

# Everlasting Gospel Bible Studies

## Lesson 19

### EARTH'S FINAL GENERATION



Crime and violence, wars and rumours of war, famine and pestilences continue to increase in our world at an alarming rate. To many people the future looks very bleak. In view of the fact that many countries now possess nuclear warfare capabilities, many people believe that a nuclear holocaust is inevitable. Others believe that the Vatican is the champion that will bring about world peace.

Both views are gravely incorrect. In the context of Christ's Second Coming, the Bible tells us that "ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Matthew 24:6-7. The Holy Scriptures make it clear that life on earth will not be completely obliterated, neither do they support the predictions of many that there will be world peace just prior to Christ's Second Coming.

Christ made clear that earth's final generation will comprise two groups of people (Matthew 25:31-46): the righteous who have chosen to follow Him, and the unrighteous who have decided against following God and His commands.

## A. THE UNRIGHTEOUS

1. **How did Jesus compare the people of Noah's time with those living before His Second Coming? Matthew 24:37-39**



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2. **What was the moral condition in Noah's day? Genesis 6:11-13**

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**NOTE:** Noah, translated from Hebrew, and Nov, translated from Greek, are the same person.

3. **What are some of the characteristics of the unrighteous who will live in the last days? 2 Timothy 3:1-5**

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4. **How will the wicked respond to the final call to repentance? 2 Timothy 3:13; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12**

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## **B. THE RIGHTEOUS**

5. **What is another name by which God refers to His people or His church? Isaiah 51:16**

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6. **What is a symbol by which God represents His people, Zion? Jeremiah 6:2**

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**NOTE:** God uses the symbol of a pure woman to represent His church or people. Paul refers to the Corinthian church as a "chaste virgin." 2 Corinthians 11:2. Christ is represented as the husband of the woman (the church). Ephesians 5:23-25, 32

## 8. How is the bride of Christ described? Ephesians 5:27

**9. Note Satan's attitude toward the last-day church. With whom did he make war? Revelation 12:17, see verse 9**

**NOTE:** Wroth means very angry. The remnant church is the remnant of the woman's seed. We will see who they are.

**10. What are the two main characteristics of the remnant church?**  
**Revelation 12:17, see Revelation 14:12.**

**NOTE:** The testimony of Jesus Christ is the spirit of prophecy.  
Revelation 19: 10. This gift of prophecy was evident in the apostolic church and will be evident again in God's remnant church. Ephesians 4:11-14; Joel 2:28, 32

## C. THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

### 11. What work did Christ give His people to do? Matthew 28:19-20

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**NOTE:** This commission continues until the end of the world.

### 12. What special threefold message will be proclaimed in all the world before Christ's Second Coming? Revelation 14:6-11, 14

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### 13. How many will be redeemed from the earth? Revelation 7:9

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**NOTE:** There will be a swelling tide of conversions in the last days. As the first-fruits promise a rich harvest to come, a special group of people, converted heart and soul to God, are the core of this mighty movement.

### 14. What will be the privilege of those who keep God's commandments? Revelation 22:14

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**NOTE:** The city spoken of here is the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21:1-2.

## SUMMARY

Earth's final generation will comprise two groups of people. Their characteristics differ greatly, therefore they will receive very different rewards. God's remnant people will be victorious by His grace

in the great controversy between good and evil; whereas the unrighteous will reap eternal death. Malachi 4:1, 3

## PERSONAL COMMITMENT

Today I choose to be part of God's remnant people and through His strength obey all His commandments and follow His leading wherever it may lead.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_