

The Final Judgement---Take One

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The Seven Seals:

1st Seal: The Rider on the White Horse: Our Lord Jesus Christ conquering with grace and justice

2nd Seal: The Rider on the Red Horse: The slaughter of the saints

3rd Seal: The Rider on the Black Horse: Economic hardship and poverty that comes with persecution (especially for the saints)

4th Seal: The Rider on the Pale Horse: Death through wars, famine, pestilence, and wild beasts

5th Seal: The seal of the martyrs

Revelation 6:12-17

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

Psalm 73:3-5

For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

4 For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.

5 They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.

II Peter 3:2-4

that you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles, 3 knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. 4 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation."

Symbols of the final judgment (vs. 12-14).

Isaiah 34:4a

Isaiah 13:9-11a

Ezekiel 32:6-8

Matthew 24:29

"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

2 Peter 3:5-7, 10

For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away

with a roar, and the heavenly bodies[a] will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

The objects of the final judgment (vs. 15-17).

The terror of the final judgment (vs. 15-17)

Lessons & Takeaways

This is my Father's world

This whole world stands under his judgment.

For those with eyes to see, every instance of judgment is a prefiguring of ultimate judgment.

His displays of earthly judgment and promise of eternal judgment is to drive us to repentance.

Run to one you have been running from!

That final judgment is incontestable and irreversible.

2 Peter 3:8-9

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you,[a] not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

To all who belong to Jesus. With His judgment sure, how shall we then live?

2 Peter 3:11-13

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the

heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.