

THIS WEEK'S STUDY: 3/21-22/2022 *Revelation Chapter 6*

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Review: End of Chapter 5:

(Rev 5:11-14) Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" [13] And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" [14] Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

Jesus Christ is worthy! – the picture given to us at the end of Chapter 5

Revelation Chapter 6 – The Six Seals – The beginning of the Great Tribulation, when God's judgment on the Christ rejecting earth is poured out!

Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

The Seventy Weeks –Daniel 9:27 sets the whole parameter for the Great Tribulation.

- **(Dan 9:24-27)** "Seventy weeks (7 x 70 = 490 years) are determined For your people and for your holy city, To finish the transgression, To make an end of sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring in everlasting righteousness, To seal up vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. [25] "Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall **be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks** (69 X 7 = 483 years); The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times. [26] "And **after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off**, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined. [27] Then he shall **confirm a covenant with many for one week (7 years); But in the middle of the week (3.5 years)** He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate (Mat 24:15), Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

The First Seal – The Conqueror – Deception, Seduction & Conquest – (vs. 1-2)

Second Seal – War on Earth, Bloodshed – (vs. 3- 4)

Third Seal – Scarcity on Earth, Famine – (vs. 5-6)

Fourth Seal – Widespread Death on Earth - (vs. 7-8)

Fifth Seal – The Cry of the Martyrs, How Long, O LORD? – (vs. 9-11)

Sixth Seal – Cosmic Disturbances – Great Day of His Wrath – (vs. 12-17)

The Seven Seals

- **Let's turn now and talk about what God's going to do.** We're going to get it here in Revelation chapter six.
- **What does the future hold?** So often we are thinking in terms of our own personal experience. What does the future hold?
- **Beginning in the fourth chapter of the book of Revelation, we do enter into future events.** But there's a vast difference in the future and **it all is related to your relationship with Jesus Christ.** For the believers, **there is a glorious future ahead!** For the unbelievers, **there is real trouble ahead, big trouble!** We looked at the believers' glorious future in our last study on the fifth chapter of Revelation.
- **In chapter six, we begin to deal with the issues that will happen here on the earth** after the Lord takes His church out. We were in heaven with the church last time. This week, we come back to the earth after the church is gone and the events that are going to happen here on the earth once the Lord has removed His church.
- **In the background for this, there in the heavenly scene last week, John saw a scroll** in the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne, the Father. The scroll was sealed with seven seals. The strong angel with a loud voice said, Who is worthy to take this scroll and loose the seals? John began to sob because no one was found worthy. As we discussed last week, the scroll is the title deed to the earth. And if no one is able to redeem the earth, then it means that it remains forever under Satan's control. That thought was more than John could bear! So, when no man is found worthy to take the scroll and loose the seals, John begins to weep with the thought of the earth continuing on, under Satan's control.
- **But one of the elders said, John, don't weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed** to take the scroll and to loose the seals! Then, there breaks forth in heaven all kinds of worship starting with the **cherubim**; then adding to that, **the redeemed church**; then adding to that, **a hundred million angels plus millions of millions!** Following that, **all of creation**, joining in, in the praise unto the Lord!
- **Now Jesus is holding the scroll with the seven seals.** In chapter six, He begins to break the seals to open this scroll that is there. With the breaking of each seal, there comes a corresponding event upon the earth that ties in with the various seals.

The First Seal – White Horse - The Conqueror – Deception, Seduction & Conquest

Rev 6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

Rev 6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse (Satan's counterfeit). He who sat on it had a bow (negative image of false messianic kingship); and a crown (stephanos) was given to him, and he went out conquering (nikao – overcoming good, not evil!) and to conquer.

(Mat 24:4-5) And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

- **Who is “He who sat on it”** - The identity of the one on the white horse- a person? It is not Jesus Christ! **We notice Satan's counterfeit attempt!** In Chap 19, Christ then, and only then sits victoriously on a white horse!
 - 1) He is the One who opened the seals!
 - 2) The remaining seals **deal with judgment and tragedy, not the blessing of the 2nd coming!**
 - 3) The **“crown given to him!”** (*stephanos*) is not the “many crowns” (*diadema*) of (*Rev 19:12*)!
 - 4) His authority was **“given to him” by** - (*Rev 13:4a*) *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast.*
- **The moment the church is taken out of the earth, the restraining force against evil will be removed** and the world will plunge in to the darkest hour of its history! There will arise a man who is in the Scriptures called by many various names. The **antiChrist is the most common** name, although it is infrequently used in the Scriptures.
- **In the thirteenth chapter, he'll be called the beast out of the sea.** In 2 Thessalonians, he is called the **son of perdition**. This man will arise to govern the world. He will be a dictator, but his rule will be over the earth. He apparently will arise out of the Western European nations.
- **It is interesting the fact that Europe has federated together as a common nation.** They've removed the borders. Most of the European countries belong to the European community and now they are becoming a military power. So, the rise of the beginning of the rise of this European power, which will likely become the world dominating power. Out of it will come this man of sin who when the church is gone, will be revealed, establishing his program here on the earth.
- **Great deception! Now for the first three-and-a-half years, it's going to look rosy. He's coming as a man of peace.** He's coming as a man of economic genius. He's coming as a man who is able to bring warring powers together, signing treaties and the world will hail him as the Messiah, the Savior of the world. He will come with supernatural powers--the powers of Satan. (***Rev 13:4-6***) *So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" [5] And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months. [6] Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven.* He will actually receive the world from Satan! Satan's going to turn the world over to him, because Satan desires to be worshipped and he will receive worship through this man. So, he is coming as the (counterfeit) white horse, the antiChrist.
- **Jesus will be coming in chapter nineteen on a white horse.** (***Rev 19:11***) *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. [12] His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. [13] He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.* But this man in chapter six, when the first seal is opened, is a deceiver! He is a false Messiah. He will come disguised as the true Messiah and the world will hail him as such and even for a time the Jews will hail him as such. But then after three-and-a-half years, he will come to the temple that has been rebuilt in Jerusalem through the treaty that he makes with Israel. He will stand in the holy of holies of the rebuilt temple and declare that he is God! He'll demand to be worshipped as God.
- **Daniel tells us that this is the abomination, which will cause the desolation or the great judgment of God** to come upon the earth. God has been very, very patient with man. Today, God is so patient, so long-suffering. He puts up with an awful lot. People are allowed to blaspheme God. People are allowed to engage in all kinds of evil practices and God allows that. But when this man of sin stands in the temple, the holy of holies, and declares that he is God, then God will begin to pour out His

judgment upon the earth as we will find in subsequent verses here. The judgments of God begin at that time.

- **Jesus said, (Mat 24:15-16)** *"Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), [16] "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. In the twelfth chapter of Revelation, we are told that God has prepared a place for them to flee, the Jews, at this time. Those that do not escape will then face the wrath of the antiChrist. He will make war against the saints, the Jews, and overcome them and prevail against them.*
- **Paul the apostle tells us in (2Th 2:3-4)** *Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, [4] who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. The final blasphemy of man against God, the straw that breaks the camel's back, so to speak. That is the last straw as far as God is concerned and from now on, God's judgment will come pouring forth upon the earth. It begins with the opening of the second seal.*

Second Seal – Red Horse - War on Earth, Bloodshed

Rev 6:3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

Rev 6:4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill (butcher, slaughter, maim) one another; and there was given to him a great sword. (Mat 24:7a) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

- **With the opening of the second seal, you're going to have wars breaking forth upon the earth.** The antiChrist leading the western powers will ultimately face the powers from the east. Further on in the Book of Revelation, we'll be told that the River Euphrates will be dried up to prepare the way for the kings of the east. The great battle will culminate in the valley of Megiddo. There is where God will gather the nations, their armies together, for the great slaughter, which we will read further in the nineteenth chapter of the book of Revelation. So, great wars.
- **We have seen some terrible wars. Some of us are old enough that we lived during the Second World War.** It was really a very tragic experience to have many friends and acquaintances, who were killed in the war. War is a terrible thing. But now with the development of the super weapons, the biological warfare and the various nerve gases, an atomic war is going to be something like we cannot imagine! More and more and more nations have entered into the atomic community and atomic weapons are now in the hands of terrorists. A recent estimate was that twenty-four "third world" nations are now developing long range ballistic missiles, capable of delivering nuclear warheads. The world is not going to be a safe place at all because not only do you have just the initial damage that is done by the atomic explosion, but you have the radioactivity that spreads with the winds across the landscape.

Third Seal – Black Horse - Scarcity on Earth, Famine

Rev 6:5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius (a day's wage for a loaf of bread!), and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

(Mat 24:7b) And there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

- **Following the wars, especially wars in which atomic weapons are used, it will create a tremendous famine on the earth.** A famine so great that they'll be selling a quart of wheat for a day's wages. It will take a whole day's wage for a laboring man to buy just a quart of wheat (a loaf of bread). These are famine prices, but not starvation prices. The immediate results of the war will be food shortages, especially for the poor. Things are bad, but they will get much worse! The end is not yet in view!
- **It is interesting that they are told not to hurt the oil (olive oil) or the wine (vineyards).** The oil representing the luxuries of perfumes and so forth. And the wine. They'll use the barley for the

making of the liquor but there won't be barley for the people to eat. The rich will be able to survive through their wealth, but the poor people are going to really be suffering during this famine. There will be a famine, such as the world has never known before.

Fourth Seal – Pale Horse - Widespread Death on Earth

Rev 6:7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

- **Deception – our emphasis on health care!** Each of the three preceding horsemen appeared in disguise. Deception appeared as a peacemaker on a white horse; war as patriotism on a red horse; famine as luxury on a black horse. This fourth horseman, of widespread death, is no exception, for what does it say about a culture like ours whose number one industry is health care?

Rev 6:8 So I looked, and behold, a pale (chloros) horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

- **In these first four seals, one fourth of the earth's population will be destroyed!** If there are eight billion people at the beginning of the great tribulation period, in just the beginning of the first four seals being opened, **two billion people will not survive but will be killed during the opening of the first four seals.** Just, think of that! You cannot believe the horror that is going to be upon the earth once the church is taken out and God begins to judge the earth because of its sinfulness!
- **Beasts of the earth** is *therion* in Greek, which does not mean only gigantic or monstrous. It means something **dangerous, frightful of any size**—even, possibly suggesting, microscopic, such as are the HIV, e-coli or even COVID viruses. The picture is a gruesome one! Death rides roughshod over the world's population, while Hades personified, walks alongside, snatching up the carcasses.

Fifth Seal – Faithful Martyrs - The Cry of the Martyrs, How Long, O LORD?

Rev 6:9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God (martyred for their faith, they are tribulation saints, not part of the church) ***and for the testimony which they held.***

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long (not if, but when), O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those (unbelievers) who dwell on the earth?"

Rev 6:11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer (God is in control. He governs all of this. He has a purpose and a plan! The deaths of the martyrs fulfill something!), ***until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed*** (fulfilled).

- **Now we enter into an interesting thing. When the fifth seal is opened, there are these souls under the altar.** People who have been martyred by the wrath and vengeance of the antichrist. They are asking for entrance into the heavenly scene. They're asking, How long before we can come in?
- **Most likely when the Lord raptures His church, it will be a real eye opener for a lot of people that have been sitting on the fence.** It may be a time of great wailing by those that are left behind, who understand and know what has transpired. When suddenly millions of Christians are missing from the face of the earth, they'll realize that the Lord has raptured His church and they've been left behind! They have enough knowledge to know that the earth is going to be plunged into this blood bath. They will realize that because of their folly, their carelessness, that they have been left to face the judgment of God that's coming upon the earth! But they'll know enough that when this man of sin seeks to enforce a new economy, that they'll be using a mark rather than money for a medium of exchange, knowing that he requires that everyone receives a mark in his right hand or in their forehead. They will not be able to sell without that mark, but they will have enough sense not to take the mark.
- **We read in chapter thirteen that the beast and his followers, have power to put to death** those that refuse to take the mark. If for the testimony of Jesus Christ, if you say, I will not take that mark. I believe in Jesus Christ. I, foolishly, wasn't walking with the Lord. He came and He took His church, but I do believe that Jesus is the Son of God, therefore, I refuse to take the mark. They will put you to death for the refusal to take the mark. But believe me, that's much better than taking the mark!

- **In the fourteenth chapter of the Book of Revelation, we find that the Lord will be sending an angel** (the third angel) **through the midst of heaven warning people not to take that mark.** So, a person won't take that ignorantly. God is going to give them a warning not to take the mark. But for those who do take the mark, according to the warning given by the angel, there will be no hope, ever, of their salvation! They'll be cut off forever because they willingly have joined the forces of evil and darkness by the taking of that mark.
- **Those that will be slain and those who will stand up for Jesus Christ,** those who will bear witness of Christ, through their martyrdom, and their witness of Jesus Christ, they will ultimately be brought into the heavenly scene! But know this! There is an easy way to go and there's a hard way to go! There are lessons that we need to learn, and we can learn them the easy way or we can learn them the hard way and it's all up to you. If you're stubborn, you'll learn the lessons the hard way. If you are pliant and obedient, you can learn the lessons the easy way. But God's going to teach you lessons that you need to know one way or the other!
- **Jonah learned the lesson the hard way.** It wasn't necessary that he go through all of that misery, but he forced it on himself because he was trying to resist the will of God for his life. If you try to resist the will of God for your life, you can make it hard on yourself! When Jonah finished his experience there in the great fish, he told you what he learned. (*Jon 2:8*) *"Those who regard (observe) worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy.* Or those that are *regarding worthless idols* make it tough on themselves. If you are regarding *worthless idols*, thinking that you can run from the call of God, thinking that you can flee from the presence of God as did Jonah, you're only going to make it hard on yourself. You're forsaking your own mercy.
- **There will be many, a great multitude, numberless multitude of martyrs.** Next week in chapter seven, we will see this multitude, the numbers now evidently complete. The completed numbers are there in heaven and are finally brought into the heavenly scene. They are not the church, but they are people who will be saved during the tribulation through martyrdom.
- **When you get to chapter twenty as John is seeing the various groups in heaven, the martyrs are still a separate group from the church.** I saw the throne and they that sat upon them. That's the church. And then I saw those that were martyred for their testimony. That is this group that we have under the fifth seal. We will see that more completely in chapter seven as their number is complete and they're identified for us again a little more fully. They came up out of the great tribulation, washed their robes white in the blood of the Lamb.
- **Great deception will reign. Now is the time for salvation! You might be able to go that way, but I sure wouldn't plan on it!** There are those, I don't agree with them, but God knows I could be wrong. But there are those who teach that if you reject Christ now, that you will not be one of those who will be saved during the great tribulation period. They use the verse in Second Thessalonians where it speaks of the antiChrist, the white horse rider in verses one and two, and Paul writing of that in Second Thessalonians chapter two said (*2Th 2:9-12*) *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, [10] and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, [12] that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.* Even if it is possible for any who have rejected Christ and have been left behind at the Rapture, to be saved, it will be much harder to believe then than now, because of the tremendous increase in deception. **God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie.**
- **If you don't have the love of the truth now, there are those teachers, commentators, that say you will not have another chance** even in the great tribulation and even by martyrdom. Because that is not clear, may we just get right with God, and you don't have to worry. There are a number of issues, that in my mind there's a question mark. I don't know. **Now is the time for salvation!**
- **Will a Christian who is walking in the flesh, will he be raptured with the church?** Or will he be as one of the five foolish virgins? I don't know. It is possible that you won't go up in the rapture if you are living in the flesh. I don't want to assure you of something that may not be because I don't want you in heaven or in hell pointing at me and saying, You led me wrong! There's to me a question mark. I don't want to live under a question mark. I want to be sure. I don't want to be on a hope so, or I think so, or possibly so, or maybe so! **I want to know so, that I am ready! I'm walking after the Spirit. I'm seeking the things of God. Then I can be assured I'm going in the rapture!**

- **What about the children of unsaved homes where the parents are not Christians?** What about them? There's a question mark. I don't know but I surely don't want to live in a question mark. Several issues were question marks. If you reject Christ now, will you be able to be saved through martyrdom? As I said, some teachers, teach no, I personally think, maybe yes, but that's a maybe and it's a question mark, don't bank on it. Don't live in a question mark. You **make sure that things between you and God are okay. That you're walking in the Spirit.** Make sure of that!
- **We're going to see this group again.** We'll come back to them and thus, we'll leave them right now because we'll find them again in chapters 7 and 20. We get a little more information each time.

Sixth Seal – Great Earthquake - Cosmic Disturbances – Great Day of His Wrath, Terror!

Rev 6:12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold (Lo!), there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven* (It can mean stars when viewed in the sky. It can mean; planets, meteorites, asteroids, any luminous body that might fall?) ***fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.**

Rev 6:14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

- **For anyone planning to spend some time in Hawaii** during the millennium, they'll be sorry to read this.
- **Now with the sixth seal, there come great cataclysmic catastrophes, causing worldwide terror!** It is interesting that Isaiah speaks of these events. (*Isa 34:4*) *All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.* Isaiah also speaks in (*Isa 13:13*) *Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.*
- **The physicists talk about a polar axis shift.** They believe that every so often, the earth may experience a polar axis shift in which the whole geological surface of the earth is transformed and changed. We know from the fossils and the sea fossils that have been found up in the painted desert area of Arizona that there was once a large sea or body of water up there in that high desert area.
- **At 7,000 feet there on the south rim of the Grand Canyon, you can see sea fossils that are there in the strata.** There was once sea life up at that great altitude, or more likely, before the upward thrust of the mountain ranges, it was at the bottom of a body of water. Many believe that the Grand Canyon was perhaps formed as a result of a polar axis shift when that great body of water came rushing down as the result of the polar axis shift and the changing of mountains and so forth that happened when the earth shifts the polar axis and the oceans come flooding into areas, the weight of the water pushing down, causing the upthrust of the mountainous regions and so forth. The geologist and the physicist talk about things of this nature. How the mountains are formed and how the sea changed.
- **The great flood of Noah's day!** There are those who believe that the great flood of Noah's day could have been precipitated by a polar axis shift where the waters just came rushing in as the result of the polar axis shift and the whole geographical surface of the earth was transformed and changed.
- **One can only imagine the devastation that such a polar axis shift would create today** with all of these modern structures and all that would not be able to withstand the violent shaking of the earth at that time. Notice that a great earthquake is the thing that begins this. But this isn't a localized San Andreas fault or Newport-Long Beach fault. Here in California, we have so many faults, whenever the earth begins to shake, you never know which fault it is. But it's something that we're living on these tectonic plates that are moving underneath and we expect the big one to come sometime.
- **God speaks about He's going to shake the earth once again (*Heb 12:26-27*)** *Whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO HEAVEN." Now this, "YET ONCE MORE," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.* A great earthquake, not a localized earthquake **but the whole earth will be going into a violent shaking.** All around the world.
- **Thus, this sixth seal brings the great earthquake.** The sun becoming black as sackcloth, being sun

darkened as the result of the tremendous upheaval of the earth during this earthquake. The dust and so forth going into the atmosphere. The moon becoming as blood. The particles in the atmosphere turning the moon a bloody red at night. The stars of the heaven falling to the earth.

- **The scientists and the astronomers also talk to us about asteroids** and the possibility of an earth being struck by an asteroid. Astronomers are on an asteroid watch. The last asteroid that was on a near miss with the earth, don't want that this should alarm you, but we didn't discover it until after it had passed. It was going away, they discovered it and they said, Oh, wow, that was close.

- **Meteorite showers. If you've been out in the high Arizona desert near Winslow**, you perhaps have seen that huge meteorite crater, about a mile across, where at one time this meteorite did not dissolve in the atmosphere but hit there on the Arizona desert and the great crater hole in the ground that was formed as the result of that meteorite hitting out there in the desert. Can you imagine when there comes a meteorite shower, and the meteorites begin to strike the earth? *"As a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind."*



- **Jesus makes mention of this same event as a part of the tribulation experiences.** Joel prophesies of it in (*Joe 2:30-31*) *"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. [31] The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD."* Peter quotes from Joel in the second chapter of Acts as they talk about this same event of this astronomical calamity that takes place at the opening of the sixth seal.
- *Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up.* Just great, cataclysmic, events, signs in the heavens! *and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.* Tremendous geological upheavals!

Rev 6:15 *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men* (their money can't save them), *the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,*

- **In other words, there's no escaping! Rich or poor. Famous or unknown.** The people that are on the earth are going to be terrified! They will be filled with terror when God begins to shake the earth when God begins to send the meteorite showers, when God begins to move the earth and the islands and the mountains, as they are going through this great cataclysmic upheaval, terror and fear gripping the hearts of the people. as they seek to flee the terror of what is happening.

Rev 6:16 *and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"*

- **The wrath of the Lamb. That sounds almost like an oxymoron.** Lambs are very mild, kind of animals. You never see signs that say, Beware of ferocious lambs! But Jesus as the Lamb of God, who gave Himself as a sacrifice for our sin, because of the evil of the world. What makes the Lord angry is the effects of evil on man! How many innocent people suffer because of the evil! This is the thing that creates the wrath of God is what evil brings to pass upon the innocent! So *"the wrath of the Lamb!"*

Rev 6:17 *For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

- **There will be no hiding place!** There'll be no safe place! There are those that would seek to prepare to go through the great tribulation, purchasing a seven-year supply of food and moving to very rural, isolated areas.
- **But there will be no safe place!** God is going to bring His judgment and it's going to come upon all of mankind that is upon the face of the earth. There'll be no escape! **There is only one escape and that's before it happens. The Lord has provided that escape.** He is the ark of refuge for those that will come. Those that will receive Jesus Christ, they will escape by way of the rapture!
- **But the rest of the world will not escape the wrath of God that will come upon the face of the whole earth, the judgment of God coming against the Christ-rejecting world.**
- **God has made the way for you now! If you reject that** and continue to reject that, you can be sure, that there will be a day in which you will weep and wail over the folly of rejecting Jesus Christ.
- **With the opening of the first six seals, the process of judgment begins.** The world is at war and the future of the planet is in jeopardy. But behind the scenes, one thing remains clear. God is still in control. Jesus Christ is in charge of the opening of the seals, and the sovereign will of heaven prevails despite the inhumanity of a depraved and corrupt society.

SUMMARY:

- We don't want to be here for this!
- How can we be sure that we can escape the terrible and catastrophic seals, trumpets and bowls as the wrath of God and of the Lamb are poured out on a Christ rejecting world?
- Repent of your sins, receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior by believing and surrendering yourself and your life to Him!
- If you are saved, then tell everyone you can about the judgment of God and the Great Tribulation, that is coming!!
- May each of us, by the power of His Holy Spirit, to be a witness to a world that is on the brink of disaster. To warn them of the coming judgment of God.
- May we be faithful witnesses of Jesus Christ to the world!

CLOSING SONG:

I SPEAK JESUS *Here be Lions, Dustin Smith (5:20)*

*I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus
I just want to speak the name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus
'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire
I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus
Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life
Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like the fire
Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my
family I speak the holy name Jesus (3x)
Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the
shadows Burn like a fire (2x)
I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace
within His presence I speak Jesus*

(Dedicated to thanking the Lord for His supernatural healing of 4-year-old, Kaden Baumgartner, missionary child in Turkey, who amazingly is quickly recovering from a serious car accident on 3/9/22. Thank You, JESUS!)

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CLOSING PRAYER:

For next week, read Chapter 7!

