

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #35 - November 10th, 2024

• #1 THE SIXTH SEAL OPENED (Continued: 10/27/24)-Revelation 6:12-17

- Initial verses: Revelation 6:12-17

Revelation 6:2-17 “And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?”

- Moderator: In our last class we were talking about when this great earthquake happens it appears to be world wide. The earth and outer space will be affected. The sun will be “black as sackcloth and the moon will be blood red”.

I observed a news report from California last Friday that detailed the wildfires raging. The video I saw, which was in the middle of the day, appeared somewhat darkened from all the smoke and ash rising into the atmosphere. The sun and moon in the sixth chapter will still be there, but our vision of them will appear to be darkened for the sun and the moon colored blood red. Massive meteor showers will be happening to also increase the chaos that will happen world wide. These earthquakes will rupture gas lines which will ignite and add to nightmare that is the result of seals opening.

Joel 2:1 “Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

Joel 2:2 “A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.”

Joel 2:10-11 “The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?”

Joel 2:30-32 “And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.”

- Moderator: The first six seals brings catastrophes that are almost unimaginable, but the seventh seal breaks open seven trumpet and seven bowl judgements and these 14 judgements will be much worse!

Zephaniah 1:14-15 “The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a

day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,”

Matthew 24:29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:”

Revelation 6:15-16 “And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:”

Hosea 10:8 “The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.”

Luke 23:28-30 “But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.”

• #2 Chapter 7, The Interlude - Revelation 7:1-3

Revelation 7:1-3 “And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”

- Moderator: This is NOT Jesus opening the seventh seal. This Chapter is a “parenthesis or interlude” between Chapters 6 and 8. This Chapter is not in chronological order. The Apostle John is seeing a vision looking backward. These first few verses describe the sealing of the 144,000 Jews who will preach to the lost.

- Pastor Rains: I’m amazed how human beings can reject the love of God, we know animals respond to love but mankind, once he’s rejected God and his loving offer of eternal life and have been reprobated will not respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. This is an example of a greater revelation of God, how he is both the God of love and mercy, but also a God of great judgment and condemnation for human beings who willfully reject his Son’s work at the cross. Death for these is not an escape from God, it’s exactly what the Bible says it is...eternal torment.

- Moderator: The Apostle John is showing us that a large number of people who had rejected God before the rapture of the church will see the utter destruction of this world and will be touched by the Holy Spirit and will believe the gospel and be saved. The 144,000 who will preach the gospel are protected to do this and the Holy Spirit will show mercy and grace to save those who want to be saved.

Revelation 7:9 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;”

Isaiah 40:22 “After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;”

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