

College Composition: Apocalypse Definition Essay

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When I was younger, about 8 - 9 years old, I enjoyed watching shows like **Popular Mechanics** and **National Geographic**. Unfortunately I regretted watching one of the **National Geographic** videos for almost 2 years. The video talked about sinkholes, which terrorized me. Since I was a very optimistic, naive little kid who didn't think anything was wrong in the world, this took its toll on me. My bubble of a world shook. The world wasn't all flowers and roses anymore. I created many dark ideas about how the world may end. From fire and flames to floods and light beaming from the sky. From that day on, I imagined every day as the last day. Every day, I would act as if it was my last day, spending countless hours reading about sinkholes. Every time I'd close my eyes, I would hear the piercing sound coming from the sinkholes and visually see it as if I was falling into one. My family forbade me from reading any more books on the matter. Eventually, like all little kids, I grew out of this phobia.

The online etymological dictionary defines the term **Apocalypse** as *a cataclysmic event*. There are other ways to interpret the term, which is what I'll be discussing with you.

In the Quranic apocalypse, which is referred to as the **Final Hour**. It's described in great detail in the Quran and authentic hadith (which are the sayings and teachings of the Prophet Muhammad). There are two chapters in the Quran which are dedicated to talking about this specific event. The first one, Al-Waqiah, which means **The Inevitable** and Al-Qiyamah, which means **The Resurrection**. He stated that the End of Days won't happen until you see the 10 signs.

1. The Smoke
2. The Dajjal (Anit-Christ)
3. The Beast
4. The Sun Rising from the West and Setting in the East
5. The Descent of Jesus (Son of Mary) PBU
6. The Coming of Gog and Magog
- 7-9. Three Earth Quakes that shall shake this Earth
 - (a) One the West

(b) One the East

(c) One in the Arabian Peninsula

10. A Fire that shall appear from Yemen and it Shall gather/force people to go towards their place of resurrection

He continued by saying if you see one of these signs, expected the next immediately. One comes, expect the rest. For the Dajjal to come, there are pre-requests. 3 years before he comes, the first year, a third of the rain will be held back, the second year, two-thirds of the rain will be held back and the third year, all the rain will be held back, meaning, when the Dajjal finally comes down, mankind is suffering from a drought, with him, a river of fire and a river of water. He enters in a village, amidst the people and he says *"Do you believe in me? I am your lord."* When they believe, he tells the sky to rain and rain comes and tells the Earth to produce and it will produce. He'll travel all around the world, every inch, except for two places. Makkah and Medina. He will live for 40 days. The first day will be as long as a year, second day as long as a month, third day as long as a week, and the rest of the days normal. After the 40 days have ended, the Muslims will be praying behind Al Mahdi, who is the ruler of the Muslims, in Syria in a Mosque called **The One With the White Minaret**. While they're praying Duhr, Jesus PBU will descend. After they finish prayer, Jesus PBU gives glad tidings to all the people around, informing them of their places in Paradise. They go off to al Jerusalem to fight the army of the Dajjal, while the Dajjal has come with an army, not knowing that Jesus is with the Muslims already. They'll find them on the borders of the Temple of Solomon. When the Dajjal sees Jesus PBU, he runs, melting while Jesus PBU chases saying *It is written that I owe you on strike*. Shortly after, he kills the Dajjal. Later on, Al Mahdi will die 10 years later and within his 10 years of ruling, he will fill the world with justice. Shortly after his death, Jesus PBU will die. The sun starts to rise from where it sets and sets from where it rises. Prophet Muhammad said *Allah will always accept repentance, unless two things happens, one the soul reaches the gargling point, and when the sun rises from where it sets*. From that point, more and more faith is taken away, the Quran is taken away, and even the Ka'bah is destroyed. At the end, after the other signs take place, a light breeze will cover the Earth and kill all the remaining Muslims. The Angle, Israfeel will blow the horn, which shatters everything, brings not just planets, but the entire universe. Then, he blows it again. After that, Allah will fold this universe with

one hand and the other 6 universes with his other, and destroy them. He commands the angel of death to kill all the other angels and to take his own soul. That's when the Judgment Day begins.

The **Train to Busan** is an apocalyptic Korean zombie movie. The main plot of the movie is about a father and his daughter trying to make their way across **South Korea**, via a train, when, out of nowhere, a virus starts to spread among the passengers. The said virus kills the victim and makes them become a zombie. It focuses on different aspects, which other zombie movies may not. It criticizes society on many levels, one being, how humans are and how an event so colossal as an apocalypse can show their true skin. The characters in the movie make this movie distinct because they're very likable people since they aren't horrible to other people and selfless. Usually, we see one main character who survives by sheer luck or by sacrificing everybody to save himself. In this movie, the clever ones are the people standing in the end if they decide not to sacrifice themselves to save everybody else.

Initially, I assumed that the term **Apocalypse** meant the end of the world. Although that definition is a worldwide accepted meaning, there are other definitions and interpretations. One interpretation may be *an Apocalypse brings out the true color in people*. It will help you distinguish your friends from your enemies and vice versa. Also, an apocalypse may be the end of a chapter and the beginning of something new like how all the religious scriptures say. Even in the **Train to Busan**. The apocalypse may start something new like a discovery about something from a different world.