

LAST-DAY CONDITIONS

General Note — The word "millennium" is from two Latin words, mille, thousand, and annum, year, and means a thousand years. It is frequently interpreted to mean a thousand years before the coming of Christ, when sin will cease to exist and righteousness will fill the earth. If this were true, the coming of Jesus would be indefinitely delayed, and the world could sleep on. That there will be no such period prior to the advent of our Lord, the Scriptures abundantly show. Let the object of the study of last-day conditions be especially to note that the "peace and safety" cry, together with the condition of the earth, are signs of the end, and that the Lord is soon coming.

1. What will some be heard proclaiming in the last days? What comes suddenly? 1Thess. 5:3; Jer. 6:14.
2. What is the spiritual trend of the world? 2Tim. 3:12, 13; 1Tim. 4:1.
3. What is to be preached in all the world before the coming of the Lord? For what purpose? What comes next? Matt. 24:14. Note 1.

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4. How long will the wheat and the tares grow together? Matt. 13:24-30. What is represented by the wheat? The tares? What is the harvest? Verses 38, 39.

5. How great will be the working of Satan in the earth? 2Thess. 2:8-12.

6. What powers, representative of apostate Christianity, will continue till the end, and 'go alive into the lake of fire? Rev. 19:19, 20.

7. What is said of justice and truth in the last days? Isa. 59:14; Hos. 4:1, 2.

8. What picture is given us concerning the condition of the earth in the last days? Matt. 24:37-39. Why did the people not know in Noah's day that the flood was coming?

9. What was the condition of the earth then? Gen. 6:5, 11.

10. In the midst of this evil, what is said of Enoch and Noah? Gen. 5:22; 6:9.

11. What other illustration is given us of the last days? Luke 17:28-30.

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12. What character did Lot develop in this dark time? 2Peter 2:6-9.

13. In what only is the hope of the world? Rom. 1:16; 1Tim. 1:15; Heb. 7:25.

14. How only will sin be cleansed from the earth? 2Peter 3:11-13.

15. What will then fill the earth? Num. 14:21; Isa. 14:7; Rev. 5:13.

NOTES

1. Many will hear the proclamation of the end and coming destruction of the world, as it is sounded among the nations, and be impressed to flee from the coming storm. On the other hand, the "peace and safety cry," combined with the prevailing iniquity and vanity of the world, will be drawing them to perdition. It is not stated that the Gospel will convert all the world. It never has in the past. It takes out of the nations a people for the Lord. The Lord gives all an opportunity to accept of salvation. The choice is left with them.