

REVELATION - CHAPTER 6

The beginning of the Great Day of God's Wrath

From earth's experience, we have come to "the things which shall take place after these things". Rev 1:19

NOTE: The Rapture must have taken place already because if it has not, it is not described in the following pages and therefore does not take place during the events being described!

Israel is now the focus. We are in Daniel's 70th Week. Dan 9:27

Daniel's people (Israel) and his city (Jerusalem) is the focus of both

Daniel's God and Satan! Dan 9:24

| WHEN COMPARING | REV 6 | MATT 24 |
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| 1. WAR | vs 3-4 | vs 6-7 |
| 2. FAMINE | vs 5-6 | vs 7 |
| 3. DEATH | vs 7-8 | vs 7-8 |
| 4. MARTYRDOM | vs 9-11 | vs 9-10, 16-22 |
| 5. LIGHTS OF HEAVEN STOP SHINING | vs 12-14 | vs 29 |
| 6. A TIME OF DIVINE JUDGMENT | vs 15-17 | Ch 24:32 - 25:26 |

The Seven Seals cover the entire Tribulation Period.

Within the Seventh Seal, there are Seven Trumpets.

Rev 8:1-2

Within the Seventh Trumpet, there are Seven Bowls.

Rev 11:15; 15:5-7; 16:1,17

There are Seven Thunder Judgments which are not described, and cannot be inserted into the chronological sequence.

Rev 10:3-4

Vs 1-2 The First Seal

An individual - the prince who was to come

Dan 9:26

who will ultimately head up the revived Roman Empire

Dan 7:23-26

He is Satan's masterpiece and the counterfeit of all that Christ claims to be.

He is the beast of Rev 13:1-8.

He is the 8th and final king of the Gentile Reign

Rev 17:8-14.

He carries a bow but no arrows and conquers the entire world.

The crown given to him is a "stephanos" for he is a victor in the affairs of man.

Dan 7:8,20; 8:9-10; 11:36-43

Vs 3-4 The Second Seal

Military warfare breaks out and peace is taken from the world.

Vs 5-6 The Third Seal

With war comes famine.

In Roman times, a day's wage was a denarius - a days wage for one meal of wheat or 3 meals of barley with no money left for anything else.

Oil and wine - staples of the Roman diet, will not be available for lack of money to pay for it.

Vs 7-8 The Fourth Seal

Death

Hades is said to be following death, collecting the lost as they die.

(see my notes "Where do we go when we die?")

One fourth of the world population dies under the judgment.

(1.5 billion people if it happened today).

They die as a result of:

1. sword - warfare
2. famine
3. pestilence
4. wild beasts

Vs 9-11 The Fifth Seal

The scene shifts back to Heaven.

John sees a vision of those who will be martyred for their faith in Christ.

They are seen "under the altar", just as the sacrifices of the OT were poured out under the altar.

Ex 29:12; Lv 4:7

They were slain:

because of the Word of God

because of the testimony they had maintained

The above two are connected!!

NOTE: These believers are from the Tribulation Time because the martyrs from the Church Age have already been raptured and would not be waiting for anything. Also their persecutors are said to still be alive upon the earth.

Becoming a believer in the Tribulation will result in signing one's own death warrant. Rev 7:13-14; 13:6-7

NOTE: These martyrs have died during the Tribulation Period.

They will not receive their resurrection bodies until the end of the Tribulation Period.

Rev 20:4

Yet they are given robes to wear while they wait. Would this not imply that they are inhabiting an intermediate body between the time of their death and their resurrection from the dead?

2 Cor 5:1-5

Vs 12-17

The Sixth Seal

Vs 12-14

Up until this time much of the judgment of God has been carried out by human hands!

This judgment appears to represent the wrath of God coming from Him directly.

1. earthquake

2. the sun becomes black

Joel 2:1-2, 10-11, 30-32

3. the moon becomes like blood

4. the stars of the sky fall to the earth

5. the sky is split apart

6. every mountain and every island is moved out of its place

Vs 15-17

Lost humanity, at this time, seeing all they are seeing, attempts to escape from the presence of God rather than seek His grace.

Individuals from every walk of life will react the same.

Being rich doesn't buy your way to Heaven, nor does being a slave buy your position.

Again: Revelation chapter 6 appears to overview the entire 7 year period.

Chapters 7 through 18 will give us greater detail of the individual events and persons which will make the Tribulation, the period that it is.

The Second 3 1/2 year period will be the greater focus.