

The Future of Archeology on the Earth

The Rapture of living saints and of the bodies of dead saints whose souls are in heaven is the next big “historical” event facing us. We don’t know if the graves will be opened by the resurrection or if the bodies simply be extracted invisibly as when Jesus rose. His tomb was opened by the angels after he had left it so men could see it was empty. The discovery of empty graves could lead to people checking them out to see whose bodies remain. Pilfering graves and tombs as well as empty homes of believers for jewelry left behind could become quite an industry for “archaeologists.” Some consider archaeologists to be professional grave robbers anyway. ;>)

After the Rapture seven years of Tribulation will commence. Even then some motivation for archaeological exploration may survive among unbelievers and continue those times. Rebellious men may still be strongly motivated to persist in seeking evidence that disputes the rights of God over the earth. However the means and time to do so will be very limited because of distractions in those chaotic times. After the seven years Tribulation pass the Lord will appear from heaven to reign a thousand years. Shortly after His coming a vast army from the east will attack and be destroyed. Ezekiel tells how the stench from the bodies will repel people who pass by the battle site. He describes an organized clean up, Ezekiel 39:11-16.

During the Millennium the ruins that remain around the world may be inviting for the scholars that arise from among the unbelieving descendants of the survivors of the Tribulation. Some may seek to dispute the right of the Lord to reign and assert the rights of man were violated by His invasion and judgment that took place before they were born. Those who have accepted the King will accept His narrative in the Scriptures as sufficient explanation for their place in history. The rebellious in heart (even though Satan has been bound and cannot tempt them) could seek to justify a rebellion, hunting archaeological findings that could be construed to contradict the written history before them.

Once Satan is again released after 1000 years, horde’s of rebels who feigned obedience will gather and attack the Lord’s throne city. They will be destroyed by fire from heaven. No one remaining alive will care about archeological ruins or relics. The earth will be wiped clean and New Heavens and a New Earth will become the eternal habitation for God’s people. They all shall then live happily ever after with God dwelling among them. Be sure to be there!

Ezekiel 39:11 "It will come to pass in that day that I will give Gog a burial place there in Israel, the valley of those who pass by east of the sea; and it will obstruct travelers, because there they will bury Gog and all his multitude. Therefore they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog. 12 "For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land. 13 "Indeed all the people of the land will be burying, and they will gain renown for it on the day that I am glorified," says the Lord GOD. 14 "They will set apart men regularly employed, with the help of a search party, to pass through the land and bury those bodies remaining on the ground, in order to cleanse it. At the end of seven months they will make a search. 15 "The search party will pass through the land; and when anyone sees a man's bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till the buriers have buried it in the Valley of Hamon Gog. 16 "The name of the city will also be Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the land."