

## REVELATION 11 - " *Destroy Them . . . which Destroy The Earth* "

# CLIMATE CHANGE : The Apocalyptic ' Bible Truth ' Revealed

Is ' *Climate Change* ' referenced in the book of Revelation ? - or - Do these words relate to something far more sinister ?

And the nations were angry , and thy wrath is come,  
and the time of the dead , that they should be judged,  
and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets,  
and to the saints , and them that fear thy name , small and great ;  
. . . and shouldst **DESTROY them** which **DESTROY the earth**.

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GLASGOW 2021 : The United Nations Climate Change Conference ( COP26 ) has brought it the fore-front of everyone's mind . . . how to unite the world and save the earth from a fast approaching environmental and global catastrophe ? Some would suggest the problem is so severe and urgent it presents an ' *existential threat* ' to all mankind . . . **but what does the Bible say ??**

As a passage revealing the final sequence of ' *end-time events* ' which culminate in the terminal destruction of ' *the wicked* ' ( ie. those who " *destroy the earth* " ) it is often and loudly proclaimed Revelation 11v18 is a direct and clear allusion to the modern-day blight of environmental ' *climate change* '. Many believe this key phrase : " *shouldst destroy them . . . which destroy the earth* " is identifying that class of evil stewards ( *of the planet* ) who will ultimately face judgment through God's wrath.

Yet here's *a fact* that will shock many. Despite the volumes of printed literature , countless public presentations and even whole doctrines all based upon the subject of ' *Climate Change in the Bible* ' -- Revelation 11v18 is the ' **ONE & ONLY** ' place in the full breadth of scripture where there is any mention of mankind ' *destroying the earth* '. Given the extraordinary weight placed on this one verse , surely it is CRITICAL that - *as believers in God's Word* - we have a correct understanding of its ' **true** ' meaning.

The belief of some , that ' *climate change* ' is found in this verse arises from the *descriptive meaning* of the underlying Greek word for " *destroy* " ( Gk. diaphtheirō ) which is used twice in this verse. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance renders this word as : . .

**" Destroy " - NEW TESTAMENT - G1311 διαφθείρω diaphtheirō**

From G1223 and G5351 ; **to rot thoroughly** , that is , ( by implication ) **to ruin** ( passively **decay** utterly , figuratively **pervert** ) : - **corrupt** , **destroy** , **perish**.

A brief , cursory glance of the terms used : ' *to rot thoroughly / to ruin / decay / corrupt / destroy / perish* ' might suggest this word describes an extended process of slow , gradual deterioration *or* corrupting of the earth's condition , seemingly consistent with the decline of the environment under man's mismanagement and poor stewardship. It is perhaps understandable then , that some may derive the idea of ' *climate change* ' from this one ( *somewhat oblique* ) reference . . . but is this actually correct ?!?

On further investigation , we also find the Greek word for " *destroy* " in Revelation 11v18 is utterly ' unique ' to this one verse. It is found no where else. Every other instance of " *destroy* " in the new testament uses ' *very different* ' Greek words. Yet most interestingly , if we look to the old testament , by far the *most common* translation for the word " *destroy* " is the corresponding Hebrew word ( *shâchath* ). Remarkably , we also discover the meaning of " *destroy* " in this very widely used ancient Hebrew form is actually a ' *mirror image* ' ( literally identical ) to that used in Revelation 11 :

**" Destroy " - OLD TESTAMENT - H7843 שחַחַת shâchath**

Primitive root ; **to decay** , that is , ( causatively ) **ruin** ( literally or figuratively ) : - batter , cast off , **corrupt** (-er, thing) , **destroy** (-er, -action) , lose , mar , **perish** , spill , spoiler , X utterly , waste (-r).

The parallel is striking. The defining terms used for both are ' identical ' . . . **to ruin / decay / corrupt / destroy / perish**.

**Why is this important ??** The same Divine Hand authored both old and new testaments. This parallel is neither coincidental , nor is it insignificant. It is both purposeful and deliberate. There is one singular message and purpose throughout God's Word.

Therefore , to understand the true meaning and intent of “*destroy them which destroy the earth*” in Revelation 11v18 , it is highly instructive to look at the wider and consistent application ( and context ) of this Hebrew word with an identical meaning which is used well over ‘ 100 times ’ in the old testament. Indeed , understanding this provides an infinitely clearer sense of the true import of Revelation 11v18 , and ( . . . away from the highly speculative and erroneous conjecture of “*climate change*” ) it reveals the actual global threat ‘ *of the last days* ’ that is now emerging.

While seemingly in direct contrast to the meanings of both Hebrew and Greek translations of “*destroy*” , when we examine the actual use and application of the Hebrew word ‘ *shâchath* ’ throughout the ancient scriptures , we find it ‘ **NEVER** ’ speaks to a gradual , lingering decline ( *climate change-style* ) toward destruction. On the contrary , in overwhelming terms this Hebrew word for “*destroy*” is consistently used to describe violence and destruction which is ‘ *swift , decisive and terminal* ’.

If we look throughout the Old Testament , to the most significant biblical accounts of destruction ( often divine judgment ) we find an extensive and unwavering body of scriptural evidence that reveals the true meaning and sense of this word “*destroy*” :

### **NOAH & THE FLOOD**

Gen 6:13 ... behold, I will *destroy ( shâchath )* them with the earth

Gen 6:17 ... to *destroy ( shâchath )* all flesh , wherein *is* the breath of life

### **LOT & THE DESTRUCTION of SODOM & GOMORRAH**

Gen 13:10 ... before the LORD *destroyed ( shâchath )* Sodom and Gomorrah

Gen 18:28 ... wilt thou *destroy ( shâchath )* all the city for *lack of five* ?

And he said , If I find there forty & five , I will not *destroy it*.

Gen 19:13 ... For we will *destroy ( shâchath )* this place , ... the LORD hath sent us to *destroy it*.

Gen 19:14 ... for the LORD will *destroy ( shâchath )* this city

Gen 19:29 ... And it came to pass , when God *destroyed ( shâchath )* the cities

### **MIDIANITES OPPRESSED ISRAEL**

Judg 6:4 ... they encamped against them, and *destroyed ( shâchath )* the increase of the land

Judg 6:5 ... and they entered into the land to *destroy ( shâchath )* it.

### **ISRAEL'S WAR w/- TRIBE OF BENJAMIN**

Judg 20:21 ... and *destroyed ( shâchath )* . . . ‘ *that day* ’ twenty and two thousand men

Judg 20:25 ... and *destroyed ( shâchath )* . . . eighteen thousand men

Judg 20:35 ... and . . . *destroyed ( shâchath )* of the Benjamites ‘ *that day* ’ twenty and five thousand men .

### **WHEN DAVID SPARED SAUL**

1 Sam 26:9 ... And David said to Abishai , *Destroy ( shâchath )* him not :

for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed

### **WHEN ANGEL WAS TO DESTROY JERUSALEM ( AFTER DAVID'S SIN )**

2 Sam 24:16 ... when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to *destroy it ( shâchath )* , the LORD repented him of the evil

### **WHEN SENNACHERIB ATTACKED JUDAH**

2 Kings 18:25 / Isaiah 36:10 ...

Am I now come up without the LORD against this place to *destroy ( shâchath )* it ?

The LORD said to me, Go up against this land , and *destroy ( shâchath )* it.

What is immediately evident throughout all these passages ( .. and there a great many more besides these ) is the use of this Hebrew word for “*destroy*” is *always* related to destruction that is **quick** and **decisive**. It is truly difficult to find any examples or evidence of slow , gradual or lingering destruction. Whether Noah and the Flood ; the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah or any of the many other epic moments of bible history , it is perfectly clear that “*destroy*” ( *shâchath* ) does not describe ‘ *slow-motion destruction* ’ through decay and corruption , but rather is in almost every instance **rapid , violent and devastating**.

Remembering both the Hebrew and Greek versions of this word “*destroy*” have ‘ **IDENTICAL meanings** ’ , it then deeply brings into question whether there is any evidence ( at all ) that would support the theory of ‘ *climate change* ’ in Revelation 11v18.

So then , if Revelation 11v18 is not speaking of man's mismanagement and destruction of the environment ( ie. *Climate Change* ) we must then ask what is the '**real threat**' posed in this passage ? The answer is actually revealed in another instance of the 'very same' Hebrew word cited above. In this passage it is rendered in the English as "**the destroyer**" ( Heb. *shâchath* ) and refers unmistakably to an end-times tyrant , who -- *in the very epoch Revelation 11 speaks of* -- will wreak unimaginable death and destruction on a global scale . . .

#### Jeremiah 4

v6 Set up the standard toward Zion : retire , stay not :  
for I will bring evil *from the north* , and a great destruction.

v7 THE LION is come up from his thicket ,  
and '**the destroyer**' OF THE GENTILES is on his way ;  
he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate ;

This is the existential threat to "*the earth*" that Revelation is actually referring to. It is the latter-day manifestation of the great Assyrian / Babylonian Lion power . . . the end-times Russian 'Gog'. The proof is declared 'unambiguously' in the very words of this verse : "**the destroyer** . . . OF THE GENTILES " ( ie "*the destroyer of the non-Jewish nations*" ) clearly defining the widespread exploits of this ruthless global dictator and his allies 'in the last days'.

Were it not for the promised intervention of the Lord Jesus Christ and his fellow-combatants ('*the angels*') at Armageddon - this man in his unbridled lust for worldwide power and dominion - and if left to himself - would be fully prepared to risk "*destroying the earth*" to achieve his maniacal ambitions. Hence the prophetic words in Matt 24v22 / Mark 13v20 . . .

And **EXCEPT** that the Lord had 'shortened' those days , **NO FLESH** SHOULD BE SAVED :  
But *for the elect's sake* , whom he hath chosen , he hath shortened the days.

How then , will the Lord "*shorten*" those days . . . ?

Only through the crushing defeat of the Russian "*dragon and his angels* ( allies )" upon the mountains of Israel , carried out by "*Michael ( Christ ) and his angels*" [ see => Revelation 12v7 ] will any flesh on the earth survive. Clearly stated in both passages - those days will be shortened by the Lord "**FOR the elect's sake**" - indicating '*the elect*' ( ie. *Saints* ) will endure through these days of global tribulation - **UNTIL** they are ultimately '*delivered*' at the time of the *resurrection of the dead* [ viz. Daniel 12v1 ].

We also find ( *not at all coincidentally* ) this same Hebrew word for "*destroy*" is prominently featured in pivotal verses that speak 'solely and irrefutably' of this latter-day Assyrian-Babylonian king and his future evil designs :

Dan 8:24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall '**destroy**' ( *shâchath* ) wonderfully,  
and shall prosper, and practise, and shall '**destroy**' ( *shâchath* ) the mighty and the holy people.

Dan 8:25 ... through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand ;  
he shall magnify *himself* in his heart , and by peace shall '**destroy**' ( *shâchath* ) many :  
he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes ; but he shall be broken without hand.

Therefore , with the true identity of '*the destroyers . . . of the earth*' being revealed [ ie. *Russia & its confederate allies* ] is there any further corroborating evidence that would add another layer of proof to '*fully validate*' this finding ? There is. It is found in a highly descriptive term which - is not only one of the words defined within the Hebrew meaning of "*destroy*" which we considered earlier - but is also a well-known term that is deeply and scripturally synonymous with the prophetic Russian 'Gog'.

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Derived from the original root word of "*spoil*" , the term "*spoiler*" ( and the many other variants . . . ie. *spoil* , *spoils* , *spoiler* , *spoilers* , *spoiling* , *spoiled* , *spoildest* ) are all terms consistently used in scripture in direct connection to this long-prophesied Russian leader at the time of the end. More specifically, listed below are the bible references of "*spoiler*" that foreshadow many of the future destructive and merciless acts of this brutal authoritarian dictator.

- Isa 16:4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab ; be thou a covert to them from the face of *the spoiler* : for the extortioner is at an end , *the spoiler* ceaseth , the oppressors are consumed out of the land.
- Isa 21:2 A grievous vision is declared unto me ; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and *the spoiler spoileth*. Go up, O Elam : besiege, O Media ; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
- Jer 6:26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes : make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation : for *the spoiler* shall suddenly come upon us.
- Jer 12:12 *The spoilers* are come upon all high places through the wilderness : for *the sword of the LORD* shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land : no flesh shall have peace.
- Jer 48:8 And *the spoiler* shall come upon every city , and no city shall escape : the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.
- Jer 48:18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon , come down from *thy* glory , and sit in thirst ; for *the spoiler* of Moab shall come upon thee , and he shall destroy thy strong holds.
- Jer 51:48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that *is* therein , shall sing for Babylon : for *the spoilers* shall come unto her from the north , saith the LORD.
- Jer 51:53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength , yet from me shall *spoilers* come unto her , saith the LORD.
- Jer 51:56 Because *the spoiler* is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon , and her mighty men are taken , every one of their bows is broken : for the LORD God of recompences shall surely requite.

As can be clearly seen each of these terms , whether “ *destroy* ” ( in both its Hebrew and Greek renderings ) or the other sub-variants of “ *spoiler* ” and “ *spoil* ” found throughout scripture , they are all deeply interconnected and inextricably bound together and reveal the true meaning behind the “ *destroyers of the earth* ”. It is the end-times ‘ *Russian Gog* ’ and his allies.

Furthermore , it is also noted of the 147 occurrences of Hebrew word (*shâchath*) in the old testament , 102 of these instances are translated as “ *destroy* ”. Yet even in the remaining 45 instances where it is translated into a variety of other English words ( ie. *corrupt / perish / mar / spoilers / battered / waste / cast off* ) it is only ever used to describe ‘ **moral** ’ corruption. There is **NEVER** any context or connection to the ‘ **physical** ’ corruption / decay of the earth , nor the slightest hint of ‘ *Climate Change* ’.

In fact , this is true for the ‘ **WHOLE Bible** ’. No where does the Bible ever speak of the ‘ **physical corruption** ’ ( or destruction ) of the earth resulting from man’s activities ( particularly in an ‘ end-times ’ context ). No where at all !!! The Bible is utterly silent on the matter. ‘ *Climate Change* ’ cannot be found anywhere in God’s Word. Even in this one , solitary instance in Revelation 11v18 where it ‘ *appeared* ’ to support to this notion , it has proven to be completely misunderstood and erroneous.

**IMPORTANT NOTE** : We are not suggesting that mankind is not in ‘ *many ways* ’ doing great harm to the global environment. However , the man-made doctrine of ‘ *Climate Change* ’ and its predictions are ( at best ) an inconclusive theory - with little empirical evidence to support it. The much vaunted “ science ” ( to both *the problem* . . . and *the solution* ) is deeply nuanced , hotly debated and far from settled. It certainly is **NOT** what the Bible - and more specifically Revelation 11 - is referring to.

WHAT ‘ **IS** ’ WRONG . . . is when we read and interpret the Bible ( *whether knowingly or not* ) through ‘ *the prism* ’ of man’s thinking.

In so doing , we not only amplify the theoretical contrivances and dogmas of men - but more importantly - we obscure and even blind ourselves to the ‘ actual dangers ’ God’s Word was intended to forewarn us of. By embracing these ‘ doctrines of men ’ and overlaying their worldly talking points onto scripture , we ‘ *mislead* ’ both ourselves and also others to whom we should be a light of ‘ *true understanding* ’ and a beacon of hope and salvation.

We hope this detailed analysis of Revelation 11v18 is helpful , both in dispelling the myth of ‘ *Climate Change in God’s Word* ’ and also to revealing the true nature of the global threat soon to wreak havoc among the nations. We are on the threshold of truly cataclysmic events. As we now see the rise of ‘ *the Prince of this world* ’ we need to prepare ourselves spiritually - and strengthen one another - to ‘ *faithfully endure* ’ through the darkness of the night UNTIL the time of *our deliverance* [ Daniel 12v1 ]

For there shall arise false Christs ... and **FALSE PROPHETS**,  
and shall shew great signs and wonders  
insomuch that , if it were possible,  
they shall 'deceive' ... *the very elect*.

MATTHEW 24 : 24

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