**‘The Earth Has an Expiration Date’**

***3And the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”*** Genesis 6:3

The days of this present earth are numbered. Though everyone would like to think that the earth and humankind will continue forever, that just isn’t going to be the case. God speaks startling words in Genesis 6:3. God says that His Spirit will not “strive” or “contend” with man forever.

The reason God says is: Man is flesh. He is not stating that man’s “flesh,” in and of itself, is bad. God created man as a flesh and blood creature, and man was included when God pronounced that His entire creation was ‘very good.’ God isn’t pointing at man’s flesh per se. He’s zeroing in on the sin that lives within us; sin which has had mastery over human flesh since The Fall of man.

God stated that the days of this present earth are numbered, and many people are obsessed with when God will say, ‘Time is up!’

The facts are these: God tells us in Genesis 6:3 just how long His Spirit will “strive with man”. The number God gives is “one hundred and twenty years.” The problem we have with what God states is this: We do not exactly know what God means. Could God have meant a literal one hundred and twenty years? Not likely, since multiple one hundred and twenty year cycles have elapsed since the creation of the world, the earth, and everything in it, including man.

Some biblical scholars believe that the “one hundred and twenty years” was an indicator of when God spoke these words and the actual onset of the flood. Still others have suggested that it is meant to be 120 jubilees which are each 50 years in length. If this would be the case, then 120 jubilees x 50 years per jubilee cycle would equal 6,000 years since the time of Adam and “zero-hour” is right on top of us.[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftn1)

Where does this leave us? We’re left with this: We don’t know when God will bring this earth to an end and usher in the new one, but there will be a new earth and there will be a new heaven. Until then, it’s best to live with the end in mind, for then we will not squander the days we are given. God has already dealt with the sin which afflicts our flesh. If we want to be a part of the new heaven and the new earth, we have to put our faith, hope, and trust in Jesus Christ. He is the only way to His Father.

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[[1]](http://yourbibleblog.com/2018/02/page/2/%22%20%5Cl%20%22_ftnref1) The problem with this suggestion is that we have nothing in the Bible to confirm it.