

The 6th Age: The age of Judgment of all peoples.

During the sixth age many prophesied events will occur. Under Jesus the final rule the whole earth will change to accommodate millions of peoples. The dead will be resurrected and educated how to live long and happy lives by following God's instructions. As each group of people is resurrected, in their course, they will be given a free will to choose eternal life or eternal death. If they choose God's way of life their names will be written in the Lamb's book of life. We are not told how long the sixth age will last but indications are long enough for all the dead to be resurrected and judged according to what choices they make. This may take thousands of years. No end of the world in sight by any means. We find in scripture that one is not held responsible for his or her sins unless they know what sin is. Many nations, since the beginning of creation, has never been educated to that extent, nor has God held them responsible; they have not received their judging. These will first have to know the difference between righteousness and sin, and then make a decision based on their understanding of God's will. After they have proved themselves to be either Godly or ungodly, they will receive their judgment either for eternal life or eternal death. The Bible doesn't tell us at what time Satan is no longer on earth, but, in any case, he is controlled by Christ, who is King of kings. Satan will be allowed to test people as long as God chooses to use him as a tool for that purpose. (Rev.20:10) At the end of this age the wicked will be dead with no further resurrections. The dead corpses of those who die will be burned up at the cleansing of the world with fire. (2Pet.3:7) Their bodies and their spirits will be utterly blotted out of existence. (Mat. 10:28, Rev. 20:14-15, 21:4) No one will die from this time forward. But even then, there still is no "end of time" here. Those remaining families that are saved and "held out to the end" will be changed into spirit beings never to die again. Also we see in Rev.7:9-17 where great multitudes of different nationalities become servants of Christ in his Temple. This would of necessity have to be in the 6th age because there is no Temple in the 7th age. Rev.21:22-24) It also shows us that he has a Temple in the 6th age with a throne inside it from which he rules. There is such a lack of information about this age that God has reserved for a future time, so much so that we are not capable of understanding due to our human limitations.

The 7th Age: A new heaven and new earth.

Rev. 20, 21, and 22 covers much of what happens in the 6th age but even more of the seventh age. The last age of mankind as we know it ends with the 6th age, then "all things are made new". It begins with the earth being cleansed with fire. This may not happen all at once, in the same place or at the same time. We are not given all the details but we do see that there are still nations of people living whose names were written in the Book of life. (Rev.21:24-27) We see two groups of humans (in Rev. 22:14-5) that came to the end of age 6. The group in verse 15 is not allowed into the presence of God, nor will they be in the future. The other group in verse 14 is those whose names were written in the Book of life because they keep God's commandments.

However, this group is not the "bride". They are the guests that Christ spoke of in the parable of the 10 virgins. The bride is described in Ch. 21 as being the twelve tribes of Israel including the 12 apostles who will reside in the new heavenly city with God the Father and Jesus Christ the Groom. Rev. 7:3-8 we read of the 144,000 Israelites who are "sealed" for a special role with Christ. We see that the "bride" is making herself ready (Rev.19:7-8). All nations on earth will worship Christ (Rev.15:4) during the 7th age.

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