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Article X, Last Things

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Acts 17:31 (ESV)

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Matthew 24:36 (ESV)

Therefore, you must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and all the works that are done on it will be exposed.

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Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He'll place the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on his left.

And then the king will say to those on his right, come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. Matthew 25:32-34

And to those on his left, he will say, depart from me, you cursed, into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

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Matthew 25:41

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what manner of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and

hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be burned up, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

*Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! **1 Peter 3:11-12***

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

When the perishable has put on the imperishable, and the mortal has put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory. Oh, death, where is your sting? Where is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ *The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.* ⁵⁷ *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-56

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True.

In righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire. On his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself.

He's clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is the Word of God.

And the armies of heaven arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

From his mouth comes a sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

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And then I saw a great white throne, and him who is seated on it.

From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne.

And books were opened, and then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books according to what they had done.

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it.

Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them according to what they had done.

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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Revelation 20:11-15

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. For the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

And I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will be with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more.

Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I 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 the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:1-4

For this I declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Lord will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of the archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.

And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

And so we will always be with the Lord.

Therefore, encourage one another with these words. Amen!

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1 Thessalonians 4:15-18