

Series: "END GAME"
Part 2: "OUR SOURCE OF HOPE"
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⁷ "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. Revelation 1:7 (NIV)

⁷ "Look, I am coming soon! Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy written in this scroll." ¹² "Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done." ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Revelation 22:7,12,20 (NIV)

The Big Idea:

➤ For Christians who are suffering, the _____ is our source of hope!

¹ I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" ² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

³ When the Lamb opened the 2nd seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

Revelation 6:1-11 (NIV)

3 truths regarding the second coming and 3 ways it changes how we live:

1st Truth: It's preceded by _____

Keys to interpreting Revelation:

- Remember the _____
- Take the imagery _____, not _____
- Don't miss the _____

- The Tribulation means God will _____

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Revelation 6:10-11 (NIV)

1st Way: We _____ in _____

