

Revelation Chapter 6:

Judgment Begins - Opening Notes:

- The throne room scene and all the worship and information given there is **preparation for the beginning of the “time of Jacob’s trouble.”**
- Chapters 4 and 5 reveal that **God is justified** in bringing His judgment on the world.
- This chapter **opens the first set of judgments (seals)**, and the time of judgment continues through all of chapter 18 and part of 19

- Some view chapter 6 as a **sort of “overview”** of the final outcome of judgment, but the seals also are individual judgments unleashed during this time.
- Important to note that the judgments are **“cumulative”**
- As the seals are opened, and all subsequent judgments, the **“Church” is not mentioned again until chapter 19**. It does not seem to be present during this period of judgment.
- The Church, the Bride of Christ, is a **separate entity** from others in scripture, and others in the book of Revelation.

- **4 groups of people:** Old Testament saints, the Bride of Messiah (New Testament saints), Tribulation Saints, and the LOST
- The **Bride of Messiah** is made up of believers from the Day of Pentecost (*appointed time [feast] of Weeks, Shavuot*) to the time it is “caught up” to be with the Messiah.
- Believers are present in Revelation, but they are called **“Tribulation Saints”** and many will be martyred. This will be true of both Jews and Gentiles.
- Yes, people will be saved in this time. Greatest **“soul harvest”** of all time during this period.

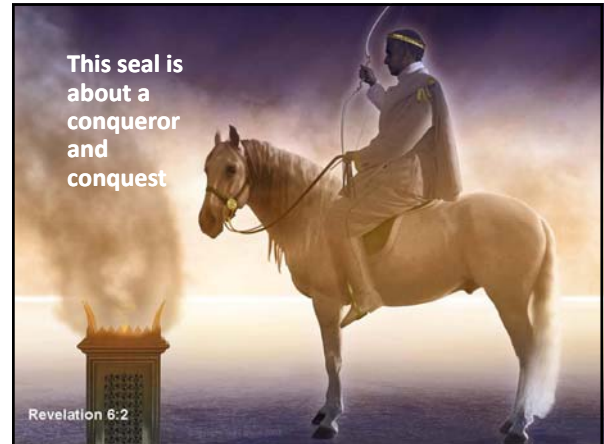
The First Seal Is Opened




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.” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. (6:1-2)



- When heaven is discussed, elders speak of it. When earth is discussed, one of the four living creatures speak.
- The **“Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”** is a common phrase to describe these first 4 seals
- Phrase **“Come and see”** can also mean “Go!” and then to John, “perceive” or “see” – May serve as the command to the horseman (*some manuscripts omit the word “see”*)
- White horse is customary symbol for a victor
- This seal is **about a conqueror and conquest**
- **“Had a bow...”** Notice no arrows! (conquering through diplomacy?) Bow sign of power



- **Crown** a sign of authority and power, it is victor's crown ("*stephanos*") not *diadema* (king's crown, Yeshua wears *diadema*!)
- Who is on the horse? Do not make a mistake here. **THIS IS NOT JESUS!**
- The living creatures do not command our King
- This rider **keeps very bad company** (*war, famine, bad economic times, death*)
- He goes out to conquer. This is the final world ruler, the **one we refer to as "Antichrist"**
- The word "Antichrist" is NOT used in this book
- May be seen as a "messiah" at first – not later!

The Second Seal Is Opened 

³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." 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 one another; and there was given to him a great sword. (6:3-4)



- This horse is "**fiery red**" which is literally "flame colored, like fire." Red is a symbol for war and violence.
- "**take peace from the earth**" –global, not merely territorial. Entire earth will be at war.
- People will be killing one another. It is difficult to imagine how it could be worse than it is now, but it will.
- "**a great sword**" is also a symbol of warfare, bloodshed and violence.
- Judgments cumulative.



- This involves much more than mere war among nations or peoples. It also entails a warring spirit in the hearts of all mankind against one another.
- This warfare around the planet **may be the result of the first rider's actions**. War often follows and precedes political conquest.
- The final world ruler will not bring real peace. Many will think he is a peaceful man, but that is all a sham.
- Keep in mind, **all judgments are cumulative**. One does not go away when another is sent.

The Third Seal Is Opened

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. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." (6:5-6)



- The color **black** is often associated with darkness, dark times, and famine.
- "**Pair of scales**" is symbol of the economy, and in this case, or scarcity and difficult times.
- A denarius was considered a day's wage.
- The measurements here indicate daily sustenance. A person will work all day merely to eat and survive from day to day.
- Oil and wine are **symbols for luxuries**. Only the rich could afford these things.
- Now there is famine, yet the rich will still get their luxuries.



- May indicate a **great “polarization” of wealth and position**. The so-called “middle class” will disappear. People will either scrape just to survive, or they will be so rich they can still afford their “niceties” (the oil and wine).
- During and following war, economic collapse and/or depression can result.
- There seems to be progression here. The white rider goes out to conquer, warfare breaks out and now economic collapse. Already this earth is in big trouble. Lives will drastically change. Remember, this is global.

The Fourth Seal Is Opened



⁷When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁸So I looked, and behold, a pale 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. (6:7-8)



This seal is about physical and spiritual death across the earth, pestilence, plagues, etc.

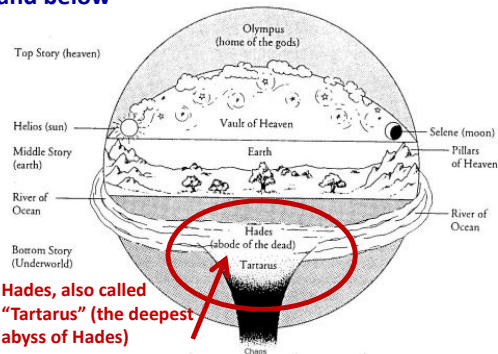
- The word for “pale” is *chloros*. This is the pale, sickly green color of death.
- In Leviticus it is the **color of leprosy** (death of the body in bits and pieces)
- This rider has a name....**Death**. The Greek word is *thanatos*, which can be either literal or figurative death.
- This rider also has a **co-rider...Hades**. Hades is following Death. There are two “personages” (but, one is a place). They are personified in John’s vision.
- Death and Hades are **frequently linked** in Revelation.

What, Who or Where is Hades?

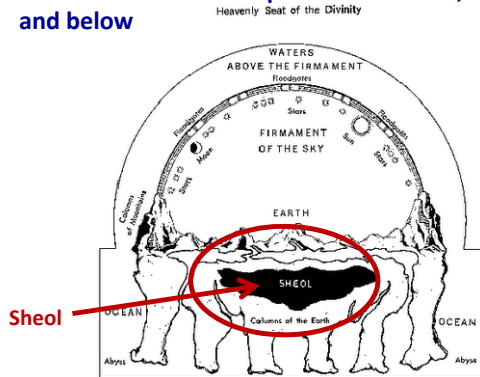
- “Hades” is the Greek name for the god of the underworld. It eventually came to mean the place of the dead. Hades was also considered the “god” of the dead.
- In many English translations, it is translated as “hell.” We use that term very loosely without understanding its meaning.
- Hades is equivalent to “Sheol” in the Old Testament (Hebrew). Sheol is also the place of the dead – ALL those who had died..at one time. **But then....**

We might need to learn a bit about what is going on here...

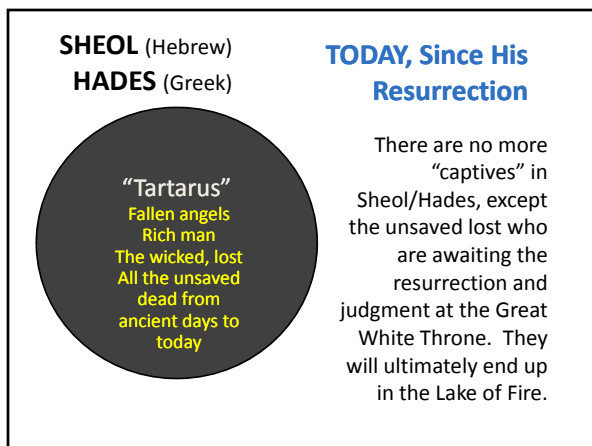
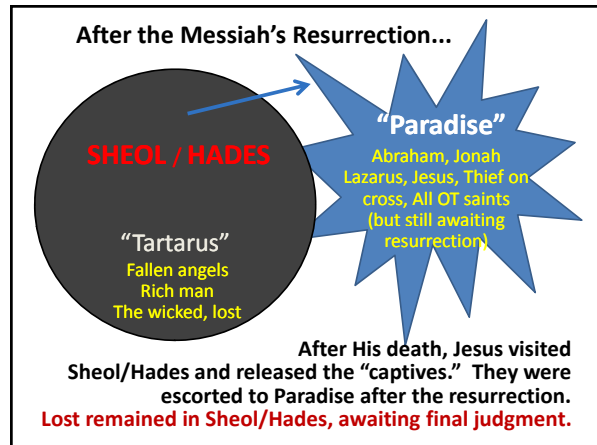
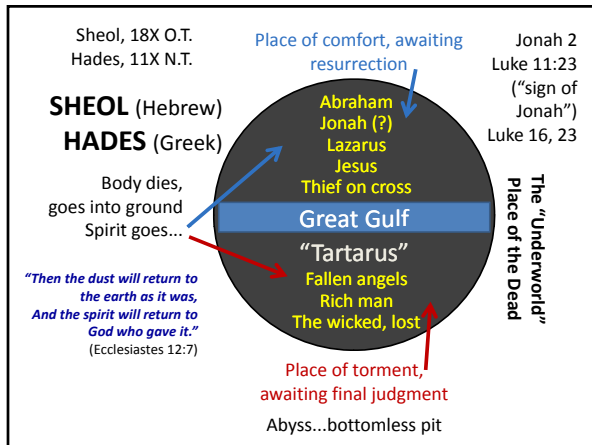
Greek-Roman Concept of the heavens, earth, and below



Ancient Hebrew Concept of the heavens, earth, and below

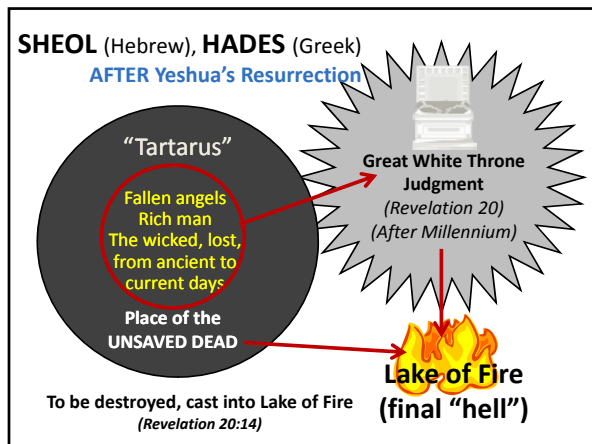


- **Sheol** in scripture is the place of the dead, but it apparently had a “two chamber” design. One area was a place of comfort (*righteous, waiting for complete redemption, resurrection*), the other a place of torment (*for the unrighteous, waiting for final judgment and condemnation to eternal lake of fire*).
- Jesus referenced the “**Great gulf**” between the two in his story about the rich man and Lazarus. *“between us and you there is a great gulf fixed...”* (Luke 16:19-31) No passage between the two areas.



⁸ Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”
⁹ (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) (Ephesians 4:8-10)

“The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; (Isaiah 61:1)



- **Sheol/Hades still exists**, but those who are considered “saints” (*names in the Book of Life, and Lamb’s Book of Life*) are not there.
- They are in “Paradise” with Yeshua, but also awaiting the resurrection, and the **“judgment seat of Christ.”** (*about rewards, not salvation*)
- The only “inhabitants” of Sheol/Hades since the Messiah’s resurrection are the unsaved.
- Sheol/Hades will be cast into the Lake of Fire ultimately – the final “hell”
- Believers are not subject to the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20)

The Lake of Fire...ultimate final and eternal destination of the lost. This is truly “hell.”

Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. (Revelation 19:20)

The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (20:10)

Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. (20:14)

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire. (20:15)

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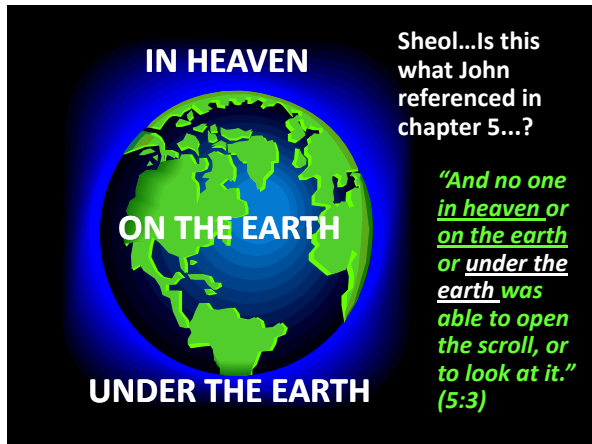
Geenna, gehinnom, gehinnam
valley of (the son of) Hinnom;
gehenna (or Ge-Hinnom), a valley of Jerusalem, used as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment. This word is always translated as “hell” in English.

Site where followers of Ba’al, other Caananite gods (including Molech) sacrificed their children by fire. Later cursed.

This is NOT Sheol. Sheol is the “holding” place of the dead. Gehenna is a final destination of the wicked, so it is equivalent to the lake of fire in Revelation.

It is appropriate that Gehenna (“hell”) is the lake of fire in Revelation

In the time of Jesus this place was used as the “dump” of the city. All refuse and waste ended up here, including corpses of the poor who could not afford burial. This place was burning waste 24 hours a day and was a place of horror and stench, and eternal fire. It was the earth’s equivalent of the ultimate lake of fire.



- This rider has power **“over a fourth of the earth...”** (to kill). Population currently over 6 BILLION. $\frac{1}{4} = 1,500,000,000$ people!
- This could be a geographic area, or a literal number of deaths.
- Killed people by...
 - 1) **sword** (any kind of violence)
 - 2) **famine**
 - 3) **plague**
 - 4) **wild beasts** (some speculate this could include microscopic “beasts” such as those found during plagues)

- These same “killing forces” are also mentioned in Ezekiel: **“For thus says the Lord God: “How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it?”** (14:21) Amazing how Revelation ties everything together!
- This is also a reminder that our God controls all the forces of nature, and the entire universe. All things are created by Him, and **He has authority and commands all things.**

- “The Four Horsemen,” the first 4 judgments, are now unleashed. What we have here is a **massive change in earthly conditions** (and these are global, not just regional – there will be no place free of these things):
 - **Political conquests** (sovereign countries will no longer exist – move toward one world government)
 - **Wars**
 - **Economic disaster, famines**
 - **Widespread violence, death**
- These things alone will make survival difficult. But it gets much, much worse.

- The chronology of this chapter, and how it fits into the entire revelation is difficult. We know the seal judgments begin the entire set of judgments (seals, trumpets, bowls), so it is logical these come first. But **we will see that the 5th and 6th seals are somewhat different.**
- This is why many people believe this chapter serves as an **“overview”** to preview the conditions on earth throughout this time. Remember, these judgments are cumulative. They, and their consequences, remain even when moving onto the next one. The earth will become more and more **“unlivable.”**

The Fifth Seal Is Opened



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 and for the testimony which they held.*
¹⁰ *And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"*
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, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.* (6:9-11)



This seal is about persecution and massive martyrdom of believers

Revelation 6:9-11

- These people “under the altar” are those who have died for their faith during the Tribulation. They are referred to as “Tribulation saints.” They are a completely separate “group” of believers from the “Body of Christ.” Notice they are NOT referenced as the Church in any way.
- **“For the word of God”** – Yeshua is the Word of God! (John 1:1) They are killed because of their uncompromising faith in Him, and their testimony. Apparently they didn’t shy away from openly claiming their allegiance to Him.

- This scene is in heaven. These martyred saints are also quite **conscious, alert and aware**. Their current place may indicate their protection now after their deaths.
- **They want vengeance!** They know God has promised it. When will He finally do it?
- This is not personal vengeance, or revenge. They are calling for God’s vindication, and completion of His plan for the wicked.
- This same cry **“How long”** has been echoed throughout the centuries by other believers. *Most of us today are asking the same thing!*

- With these judgments, it is clear to see we are moving from a time of grace, to the time of judgment on earth.
- **“those who dwell on the earth”** – literally, “inhabitants of the earth.” Used 20X in Revelation. Does not refer to those who *live* on earth, but to those who have made earth their final home. They do not hope for heaven. Have rejected God’s offer of eternity with Him. **Term used only of unbelievers.**
- A **great harvest of souls** during the Tribulation. Unfortunately, many, perhaps most, will be martyred.

- **“white robe”** – the symbol of believer’s righteousness (the Messiah’s righteousness covering us). Given only after belief in Jesus.
- Seems clear a lot more martyrs will be joining these souls under the altar.

²¹ *“I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them, ...²⁵ He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, Shall persecute the saints of the Most High, And shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand For a time and times and half a time.”* (Daniel 7:21, 25)

- ***It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them.*** (Revelation 13:7)
- ***Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"*** (Revelation 14:13)
- ***And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'" (Zechariah 13:8-9)***

- NOTICE Daniel's reference to ***"For a time and times and half a time."*** (7:25)

Time = 1 year

Times = 2 years

Half a time = ½ year

TOTAL? 3 ½ years!

(more on this in a minute...or two!)



The Sixth Seal Is Opened

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¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 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! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" (6:12-17)



This seal is about the hardness of human hearts and God's subsequent wrath

- A great earthquake, sun black, moon like blood – first of 3 earthquakes in Revelation
- 1883, **Krakatoa** erupted, killed 36,000, global temps down for 5 years, weather chaotic. Sun and moon darkened with ash – moon appeared as "blood"

Lithograph of Krakatoa erupting



- “Blood Moons Tetrad”????
- Stars of heaven fall to earth – like “late figs” (untimely, hard as rocks) reference to **meteors**, other things falling from heavens?
- Planet’s **weather and environment decaying**. Will see more of this in next judgments. Becomes harder to survive.
- “**sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up**” – **wait a minute!....can we survive past this event?** Is this merely the 6th judgment, or is it a preview of the final one??
- Can see why some believe this is an overview.

It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, And its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. (Isaiah 40:22-23)

Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, ... (Isaiah 42:5a)

I have made the earth, And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded. (Isaiah 45:12)

*And you forget the **LORD your Maker**, Who stretched out the heavens... (Isaiah 51:13a)*

We have plenty of evidence that the One who “stretched out the heavens” is the Almighty. There is no one more powerful...No one with more authority and strength. **At His will, those same heavens will indeed be “rolled up like a scroll...”**

But when does this happen? Now, at the 6th seal, or at the end of the judgment period, before the earth is rejuvenated?

WE DON'T KNOW. But it will surely happen.

- great earthquake
- sun became black as sackcloth of hair
- the moon became like blood
- the stars of heaven fell to the earth (like hard figs)
- the sky receded as a scroll
- every mountain and island moved out of its place

We have some MAJOR catastrophic things happening to earth now (6th seal). Look how people respond...

¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 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! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” (6:15-17)

The *inhabitants of the earth* would rather beg the hills and mountains to fall on them instead of running and falling down before the only One who can save them. This is truly the unregenerate heart of mankind. **The LAMB they are terrified of would rather save them!**

The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. (Nahum 1:5-6)

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 34:4)

Sound familiar? Amazing how this book ties together everything else in scripture.

- Mountains are often a **symbol for nations and governments**. Mountains being moved here may be a literal reference, or symbolic of God wiping away pitiful resistance to Him in nations and governments.
- The question remains, is this the end...or just the beginning of the end? A prelude perhaps, a “sneak peak?” An overview? Stay tuned...
- Either way, dramatic changes on earth and in the heavens as the judgments continue. We see **nature in chaos**.

- **“Kings of the earth, great men, rich men, commanders, mighty men, every slave, every free man...”** this is an all-inclusive list. We have government, the powerful and rich, military, the influential, and just ordinary folks in this group. This group of 7 types is meant to reflect the entire unsaved population of the earth.
- These people are **terrified of “Him who sits on the throne, and the wrath of the Lamb”** – any question whom this references???
- Note these people **KNOW** who is causing this total chaos on earth. Revelation 9:21...**“And they did not repent...”**

- Major **differences between two groups of people** – Chapter 5, the martyrs are crying out to God (“*avenge us!*”), in chapter 6 the wicked are crying out to the earth, “*Hide us.*” Who is listening?
- Reveals truly hardened hearts against God.
- **“What sinners dread most is not death, but the revealed presence of God.”** (Swete)
- A **true paradox**: “The wrath of the Lamb” This gentle creature? Yes!
- “Who is able to stand?” **NO ONE!** Who can hide? **NO ONE!**

- The wicked of the earth (**“the inhabitants of the earth”**) later will blaspheme God and attempt to go to war against Him. Talk about a “vain thing!” (Psalm 2)
- **“the great day of His wrath”** – most likely not a literal day, but a season. The period of time in the OT referenced as the “Day of the Lord.” (not a good day!) It is the “season” or time of judgment.

What, exactly, is “the Day of the Lord?”

The book of Revelation IS that day...if you want a good idea of what will happen during the Tribulation and second return of the Messiah, read about the “day of the LORD” in scripture.

Scriptures containing the exact phrase **“the day of the LORD”** (literally, Day of YHWH) [NOTE: It is also referenced in other terms like “that great day” or merely “the Day,” etc.]

“The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, The haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the LORD of hosts Shall come upon everything proud and lofty, Upon everything lifted up—And it shall be brought low—Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan;...” (Isaiah 2:11-13)

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

“Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man’s heart will melt, And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames. Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.” (Isaiah 13:6-9)

“For this is the day of the LORD GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, That He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates.” (Jeremiah 46:10)

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

*"The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,
²"Son of man, prophesy and say, 'Thus says the Lord
 GOD: "Wail, 'Woe to the day!' For the day is near,
 Even the day of the LORD is near; It will be a day of
 clouds, the time of the Gentiles. The sword shall
 come upon Egypt, And great anguish shall be in
 Ethiopia, When the slain fall in Egypt, And they take
 away her wealth, And her foundations are broken
 down." (Ezekiel 30:1-4)*

*"Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand;
 It shall come as destruction from the Almighty."
 (Joel 1:14)*

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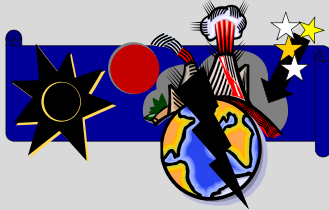
*"Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My
 holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land
 tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at
 hand: A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of
 clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds
 spread over the mountains. A people come, great and
 strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there
 ever be any such after them, Even for many successive
 generations." (Joel 2:1-2)*

*"The LORD gives voice before His army, For His camp is
 very great; For strong is the One who executes His
 word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible;
 Who can endure it?" (Joel 2:11)*

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

*"The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon
 into blood, Before the coming of the great and
 awesome day of the LORD." (Joel 2:31)*

*"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For
 the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision."
 (Joel 3:14)*



The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

*"Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this:
 "There shall be wailing in all streets, And they shall
 say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! They shall call the
 farmer to mourning, And skillful lamenters to wailing.
 In all vineyards there shall be wailing, For I will pass
 through you," Says the LORD. Woe to you who desire
 the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the
 LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light. It will
 be as though a man fled from a lion, And a bear met
 him! Or as though he went into the house, Leaned his
 hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him! Is not the day
 of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark,
 with no brightness in it?" (Amos 5:16-20)*

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

*"For the day of the LORD upon all the nations is near;
 As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your
 reprisal shall return upon your own head." (Obadiah
 1:15)*

*"I will utterly consume everything from the face of the
 land," Says the LORD; "I will consume man and beast; I
 will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the
 sea, And the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I
 will cut off man from the face of the land," Says the
 LORD. "I will stretch out My hand against Judah, And
 against all the inhabitants of Jerusalem. I will cut off
 every trace of Baal from this place, The names of the
 idolatrous priests with the pagan priests—Those who
 worship the host of heaven on the housetops; Those
 who worship and swear oaths by the LORD, ... (cont.)*

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

*"...But who also swear by Milcom; Those who have
 turned back from following the LORD, And have not
 sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him." Be silent in the
 presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at
 hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has
 invited His guests.... The great day of the LORD is near;
 It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of
 the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.
 That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and
 distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of
 darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick
 darkness, A day of trumpet and alarm Against the
 fortified cities And against the high towers."
 (Zephaniah 1:2-7, 14-16)*

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

"Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south." (Zechariah 14:1-4)

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." (Malachi 4:5)

"The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD." (Acts 2:20)

For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." (1 Corinthians 5:3-5)

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"But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. ... (cont)

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"For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." (1 Thessalonians 5:1-10)

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up." (2 Peter 2:10)

Once again, this book ties all of scripture together. There are other references to "this day" and all of them bear the same descriptions. **Is this a good day? Well, it depends on whose side you are on!**

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

Want to know what will happen during the Tribulation? Just read the scriptures that detail the "Day of the LORD" in scripture. They use the following descriptions...

- Destruction
- Fear
- Pain
- Sorrow
- Cruel
- Wrath
- Fierce anger
- Desolation
- Vengeance
- Blood, warfare
- Devastation
- Alarm
- Clouds, darkness
- Sword
- Gloominess
- Thick darkness
- Great, very terrible
- Awesome
- Battle, captivity
- Wailing
- No brightness
- Bitter
- Dreadful
- No escape

*To name a few...
In general this is what will happen:*

- Man will be humbled
- YHWH will be exalted

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

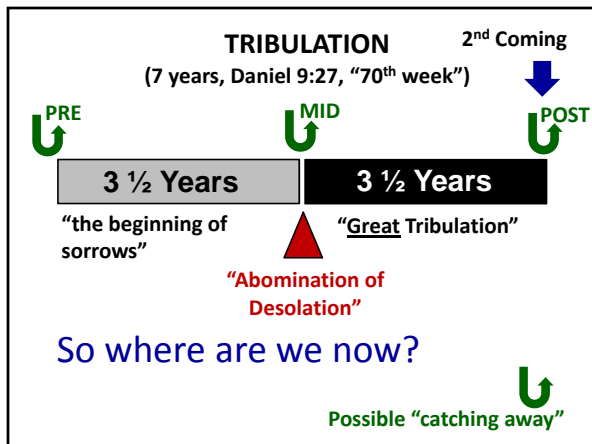
In the "Day of the LORD, **God is in now in charge, not man.** It is the day of the LORD (day of YHWH) and no longer the day of man! The end of "man's day" will be when the final world ruler comes on the scene, but even that is at the direction and in the control of our Almighty God. Eventually the Lamb will reign, forever!

The Day of the LORD (YHWH)

"The "Day of the Lord" is the Biblical term describing the culmination of the last days of world history as we have known it — specifically, it refers to the actual, physical, literal Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the time when Jesus Christ wins the Battle of Armageddon and the Battle of Jerusalem and then His feet literally touch down on the Mount of Olives, splitting the mountain into two, as foretold by the Prophet Zechariah. The Day of the Lord is described throughout the Scriptures as a day of darkness, gloom, distress and judgment for the nations. The Day of the Lord sets into motion the setting up of the Millennial Kingdom in which Jesus Christ will reign from a new Temple in Jerusalem for a literal 1,000 year period, as described in the Book of Revelation." (Joel Rosenberg)

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- Everything happening in the 6th seal are **familiar OT prophecies**. Amos, Ezekiel, Joel, Isaiah, even the Psalms, are filled with last days prophecies, some of which we see happening in this 6th seal.
- Everything unsaved mankind worshipped, trusted, knew and exalted in this earth is now **dissolving**.
- Remember, we are understanding God's word in a **literal sense**. There were 10 literal plagues in Egypt (Exodus), and the events here are also literal.



- When Jesus spoke to His disciples about this time, he made this statement: *"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."* (Matthew 24:7-8 entire chapter)

In this place He predicted:

- World conquests
- Wars
- Famines
- Pestilences
- Earthquakes
- Martyrdom
- Signs in the heavens

This is precisely what we see in the opening of the seal judgments.

The first part of the Tribulation has begun. How much time it takes up is not clear.

TRIBULATION

3 ½ Years

3 ½ Years

“the beginning of sorrows”

Jesus' words in Matthew 24:7-8

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- Signs in the heavens



“Great Tribulation”

“Abomination of Desolation”

“time, times, and half a time”

“Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains... For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Matthew 24: 15-16, 21)

