20: Satan will be free for a 'little time.'
5. Revelation 20: The great white throne judgment
6. Revelation 21: The new heaven and new earth
7. Revelation 22: The great invitation

What will be restored?

1. Nature

Isaiah 11:6 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.

2. The Land

Ezekiel 36:34 The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. 35 They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden..."

3. Nations

Revelation 7:9 *After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb...*

4. Social justice

Amos 5:24 *But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!*

5. Relationships

Malachi 4:6 *He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; ...*

6. A new heart

Ezekiel 36:25 *... I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.*

7. Our relationship with God

Revelation 21:1 *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away ... 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

8. Sorrow and suffering

Revelation 21:4 *He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."*

5 *He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new! ...*

What should we do?

Revelation 22:17 *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*