

CYCLOPAEDIA 2 - POST-APOCALYPTIC WASTELAND

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OVERVIEW

Post-Apocalyptic depicts the time following a global catastrophic event. Most often associated with the science fiction or horror genres, the apocalypse event determines the theme of the post-apocalyptic time period.

POST-APOCALYPTIC THEMES

There are six major post-apocalyptic themes. Each one has its own unique dynamic and focus. For this article, I have chosen to focus on the Wasteland theme.

- Alien Invasion
- Environmental Disaster
- Fantasy World Birth
- Religious Apocalypse
- Wasteland
- Zombie Apocalypse

For this Cyclopaedia, we will focus on the Wasteland theme often associated with Nuclear, Biological or Chemical warfare.

Memories of the devastation of World War 1 and 2 struck fear in to the hearts of the world, especially the fear of Nuclear War. H.G. Wells was writing about war-torn post-apocalyptic wastelands in 1933, and the fear carried on strongly in the 1970s and 1980s as the Cold War progressed.

Survivors of the wasteland apocalypse will have to manage empty or devastated landscapes, hot zones, scarce resources, mutations, scavengers, and gangs.

Following are sources of information

pertaining to Post-apocalyptic Wastelands to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers to know where to start their research.

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By Dashner, James

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By Johnstone, William

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By Brin, David

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By various

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By Frank, Pat

Ravagers

By Alter, Robert

The Road

By McCarthy, Cormac

The Scarlet Plague

By London, Jack

The Shape of Things to Come

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The Stand

By King, Stephen

Tank Girl – comic series

By Hewlett, Jamie and Martin, Alan

The Uncanny X-Men: Days of Future Past – comic series

By Claremont, Chris and Byrne, John

Wasteland – comic series

By Johnson, Antony

Wastelands: Stories of the Apocalypse

Anthology edited by John Joseph Adams

GAMES

51st State – Tabletop Game

After the Bomb - RPG

Aftermath! - RPG

After the Holocaust – Tabletop Game

Borderlands – Computer Game

Car Wars – Tabletop Game

Darwin's World – RPG

Fallen Earth – Computer Game

Exodus - RPG

Fallout – Computer Game

Gamma World - RPG

GURPS Autoduel - RPG

Judge Dredd: The Roleplaying-Game – RPG

The Last Of Us – Computer Game

Mad Max – Computer Game

Minion Hunter – Tabletop Game

The Morrow Project – RPG

Necromunda – Tabletop Game

Neuroshima – RPG

Neuroshima: Convoy – Tabletop Game

Neuroshima Hex – Tabletop Game

Outlander – Computer Game

S.T.A.L.K.E.R. – Computer Game

Thunder Road – Tabletop Game

Twilight: 2000 – RPG

Wasteland – Computer Game

Wreckage – Tabletop Game

CINEMA

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12 Monkeys

Akira

Battle for the Planet of the Apes

A Boy and His Dog

The Book of Eli

The Blood of Heroes/Salute to the Jugger

Children of Men

The City of Ember

Damnation Alley

Dark City

Dawn of the Planet of the Apes

The Day After

Deathsport

Def-con 4

Dredd

Equilibrium

Escape from N.Y.

Escape from L.A.

Exterminators of the Year 3000

Fist of the North Star – TV

The Hunger Games

Jericho – TV
Jerimiah - TV
Judge Dredd
The Last Man on Earth
Logan’s Run
Mad Max series (Mad Max, The Road Warrior, Beyond Thunderdome, Fury Road)
The Matrix Trilogy
The Maze Runner
The Postman
The Quiet Earth
Ravagers
Revolution - TV
The Road
Six-String Samurai
Snowpiercer
Solarbabies
The Stand - TV
Steel Dawn
Tank Girl
Terminator Salvation
Things to Come
Threads – TV
The Ultimate Warrior
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Waterworld

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<http://airandspace.si.edu/>

Fukushima
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Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum
http://www.pcf.city.hiroshima.jp/top_e.html

Hunger Games: The Exhibition
<http://www.thehungergamesexhibition.com/#home>

Mad Max Museum
<http://silverton.org.au/madmaxmuseum.html>

Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum
<http://nagasakipeace.jp/english.html>

National Museum of the US Air Force -
Bockscar Display
<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/>

LOCATIONS

Atomic Tourism
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<http://www.lanl.gov/museum/>

Chernobyl National Museum
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PEOPLE

Niels Bohr
Albert Einstein
Enrico Fermi
Richard Feynman
Leslie R. Groves
Otto Hahn
Werner Heisenberg
J. Robert Oppenheimer
Fritz Strassmann
H.G. Wells