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The Great Controversy, pt. 41: Desolation of the Earth

1. What is the title of chapter 41 of *The Great Controversy*? _____
2. What happens to the righteous, who are alive at the second coming of Jesus? 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 _____
3. At the second coming of Jesus what happens to the wicked who are alive? 2 Thessalonians 2:8 _____

At the coming of Christ the wicked are blotted from the face of the whole earth--consumed with the spirit of His mouth and destroyed by the brightness of His glory. Christ takes His people to the City of God, and the earth is emptied of its inhabitants. {GC 657.1}

4. What do the wicked see around them before they are smitten down dead with the brightness of Christ's coming and as they see the righteous translated to meet Jesus in the air? Revelation 18:9,10,8 _____
5. What will be on the minds of the wicked at this time, what will they do? Revelation 18:11,15-17 _____

The rich bemoan the destruction of their grand houses, the scattering of their gold and silver. But their lamentations are silenced by the fear that they themselves are to perish with their idols. {GC 654.1} The wicked are filled with regret, not because of their sinful neglect of God and their fellow men, but because God has conquered. They lament that the result is what it is; but they do not repent of their wickedness. They would leave no means untried to conquer if they could. {GC 654.2}

6. Note: The wicked will lament and weep because they realize that their destruction is now certain and will come speedily.
7. Who do the wicked turn upon to release their vengeance? Revelation 17:13,16,17 _____
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The people see that they have been deluded. **They accuse one another of having led them to destruction; but all unite in heaping their bitterest condemnation upon the ministers.** Unfaithful pastors have prophesied smooth things; **they have led their hearers to make void the law of God and to persecute those who would keep it holy.** Now, in their despair, these teachers confess before the world their work of deception. **The multitudes are filled with fury. "We are lost!" they cry, "and you are the cause of our ruin;" and they turn upon the false shepherds.** The very ones that once admired them most will pronounce the most dreadful curses upon them. **The very hands that once crowned them with laurels will be raised for their destruction. The swords which were to slay God's people are now employed to destroy their enemies. Everywhere there is strife and bloodshed.** {GC 655.4}

Many of the wicked were greatly enraged as they suffered the effects of the plagues. It was a scene of fearful agony. Parents were bitterly reproaching their children, and children their parents, brothers their sisters, and sisters their brothers. Loud, wailing cries were heard in every direction, "It was you who kept me from receiving the truth which would have saved me from this awful hour." The people turned upon their ministers with bitter hate and reproached them, saying, "You have not warned us. You told us that all the world was to be converted, and cried, Peace, peace, to quiet every fear that was aroused. You have not told us of this hour; and those who warned us of it you declared to be fanatics and evil men, who would ruin us." But I saw that the ministers did not escape the wrath of God. Their suffering was tenfold greater than that of their people. {EW 282.1}

9. At point in time, just before the wicked are smitten with the brightness of Christ's glory, what happens? Ezekiel 9:1-6 _____

The mark of deliverance has been set upon those "that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done." **Now the angel of death goes forth, represented in Ezekiel's vision by the men with the slaughtering weapons, to whom the command is given:** "Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at My sanctuary." Says the prophet: "They began at the ancient men which were before the house." Ezekiel 9:1-6. **The work of destruction begins among those who have professed to be the spiritual guardians of the people. The false watchmen are the first to fall.** There are none to pity or to spare. **Men, women, maidens, and little children perish together.** {GC 656.2}

10. Additionally, what happens at this point in time? Zechariah 14:12,13 _____
11. At this point in time, what happens to the wicked? 2 Thessalonians 2:8 _____
12. What will be the condition of the earth? Revelation 16:18,19; Jeremiah 4:23-27; Isaiah 24:1-6 _____
13. What reasons are given for the desolation of the earth? Isaiah 24:5,6 _____
14. What happens next? When the high priest on earth was finished with the work of cleansing the sanctuary on the Day of Atonement, what did he do that typified the work of Jesus? Leviticus 16:29,30,8,15,16,20-22 _____

Now the event takes place foreshadowed in the last solemn service of the Day of Atonement. When the ministration in the holy of holies had been completed, and the sins of Israel had been removed from the sanctuary by virtue of the blood of the sin offering, then the scapegoat was presented alive before the Lord; and in the presence of the congregation the high priest confessed over him "all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat." Leviticus 16:21. In like manner, when the work of atonement in the heavenly sanctuary has been completed, then in the presence of God and heavenly angels and the hosts of the redeemed the sins of God's people will be placed upon Satan; he will be declared guilty of all the evil which he has caused them to commit. And as the scapegoat was sent away into a land not inhabited, so Satan will be banished to the desolate earth, an uninhabited and dreary wilderness. {GC 658.1}

15. How long will Satan be bound on the earth for? Revelation 20:1-3 _____

16. What does it mean that Satan will be bound? 1 Peter 5:8 _____

Here is to be the home of Satan with his evil angels for a thousand years. Limited to the earth, he will not have access to other worlds to tempt and annoy those who have never fallen. It is in this sense that he is bound: there are none remaining, upon whom he can exercise his power. He is wholly cut off from the work of deception and ruin which for so many centuries has been his sole delight. {GC 659.1}

17. At this point in time what will be fulfilled? Isaiah 14:12-19 _____

18. How long did Satan make the earth to tremble and hold in captive God's people? _____

For six thousand years, Satan's work of rebellion has "made the earth to tremble." He had "made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof." And he "opened not the house of his prisoners." For six thousand years his prison house has received God's people, and he would have held them captive forever; but Christ had broken his bonds and set the prisoners free. {GC 659.3}

19. Note: Read Genesis 2:1-3; Exodus 20:11 and 2 Peter 3:8 for the above principle.

20. Note: Satan for the first time will have a vacation; he will reflect upon his misery and await his punishment.

Even the wicked are now placed beyond the power of Satan, and alone with his evil angels he remains to realize the effect of the curse which sin has brought. "The kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, everyone in his own house [the grave]. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch. . . . Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people." Isaiah 14:18-20. {GC 660.1}

21. What happens in heaven during the 1000 years? Revelation 20:4; Daniel 7:22; 1 Corinthians 4:5; 1 Corinthians 6:2,3; Jude 6

During the thousand years between the first and the second resurrection the judgment of the wicked takes place....In union with Christ they judge the wicked, comparing their acts with the statute book, the Bible, and deciding every case according to the deeds done in the body. Then the portion which the wicked must suffer is meted out, according to their works; and it is recorded against their names in the book of death. {GC 660.4}

22. What will happen after 1000 years expire? Revelation 20:5 _____

23. What message does the Lord send so that we do not have to experience the fate of the wicked? Revelation 18:1-4 _____
