CLIMATE CHANGE In Biblical Perspective

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INTRODUCTION

This writer grew up into adulthood in the environs of one of the most polluted air spaces in the United States—Detroit, Michigan. It was not uncommon to see (or not see) a horizon in which gases virtually obliterate the once pristine colors of blue sky, white clouds and clear air. As a



youth, I could not wait for the opportunity to get out from under such stiffling toxic fumes in both the city in which I was born and in Chicago where I met my dear wife.

The concern for purifying the air from toxic gases of smoke stacks and exhaust fumes of the auto industry is not to be minimized. Improvements have been made to reduce such toxicity over the last half century. However, those who warn of apocalyptic repurcussions without a biblical perspective have overlooked God's blueprint of His plan for this earth, its history and its finality.

God's word has much to say regarding "climate changes" and man's self-centered abuse of the mandate to "multiply and fill the earth" along with earth's preservation and wise use of its resources. The purpose of this booklet is to put the global problems in the context of His "apocalyptic" design soon to bring complete accountability of fallen man to His predesigned and determined end. Without a biblical exposé, the media, scientists and pundits of wishful thinking will continue to deal with symptoms instead of real causes of climate change.

Historical and operation science coincides perfectly with the biblical record. An objective analysis of these several sources will reveal evidences of "climate changes" that far exceed contemporary histeria of CO₂ emissions. This paper will demonstrate changes that completely ignore God's interposition of global climate changes as a result of His judgments on man's rebellion. It has become essential to examine the biblical text, the historical records and observable permanent changes overlooked by contempoary social science. So, permit me to begin.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVE

Long before the invention of automobiles, the smelting of metals, or the Wright Brothers' helping mankind to feel like a bird, our first parents' disobedience (Genesis 3) disrupted a "very good" creation by God of this earth and its markers of time, distance, seasons, and cycles of weather patterns to the point of God having to inaugurate cause and effect judgments worldwide (Romans 8:20-23).

A Perfect Creation Under a Curse

God's pronouncement of the end of His creative acts states:

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was *very good*. So the evening and morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31, NKJV)

In this context there were no tornadoes, volcanic eruptions, destructive storms, high wind fluctuations, earth tremors or earthquakes, nor the extreme reactions to solar flares or magnetic prominences that would cause atmospheric disturbances.

"For the LORD had not caused it to rain on the earth, . . .but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground." (Genesis 2:5)

If the history of the heavens and earth occurred over millions of years, it would already have contradicted the perfection of God's creatiive acts. Therefore, the question must be asked, "What biblical evidence is there which reveals a transition from a perfect creation to a cursed one which would adequately describe 'climate changes' which were non-existent in the original perfect world described in Genesis 1?"

Adam's disobedience of Genesis 2:16-17

For purposes of conciseness, God has pronounced a curse on four elements of His perfect creation: (1) The serpent (3:14-15); (2) child birth of sorrow and pain (3:16); (3) the ground would bring forth thorns and thistles (3:17-19) leading to greater labor to maintain productivity; and (4) the death of every human born afterward (3:19).

The whole creation under a curse (Romans 8:18-23)

"For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time** are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For **the creation was subjected to futility**, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from **the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that **the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now**. Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even **we ourselves groan within ourselves**, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body."

The second law of entropy began with the curse of God on a previously perfect creation. The stellar heavens, the sun and earth's moon will now affect weather patterns and atmospheric stability. However, earth's protective atmospheric pressure still remained constant as is seen in the Bible's record of man's longevity of hundreds of years (Genesis 5).

A lack of understanding of the actual history, geology and correctives the Bible provides only creates greater confusion as to how one is to respond to the reams of research on climate change. It reveals a deliberate ignoring of biblical history as Peter warned in 2 Peter 3:1-7 of a catastrophic change in earth's atmosphere, land mass and hydrology.

The Genesis Flood

The context of Peter's warning is targeted for those he calls "beloved" whose "pure minds" need a frefresher course in O.T. (3:2) supernatural events¹ to counter the "uniformitarian" naturalism of how all things came to be since "the beginning of creation" (3:4b). Evolutionary explanations take God out of the picture, and posit a "Big Bang" theory which is neither verifiable by operation science, nor rational.

A world getting exponentially worse (Genesis 6:1-7)

While the whole of God's creation "groans" under the effects of sin and the resultant curse, the following factors threatened the very stability of mankind's life on earth:

- 1. Moral defection by fallen angels with humankind (Genesis 6:2, 4; Jude 1:6-7)
- 2. Human wickedness increased to the point of-Genesis 6:5
- 3. Every human thought and intent of his heart was *only evil continually* (Genesis 6:5), an evidence of demon possession (cf. Revelation 9:6).
- 4. Mankind was totally corrupted affecting even the earth upon which they dwelt (Genesis 6:11-13)
- 5. The earth was filled with violence (Genesis 6:11, 13)

Judgment of earth resulting in massive climate change (Genesis 6-9)

While the earth (and creation) was cursed through Adam's sin, it still retained relative tranquility and uniformity of climate even though agriculture became labored and subject to infestations of weeds. As seen in this chart, the longevity of man still persisted into hundreds of years.

CHRONOLOGY CHART FROM ADAM TO ABRAHAM Lifespan of the Biblical Patriarchs										
YEARS FROM CREATION		LIFESPAN			YEARS FROM CREATION					
CREATION					FLOOD-			1		
PATRIARCHS	ADAM 0		930		930					
	SETH 1	SETH 130		912		1042				
	ENOS 235		905		1140					
	CAINAN	325		910		123	5			
	MAHALALEEL 395		895			1290				
	JARED	46	0	96	62		1422			
	ENOCH		622	365	987					
	METHUSE	687	687		969		1656			
	LAMECH			874		777		1651		
	NOAH		10		56	56 950		2006		
	SHEM			1558			(600	2158	
0	ARPHAXAD				1658			438	2096	
N	SALAH						1693		433	2126
FIRST	EBER				1723				464	
	PELEG			175				239	1996	
	REU			17				239	2026	
	SERUG						230	2049		
	NAHOR				1849 <mark>148</mark> 1997					
	TERAH				1878 205 2083					
	ABRAHAI	М						2	2008	<mark>175</mark> 2183
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The global flood

resulted in several changes in climate, earth's configuration and its impact on the offspring of Noah's family. While advocates of climate change deny the biblical record of the Genesis Flood, here is a partial listing of major onsets of the further instability of the earth:

- The inception of the single Ice Age following the Flood
- The reconfiguration of earth's land and water systems (Psalm 104:6-9)
- Earth's two water sources (fountains of the great deep, and the waters above—Genesis 7:11) resulted in
 - a. Reduction of atmospheric pressure
 - b. Changes in atmospheric content
 - c. Extremes in climate fluctuations
- Volcanism on an unprecidented scale
- Earthquakes
- Storms, tornadoes, high winds
- Intrinsic influx of God's creative design of Defense Mechanism originally built into animal and plant life
- Man's longevity severely shortened:



• Transition from global uniformity to a singular ice age to present day global climate zones²

These unstable conditions were all but nonexistent in the primeval earth of God's original creation, and minimal between Adam's fall and the days of Noah in Genesis 6 as is seen in the retention of longevity before the Flood.

Sodom and Gomorrah

Five examples of permanent climate change (Genesis 18:20-21; cf. w/ 10:19; 14:2, 8; Deuteronomy 29:13; Hosea 11:8)



To this day, Deuteronomy 29:13 stands true as can be seen in these pictures below:



Surphur desposits demonstrate the barren state of these Middle Eastern cities of the plain.

²Whereas Genesis 1:14 provided "seasons" of planting, harvest, and new growth, present day seasonal *changes* are (a) of greater extreme, and (b) of alternating zonal patterns from global north to south including regional permanent examples of deserts, glaciation, greater elevations of mountains and depth of valleys, etc.

Talk about "climate change"! Try to withhold your chuckle when presenting this to modern skeptics. And it was neither a natural nor a man-created disaster brought on by sulphur emissions from overuse of firecrackers. It was an immediate and final destruction by God Himself (Genesis 19:24-29).

Climate Change as God's warnings against ignoring Him

Deuteronomy 11:17, "Or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain and the ground will not yield its fruit; and you will perish quickly from the good land which the LORD is giving you."

Deuteronomy 28:22-24, "The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish. "The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron. "The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed."

1 Kings 17:1, "Now Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the settlers of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, surely there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." **James 5:17**, "Elijah. . .prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months."

Psalm 107:33-34, "He changes rivers into a wilderness And springs of water into a thirsty ground; A fruitful land into a salt waste, *because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it.*"

This is just a sampling of just Who it is that controls the climate and any and all changes that are to occur in the world He created to be inhabited. However, the worst of all climate change is yet to occur at a time unexpected, yet with a full advanced warning of its inviolable occurrence. No one is so blind as he who will not see.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

The Apostle John has been known as the apostle of love with the likes of John 3:16 and 1 John 4:10. Jesus, the Son of God, became the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29). But what can be expected of such a love rejected, even scorned, by those for whom it is meant?

The final word of God to man came in approximately A.D. 95 with the revealing of such a global climate change as will put the earth's billions of people on notice that it is accounting time. By no means is it disjointed from the rest of Scripture, but is an integral part of a single blueprint of God which will culminate in a millennial reign of this same Lamb of God, and a new heavens and earth that will ultimately be totally devoid of all evidence of destructive environmental extremes.

The book of Revelation provides an outright chronology of events to come: "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things." ($\mu\epsilon\tau\dot{\alpha}\tau\alpha\hat{0}\tau\alpha$).

Our Lord's blueprint completely centers on two present day entities as anticipated in Romans 11—**Israel** under the discipline of God and **the Church** as the interim voice of God to make Israel "jealous" (Romans 10:19; 11:11)—until the time of Israel's restoration in the land of promise (Acts 3:19-21). See graphic below:



When God's discipline is complete, and the mystery of the item of discipline is removed (the Church—note the use of "after these things" in Revelation 4:1 and John's removal to heaven), Our Lord will bring Israel back into His program for them in

the message of His "two witnesses" (Revelation 11:3) and of 144,000 Jewish believers (Revelation 7:1-8). This transition time will, according to Daniel 9:27, last 7 years divided into two parts as shown between the seven seals and trumpet judgments, and the seven bowl judgments in the chart below:



A cursory reading of the 21 judgments revealed by John will immediately (as it should) shock those who will experience a climate change surpassing all others. Herein is a brief summary of global environmental impacts:

- 1. Global violence and death (6:4)
- 2. Scarcity of consummables (6:6)
- 3. Sword and hunger in death of 1/4th of earth's population
- 4. Martyrdom (6:9-11)
- 5. Earthquakes (6:12-17)
- 6. Sun & moon darkened
- 7. Stars (comets?) falling to earth
- 8. Land masses being moved out of place³
- 9. Hail and fire burning up trees and grasses (8:7)
- 10. 1/3rd of sea becomes blood destroying sea life and shipping (8:9)
- 11. 1/3rd of water turned bitter for drinking (8:11)
- 12. 1/3 of sun, moon and stars darkened upsetting the day/ night cycle (8:12)
- 13. Demonic locusts infiltrate the earth inhibiting mankind's ability to seek death (9:1-6)
- 14. Four fallen angels kill another 1/3rd of mankind (9:15)
- 15. Army of 200 million cross the Euphrates along with demonic horses producing plagues killing another 1/3 of mankind (9:18)⁴
- 16. Sores on unsaved earth dwellers (16:2)
- 17. Sea completely turned to blood; all sea life dies (16:3; cf. number 10)
- 18. Drinking waters turned to blood as return for the shedding of blood of saints (16:4-6; see number 11)
- 19. Sun scorches those who blasphemed name of God (16:8-9; see number 12)
- 20. Pain and darkness on kingdom of antichrist (16:10-11)
- 21. Demonic unclean spirits gather armies to battle (16:12-16)
- 22. Great earthquake, hail, & nations fall (16:17-21) including "Babylon" and her ecumenical false religious system.

³At this point the world will recognize the Lamb of God as the source of environmental change and cestruction.

⁴Did mankind repent? No. They continued their "murders, sorceries, sexual immoralties and thefts.

All things will NOT continue as they were scoffingly believed since the beginning of creation. There has always been and will continue to be climate change, because God's holy nature requires Him to judge the world's rejection of His love in the sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of sin. The world as a whole is still under the curse of sin, a curse that involves continual climate change..

Even under the most severe climate upheavals, those making their only home on this earth⁵ remain resolute in their blasphemous rejection of the God of grace. Even after experiencing the initial climate impacting changes in seals 1-6 of Revelation 6, four more times reveals their deliberate refusal to change their minds and humbly bow to our blessed LORD (Revelation 9:20, 21; 16:9, 11).

In our brief study of climate change in biblical perspective, it is clearly evident that God's activities are never arbitrary. It is futile to think that man can either control and initiate major changes to environments. It is a grasping at straws to use the blame game to institute a socialistic system of dictatorial control that will improve climates.

That being said, it is also of importance that God's commitment of His creation to man to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth (by population advancement of families) includes being wise in our use of resources which is under our control. This has been done with improvements in gas emissions, reduction of toxic chemicals found to be detrimental to agriculture, and related items.

What is not considered enough in climate control is, for example, the evidence of chemtrails thought to control atmospheric environment, but is a false and unsupportable claim. What is often overlooked is predominance of greed in, for example, taking advanced design in automobile emissions off the market and putting them in limbo for the sake of the use of more gas production, planned obsolescence of auto durability, and other profit-making money adventures. This is a known and documented activity of early auto design and production.

So, what have we to gain from this brief study of biblical climate change over time?

- 1. History reveals several climate changes as a direct result of God's intervention to judge man's sin that had reached such a impasse as to require Divine intervention (e.g. The Genesis Flood, the judgment of Sodom & Gomorrah, etc.)
- 2. Some climate changes were permanent in which cities that once existed still have never been rebuilt, but are buried by God's judgment of the rain of fire and brimestone on the Cities of the Plain.
- 3. The attitude of those who reject the God of the Bible, while sign carriers of climate change ideologies, will never change their minds in large measure by true repentance and acceptance of God's environmental controls.
- 4. There is evidence that these same people are intensely anti-Semitic, and refuse to recognize Israel's right to exist as a nation. Witness the election of three Islamic antisemites to congressional offices in America in this last election.
- 5. The motive of climate change propogaters is ulterior in that there is a greater move to institute Social Marxist ideology with a "green" environment totally unattainable on even the most elementary and rational levels.
- 6. God will have the last word in climate change. It will not be pleasant, and will bring an end to the useless ranting and ravings of empty-headed irrational change agents.
- 7. Climate change will soon be put to the supreme test when the Lord returns to initiate His final chapter in Israel's turnabout (through both removal of rebels and saving of repentant Jews) in the book of Revelation. It will include the judgment of unbelievers, the antichrist, the false religious ecumenical leader, and all those whose antisemitism has become globally extensive. To God be the glory, both now and when He returns.

⁵Revelation 3:10; 13:8, 14 uses Greek **KATOIKOÛVTEÇ** which has the underlying Concept of "permanent dwelling", i.e. those whose only "home" is here and now and who worship the antichrist instead of the Lamb of God (cf. 13:8).