

You may recall the classic science fiction movie *Back to the Future Part 2*. That sequel continued the theme of time travel via a special DeLorean with Marty and Doc pitted against Biff Tannen. Biff embodied the typical crass, immoral, dummy who bullied his way through high school. Biff used a sports almanac he received from his future self to wager his way to a fortune and build a grossly degenerated version of the town where he and Marty grew up. Marty's mission was to travel to the past and prevent Biff from getting the almanac.

The sordid scene of Biff's altered reality merged the worst aspects Las Vegas, San Francisco, and south Chicago with indigents, bikers, criminals, and even an army tank roaming the trash-laden streets. Adjacent to that blight, stood a glistening, luxury high-rise hotel titled Biff Tannen's Pleasure Paradise Casino & Hotel built with a small fraction of Biff's ill-gotten gains.

Sadly, we see our "culture" careening to depths of depravity not even imagined in Biff's World. Still, the parallel between Biff's World and America 2022 is shocking. At times, the relentless, ever-rising tide of moral decay and corruption in our society seems overwhelming. Will it ever end? With the United States the last hope for the free world, what happens if we fall?

As bleak as things may feel, we have great hope. Despite all of the corruption, double standards, and anti-morality surrounding us, God's word tells us that this too will pass. In the end, He wins, and we win with Him. We know the **future**, and it's not Biff's World! God has yet to play the final card. Yes, Satan will continue to wield his evil power for a season, but in the end, the LORD will step in and speak the word. Scripture makes this abundantly clear.

I John 4

*[3] And every spirit that confesses **not** that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh [the reason for Christmas] is **not** of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, ...*

*[4] You are of God, little children, and have **overcome** them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

Revelation 19

*[15] And out of **his mouth** goes a sharp sword, that with it he should **smite the nations**:*

*[18]... the **flesh of all men**, both free and bond, both small and great.*

[21] ... and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

Revelation 21

*[7] He that **overcomes** shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

[8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

As we celebrate the glorious event of a Savior given to the world long ago, let us not lose sight of His destiny. He will come for his bride (the church) and then return with His bride in power and glory to destroy the enemy with a word and rule over the earth. We rejoice that He will bring true peace and after a thousand years put an end to all sorrow, suffering, death, and evil. Just as in the movie, good triumphs over evil, and Biff's World will be no more.

Merry Christmas!