

Zoroaster: End of Times

"Zoroaster was the first to teach the doctrines of an individual judgment, Heaven and Hell, the future resurrection of the body, the general Last Judgment, and life everlasting for the reunited soul and body. These doctrines were to become familiar articles of faith to much of mankind..." (Mary Boyce, *Zoroastrians*, pg 29)

Coming Comet will Destroy Earth

The end of the world will come about when a comet strikes the earth. Its "fire and halo" will melt all metals and minerals and will burn up the world in a general conflagration. The resulting boiling flood of metal will flow over the earth like a river. The righteous, as well as the wicked souls (released from hell) will pass through it. The wicked will be purified of their sins, but the pious will feel like they're passing through warm milk.

Three saviors and the resurrection

The World Savior, Soshyant, will come and to stop the cruelty of bloodthirsty and wicked people, and renew the world, and end death. He will be victorious and his helpers make the world wonderful.

Three saviors will be born of virgins miraculously impregnated with Zarathushtra's seed while bathing in Lake Kansaoya.

After that time when Zarathushtra came to a consultation with Ohrmazd, and 1,500 years after the time of Zarathushtra, when it is the millennium of Religion, Aushedar will come into consultation with Ohrmazd for 50 years. The sun, will stand at mid-day, for ten days and nights it will stand at the zenith of Heavens. For three years, whatever plants are not needed will not wither then.

He will purify the religion, he will bring the ritual precepts of into use, and men will act according them.

Men will slay the demon, with whip and dagger and mace and sword and lance and arrow and other weapons. Poison from that demon will envelop the earth and plants and they will burn.

After 400 years there will be the Malkosan rain. When it is the time for that rain, (in) the first year the upholders of Religion will say to people: 'Store provisions, for there will be rain'; people will store provisions. Year after year they will speak of rain, but there will be no rain.

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At the end of the millennium, Aushedar-mah will come in to consultation with Ohrmazd for 30 years. The sun will stand at the zenith from that day for 20 days and nights. And for six years, those plants which are not needed will not wither. And he will bring (the legal precepts of) Dadig into use: people will act according to the law.

And the (members of the) serpent species will all go forth to one place, and in one place they will be merged, and there will be one serpent, 833 paces in breadth 1,666 paces in length. The Mazda-worshippers will muster an army and they will go into battle with that serpent. They will chase that demon away, and for one parsang poison from that demon will envelop the earth and they will burn. From that a demon will scamper forth (in) the form of a black locust, and in the demon of the two-legged species (will be) its habitation; for this reason it will not (any longer) be very oppressive.

In that millennium, Zohak will escape from (his) fetters. He will take dominion over demons and men; thus he will clamor: 'Whoever does not harm water and fire and plants, then bring him so that I may devour him'. And fire and water and plant will go to Ohrmazd complaining of the harm which men are doing to them, and they will say: 'Raise up Faridoon (who is) dead, so that he will smite Zohak, for if (it is) otherwise, I will not exist on the earth!'

After that, at the end of the millennium, the Soshyans will come in to consultation with Ohrmazd for 30 years. And (on) that day the sun will stand at the zenith for 30 days. And when the Soshans comes back from consultation, then Kay Khosraw will come towards him, when he is sitting upon Way of the Long Dominion. The Soshans will ask: 'What man are you, whose soul even (sits) upon Way of the Long Dominion, changed by you into the form of a camel?' Kay Khosraw will answer: 'I am Kay Khosraw'. . .

The Soshans will say: 'Go, my Lord, and praise the Religion'; Kay Khosraw will praise the religion. Then in those fifty-seven years Kay Khosraw will be Lord of the Seven Regions . . . And then Kersasp will go (forth) with that mace of good width, and Tus will stand before him and will put an arrow in (his) bow; he will say to Kersasp: 'Praise the Religion . . . throw away the mace, for if you do not praise the Religion and throw away the mace, then I shall shoot this arrow at you!' Because of (his) fear of Tus's arrow, Kersasp will praise the Religion and throw away (his) mace.

All people will be upholders of Religion; they will be loving and benevolent to one another. All people living after that will not die. (As for) those (who are) dead, the Soshans, and the makers of the Renovation who are his helpers *will raise them in (their) dead bodies. Ohrmazd will summon bones from the earth, and blood from the waters, and hair from the plants, and spirit from the wind; he will mix one with the other and he will create the form which each has [*i.e.* in this present life]. . . .

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And every person will recognize (others), saying: 'This (is) my father' and 'this (is) my brother!' and 'this (is) my wife!' and 'this is someone of my family!' There will once again be enjoyment of all food and all the things from which (there is) pleasure and comfort and enjoyment for mankind, just as Ohrmazd created (the world) in the primal creation. There will be a thousand times as many foods and tastes as there are now. He who (so) believes will eat, and he who does not (so) believe will not eat.

Ohrmazd will make this earth twice as great (in) length and breadth as it is now, and the human form will be made with the loveliness which they saw as most fair and good in the world. A man will be given the very same wife whom he had in the material world. He who had no wife, will then be given a wife. The woman who had no husband will then be given a husband.

That man and woman who did extraordinary (good) deeds in the physical body, they will be given one to another. And when they raise up the dead, those who perpetrated injury and harm to those of the Good Religion and acted with violence, they will all die; for three days they will lie down dead. And then they will be restored, and the other sinners, every one dead will be restored, except those thinking and also doing evil against the Yazads.

There was an authority who said: 'The dead will be raised up again, they will confess and for every sin which they committed, then shall their heads be cut off once, and they will be thrown back to Hell, and the punishment of 9,000 years will be shown to them'. And at dawn after the third night Spandarmad will stand up and say: 'Punishment for all of them! And as for the other sinful ones, who were not a certain type of sinners, they are to be punished for the sins they committed!'

And Shahrewar will melt the metal of all the mountains in the world, it [i.e. the molten metal] will reach (up to) mouth level at the place of the test, and all mankind will pass through that (molten) metal, and by this the sinful will finally become cleansed of their sins. And for them the pain will be just as if molten metal were released on them in the material world. For the righteous it will be easy, as if they take them into warm milk.

Before the Soshans will raise up the dead, on his authority an army will be mustered; they will go into battle with the demon Heresy. He will ask the demon Heresy: 'Demon, your task against the belief of the Mazda-worshipping religion was that you committed a sin in the body which then said this: "I am the agent". Surely your task is pointless [?], is it not?' And it will say: 'I am the offspring of the Evil Spirit, whose task is not pointless [?], nor is mine'. . . then that demon will slither away to the place where it is now; from that place it will slither back, and it will slither (over) this earth on the four uppermost sides, and the uppermost one third (of the total area).

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The earth will cry out: 'I cannot endure this demon, which is indeed hidden, I cannot endure its habitation in me, for its scars and tears me like the four-legged wolf when it tears the belly of beneficent animals from them and seizes their young. 'So go forth, (you) who are Mazda-worshippers, and seek the remedy for this!' Accordingly the Mazda-worshippers will muster an army and . . . that demon will slither from that place where it is. And it will slither to the middle third part of this earth, and to the furthestmost [i.e. lowest] third part.

The earth will cry out . . . and that demon will slither from that place, it will go to that (other) place where it is now, and it will seize the demon, and will tell him: 'The creations of the Holy Spirit wish to inflict punishment on the creations of the Evil Spirit. I will never agree to (let) the creations of the Holy Spirit punish the creations of the Evil Spirit'. And both will slither off at once from that place. . .

Wrath and Greed will (each) say to the Evil Spirit: 'I shall devour you, ignorant Evil Spirit for your creation has been seized from you and the thief (has suffered) no harm and it is not possible for me to survive'. . . The Evil Spirit will stand up and go to the Holy Spirit; thus he will say: 'This creation was created by me, and demon-created Greed, who is my creation, now says that you wish to devour me; I shall take you to judgment'.

Ohrmazd will stand up with Srosh the righteous, and Srosh's righteousness will smite Greed. Ohrmazd will expel the Evil Spirit out of the sky, with the hateful darkness and the evil which he first brought when he invaded, and he will expel all (of it) from the sky through the hole through which he [i.e., the Evil Spirit] invaded. . . There was one who said: 'The eternally-existing ones will make him powerless by killing his form. The Evil Spirit will be no more: no (more) of his creation!'

At that time, when the wicked will have been punished and will have passed through the (molten) metal, there will be the Assembly and reward and punishment will be given to every person (according) to the number of good deeds he has done. . . Then {the gods} and all of mankind will be in one place, and the star too and the moon and the sun and the Victorious Fire will all be in the form of a man who is strong, and they will all be in the form of a man, and they will come to the earth. . .

And man and woman will have desire for one another, and they will enjoy it and consummate it but there will be no birth from them. And the principal kinds of plants will be restored, and there will be no lessening of them, but every place (will be) like the spring, resembling a garden in which (there are) all (kinds of) plants and flowers; and with the wisdom of this world it is not possible to comprehend and know its wondrousness, worthiness, pleasantness and purity.

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