Passage: Revelation 6:9-17

Title: You've been Left Behind

Summary: There are those who know the truth, the need for the Savior for the forgiveness of sin, but chose not to receive Him today; as we continue with seals 5 and 6, we will see "today" is the day of salvation, for tomorrow may be too late.

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Blessing / John on Patmos

The only book that comes with a promised blessing for those who read it: (Revelation 1:3 NKJV) Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

John on Patmos / John wrote 5 Books / Believe - Eternal Life - Be Ready

John on the Island of Patmos receives this revelation of Jesus Christ. The Apostle John wrote 4 other books to the church. The Gospel of John, and 1,2,3 John, and this fifth book, Revelation. In the Gospel of John he wrote that we might believe, he uses the word believe some 60 times: (*John 20:31 NKJV*) but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

He wrote us in 1,2,3 John so that we might know that we have eternal life: (1 John 5:13 NKJV) These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

So he wrote that we might believe, then that we might know, and now he writes Revelation so that we might be ready:

(Revelation 2:7 NKJV) "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.""

Before Glorified Christ / Write these Things / All Things Coming Before Throne

John is now before the glorified Christ, and Jesus says John now write these things so that they might be ready, for this book is all about man coming before the Holy God, the flow of all humanity is flowing to the throne of God whether man realizes it our not, John writes so that all of man might be ready: (*Ephesians 1:10 NKJV*) that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times **He might gather together in one all things in Christ**, **both which are in heaven and which are on earth**; in Him.

Book of Revelation Outline

- The Things Which You Have Seen (Chapter 1).
- The Things Which Are (Chapters 2-3).
- The Things Which Will Take Place After This (Chapters 4-22).

(Revelation 1:19 NKJV) "Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

Recap Outline

- Chapter 1 is the revelation of the glorified Christ.
- Chapters 2-3 are the 7 churches, the current church period, this period known as the dispensation of grace. The church period ends with the Rapture as God takes us, His Bride, out of here for a honeymoon with Him. We can see from the signs around us that the rapture is very soon.

- Chapters 4-5 are the scene around the throne of God, before the dispensation of grace ends, and God pours His wrath out on a Christ rejecting world.
- Chapters 6-19, known as the 7 year Tribulation Period.
- Chapter 20, at the end of the Tribulation Period Satan is cast into the bottomless pit, and the saints will rule and reign with Christ for 1,000 yrs (Millennial Kingdom) over those that survived the Tribulation. Then at the end of the thousand years Satan will be loosed, believe it or not, people will chose to follow him, then Jesus will say enough and cast Satan all those who follow him into the Lake of Fire.
- Chapter 21-22, then will come the new heaven, and the new earth, and we shall live happily ever after but there will be no end as we will spend all of eternity beholding Him, and fellowship with each other.

Recap / Revelation – Exhortation – Expectation - Explanation

So in chapter 1 we saw the Revelation of the Lord. Chapter 2-3, the Exhortation from the Lord, to be ready. Chapter 4, we have the Expectation of the Saints, as the Lord says Come up here, get out of there. And, chapter 5, we have the Explanation, of why the world is in the condition that it is in, as we saw Jesus reclaiming the Title Deed (the Scroll) to this earth, as Adam forfeited to Satan, who is the god of this world.

4 Horseman Recap / Man Gets what Wanted – Obnoxious Christians / Result 1.25 Billion

Things are going badly. The bow of the horseman on the white horse is broken. Blood flows in war. Famine follows. Disease and sickness run rampant. Man finally gets what they wanted, to be totally self governed, no God in their lives and government, and none of those obnoxious Christians with all their moral values. The resultant we saw last week, in just these 4 seals a quarter of the population is dead (Post rapture that may be somewhere around 2 billion people). As we had stated last study, all that we saw was just man, man left to his own, none of the things we studied were "acts of God", it was just man left to himself. As we saw, part of the Wrath of the Lamb is the Rapture of the Church, for the Restrainer is taking out (the Holy Spirit in you, the church) and the world is left with no moral conscience. The result 2 billion dead, the world is suffering and facing wars, famine, pestilence. That was only 4 seals, now let's look at seals 5&6.

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives. Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

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5th Seal – The Martyrs of God

(Revelation 6:9 NKJV) 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.

Blood Under Altar

Under the altar is where the blood of the sacrifices were applied there in the temple. Here we see saints recognized as sacrifices:

(Exodus 29:12 NIV) Take some of the bull's blood and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar.

Not Soul Sleep / 2 Cor 5:8

Now these saints are not in some limbo stage or soul sleep, they are before the throne with the rest of us who have been raptured. For to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord: (2 Corinthians 5:8 NKJV) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Things Going Badly – Blood Flowing – Blame the Christians / ACLU in Tact

Things are going badly. The bow of the horseman on the white horse is broken. Blood flows. Famine follows. Disease and sickness run rampant. So who does the world blame? The believers who come to Christ during the Tribulation. Man will not take the responsibility for his sin, and he will seek to blame-shift (its as old as the garden). Instigated by the Anti-christ, energized by Satan (prince and power of the air), and attack will start against the Christians. Just a note, you can be sure the ACLU and every liberal organization like them will be fully in tack after the rapture, whereas every Christian group will be depleted because the leaders and workers have been raptured.

I believe the seals are sequential, so important to point out this is not full wrath of anti-christ we will read of in Revelation 12:

Revelation 12:17 (NKJV)¹⁷ And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

(Revelation 13:7 NKJV) It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

Black Plague

This is not new by the way, history is just repeating itself. In the days of the Black Plague in Europe (aprox 1347-1351), one third of the people died from it (Encarta Encyclopedia). The one group of people spared was the Jews (today, we know it is because they were simply following the biblical principles of hygiene). But their contemporaries, convinced the Jews were the reason for the plague, persecuted them and killed them (Encarta) Encyclopedia). The same will be true in the Tribulation. Amid sickness and blood, economic disharmony and war—believers will be martyred as the world will look to blame someone, and Christians will be it (energized by Satan and the Anti-christ). Christians will stand alone during this time. But yes there will be millions of Christians.

Millions of Baby Christian / People who Heard Family – Friends

There will be millions of new-babes in Christ because the day of the rapture, and the weeks and months to follow people will be getting saved. Those that sat in churches looking at their watches saying hurry up preacher man I'm just here to appease my spouse and family. People who listened to family and friends, read books, saw the movie Left Behind, will immediately (or soon after) know they blew it. They will know they played the fool, that their life was the ultimate pride comes before a fall: (*Proverbs 16:18 NKJV*) *Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.*

They will Realize / Tell as many as Can / They will search for Others - Only find People like Self

They will realize that they have been left behind. Christian tell as many as you can, let them laugh, let them mock, let them snicker, but the day of the rapture even the most cynical will have to say it is exactly what they said would happen. They will search out verification, if this is true than lets see if the rest are gone, and they will find missing too all people you said would be gone. They run here and all they find are people just like themselves.

Tell them the Story – Send the Movie – Won't throw Away / Break the Glass

Tell them the story of the rapture. We are taking great diligence to see that our studies are posted on the Web. When we are done with this study we will put the whole study on 1 MP3 CD, we will put 100's of CD's in a case with a glass lid, and written on it will be "In case of Rapture – Break Glass". Tell them the story, give them the Left Behind Movie for Christmas along with the Jesus Video, and you know what, I bet less than 1% will throw them away, they may not watch it, but they won't throw them away. They will be afraid that you will ask have you watched it, so they will keep it so they can say "not yet".

Millions Saved - Millions Killed / Martyred - Testimony / Pillar of Truth

Millions will get saved at this time, and they will need Jesus for all that is going on in this world and millions will be killed for their "testimony of the word of God", the word testimony is the word "martus", where we get the world martyred. They were killed because they kept the word of God. They will become the pillar and ground of truth, and the world will not hear of it:

(1 Timothy 3:15 NKJV) but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

(Revelation 6:10 NKJV) 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?"

How Long – Something Different Going On / Forgive Them

They ask how long! Notice that we are in a different period, for they are asking when. How different this is from Jesus and Stephen saying forgive them they know not what they do.

Once Seals start Breaking – Creation Looking for Holiness / Holy & True / No More Blasphemy

Once seals start to break, all of Creation that is in line with God will be looking forward to God's Holiness being established. Notice what they say, "holy and true". These saints have seen and lived in a world unrestrained, and they have seen the blasphemy of man against the Holy God, and they are crying out for His Righteousness to be established on earth – enough they are saying, no more blasphemy to the Holy God. They have seen the death, have seen the rape and murder, the starving of the children, they have seen how man has messed it all up, they have seen a Christ-less world and now cry out for all things to be set in their proper place. The Superdome in New Orleans is an example of a lawless society, that even in the midst of all the tragedy, man would still rape and murder, having no regards for God or fellow man, but only feeding their carnal desires. These saints say enough – set it right Lord.

How Make Sense – Balance Holiness - Grace

How do we make sense of this, God's children being killed by the masses during this time, how can He allow this. It is the balance between holiness and grace, and I doubt we can touch it in understanding with our finite minds. God in His righteousness, holiness, must judge sin and unrighteousness, and that is what is happening here, yet the Lord still offers grace during this period.

Forewarns Us - In Advance / Could have 7yr Grace - 2000yr Trib / Still would be Just - Grace

But God in His grace forewarns before it happens. God cared enough to tell man in advance what would happen, and he gives man 2,000 years to respond, now that is patience, that is grace. Do you realize, the period of grace (that we live in) could have been 7 and the Tribulation 2000, and he would still be just, He would still be fair, it would still be grace because we could still get saved.

Now is Acceptable Time / Play it Out

He tells man, now is the acceptable time, today is the day of salvation. Do it now, the easy way, spare yourself doing it the hard way. If not, then you will have to "play it out". That is just it, if you chose to wait, then you will have to play it out, and you will have no one to blame but yourself. It is the law of sowing and reaping, and man will reap what he has sown (Galatians 6:7-8). (If you are reading this after the Rapture – holdfast, the Lord poured His blood out first; remember His love and peace offering to you no matter how bad it gets, for you shall see Him face to face and He will wipe the tears from your eyes): (2 Corinthians 6:2 NKJV) For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Horrible Times – Violently Seized / Not appointed to Wrath

These will be horrible times for saved and unsaved, and remember the rapture, means a violent seizing up or away. It is like the child that wonders out on the road right in front of a car, and the parent grabs hold of them and snatches them away right before the car would crush them. That is what the Lord will do for His church before these seals start to be broken, for He has not appointed His children to wrath: (1 Thessalonians 5:9 NKJV) For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(Revelation 6:11 NKJV) 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.

More Death of Saints to Come

There will be more death to come to the saints. In Revelation 13 that the Anti-christ is given power to make war with the saints: (Revelation 13:7 NKJV) It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him

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Consider this / 160K / 70 Million / 160K Restrained

Consider this, "David B. Barrett and Todd M. Johnson, in the 2003 Annual Statistical Table on Global Mission International Bulletin of Mission research estimate approximately 166,000 persons are being martyred every year Compare this with 160,000 in 2000 and 34,400 at the beginning of the 20th Century. If this current trend were to continue, Barrett and Johnson estimate by 2025, an average 210,000 Christians would be martyred annually. "According to David Barrett and Todd Johnson's estimation, at a steady rate over the last 20 centuries, and in all 238 countries, 70 million Christians have been martyred – killed, executed, murdered – for Christ. 160,000 a year is the martyred rate in a world that is currently being retrained, imagine what it is will be like when man can have his own way, millions and millions. Worst than Hitler against the Jews in that short time of his terror.

Don't Let Friend get Saved in Trib / My Friend never told Me

Beloved, don't let a friend or family get saved in the Tribulation, going through all of this, and you never told them. They might just crack ya when they see ya in heaven. Seriously, I think we can convince ourselves that no one wants to hear the gospel, that he/she would never give their life to the Lord. They are too hard. I can remember everyday waking and thinking how empty life. But I started to read the Bible, saw the Savior, the void absorbed by His love. I went to church and saw a guy from work, say him every day and talked with him every day. He was helping park cars, he saw me and was like no way. I saw him and the first thing I thought was, I can't believe he never told me. He wanted to disciple me, I was like no way, you knew me for over a year and never told me.

God Chose Us

Beloved, God has chosen us for a time such as this, and..... He has shown us the "signs of the time" so we know what we ought to do. So lets do it!

Esther 4:14–16 (NKJV)¹⁴ For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" ¹⁵ Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: ¹⁶ "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish, I perish."

1 Chronicles 12:32–33 (NKJV)³² of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command; ³³ of Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks;

6th Seal – Earth in Upheaval

(Revelation 6:12 NKJV) 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. (Revelation 6:13 NKJV) 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.

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Book of Joel

As prophesied in the book of Joel:

(Joel 2:30 NKJV) "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. (Joel 2:31 NKJV) The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome

(Joel 2:31 NKJV) 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 2:32 NKJV) And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the LORD has said, Among the remnant whom the LORD calls.

The importance of the OT in Revelation:

- Daniel is quoted 53x.
- Psalms are quoted 43x.
- Zechariah is quoted 15x.
- Ezekiel is quoted 42x.
- Isaiah is quoted 79x.
- Exodus is quoted 27x.
- Jeremiah is quoted 22x.

- Of the 404 verses in Revelation, 265 verses allude to 550 OT verses. The prophecies of the OT reach their conclusion in Revelation. (Info quoted from a Greek Study Bible.)

Nuclear Winter / 25-40 Nukes / Personally Nukes going On

There's a cataclysmic, catastrophic shaking going on. Why? Some suggest this describes a nuclear winter—the result of a nuclear exchange in which the sun would be darkened, the stars would fall (incoming missiles), and the tectonic plates would shift causing the earth to quake. It has been determined by the military minds that it would only take 25-40 nukes going off at the same time to move the earth. The sun would be black from the ashes and smoke of a nuclear explosion. The moon could look like blood through the plume of the nuclear explosion. I personally have no doubt that the war described here in the 4 seals, and the major death toll, that nukes will be involved, how much is a matter of speculation.

God Getting into Act / Both God and Man

But, it very well could be that God is now getting into the act, and we are reading of "acts of God". He is pouring out His wrath as we are told in verses 16-17. It very well could be both God and man exchanging nukes

5 Earthquakes in Tribulation

There will be 5 earthquakes that we will see in the Tribulation. And it appears 3 will be one at the beginning, one at the mid-point, and then one at the end:

(Revelation 8:5 NKJV) Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

(Revelation 11:13 NKJV) In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

(Revelation 11:19 NKJV) Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

(Revelation 16:18 NKJV) And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth.

Earth Staggers / Tsunami moved Earth

In Isaiah it says the earth will stagger like a drunkard, meaning sway back and forth, sounds pretty crazy doesn't it. The Tsunami in December 2004 caused the whole planet to wobble according to Geologist,Kerry Sieh, of the California Institute of Technology (as reported by AP News on 28 Dec 04). Scientists describe the devastating earthquake off the island of Sumatra as a "megathrust" -- a grade reserved for the most powerful shifts in the Earth's crust. How powerful? By some estimates, it was equal to detonating a million atomic bombs. The Tsunami claimed close to 250,000 lives. You know if you read that the earth would wobble 100 years ago people would say you Bible readers are nuts, but here science once again comes in line with the Bible.

(Isaiah 24:20 NKJV) The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again.

Meteors – Barringer Crater 1 mile / Movie Armageddon

<u>Stars falling</u>, could be asteroids and meteorites, they could affect the earths movement and tilt. There is a crater in Arizona (called Barringer Meteorite Crater) that is from a meteorite strike that hit who knows when (personally I think it was during the Noahic flood). It is 1 mile wide, 600 feet deep, and the earth

was pushed up 130 feet around the edges. By the way, those crazy sci-fi movies where a meteor is heading towards earth and the plan is to launch nukes at it to break it up and minimize the impact is actually in the books as a plan of defense for our military. The only problem is that there is so much stuff moving through space it is not always possible to track it and see it coming, so man may not even see it coming – it is a big galaxy out there.

Major Earthquake - sets off Volcanoes / Mt St. Hellens - 50megatons

When there are major earthquakes, it cause the tectonic plates of the earth to shift, which then sets off the volcances. When Mt. St. Hellens it was estimated to have the power on the earth of a 50 megaton weapon. Now 1 megaton is 50 times the power of what was dropped on Hiroshima. When it erupted the sky was dark for days with all the smoke and ash.

Krakatau

According to the US Geological Society, in 1883 a volcano in the South Pacific erupted (**Krakatau**) killing 34,000, and they say it was heard 3,000 miles away. That would be like something happening in Los Angeles and we in Baltimore go was the heater turning on. They say tidal waves traveled 4500 miles in each direction (that 9,000 miles of effect) and that it effected the weather on the earth for 2 years.

12 months – 300,000 / Just Birthpains

So far in the last 12 months between the Tsunami and the earthquake in Pakistan we have seen over 300,000 people killed. They will be nothing compared to the quakes in the Tribulation because they are just signs of birth pains, they are not the full birth.

(Revelation 6:15 NKJV) 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,

Global Effect / Cave Most expensive Real Estate

These things in the 6th seal will have global effect, and your money and position will help them escape. The rich and the poor, the lowly and the mighty. The most expensive and sought after pieces of real estate will not be at the beach or in the mountains, but in caves and holes and people seek for relief, but it will not come.

The great equalizer, the rich and poor will all be

The Wrath of the Lamb

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No Atheist

Notice there are no atheist, agnostics, nor evolutionist....man acknowledges Jesus

Cry to Rocks – Not Rock of Ages / Refusing to Repent

People should be crying out to the Rock of Ages, instead will be crying for the rocks to fall on them and kill them. They will not seek repentance even when they know that this is God, and His wrath against man's sin. I am amazed that anyone could be faced with these things, yet not turn to the Lord.

Amazed they Won't Repent / NO - NO

As I read this I am amazed that people won't repent, but then I think back and realize the hardness of man's heart, and how many refuse to acknowledge Him as Lord. I am reminded of going to the hospital, an emergency call, death was moments away they said. When I go there the person was hanging on to life by a thread but still conscious. She couldn't speak, even to her family. I shared the gospel with her, told her the love of God who is waiting with open arms to receive her. I said I know you can't speak, but just squeeze my hand if you want to receive Him. She mustered all the strength in her body, and very faintly she said, No; then she said it again, and again, each time with more strength and power. Over and

over again she said NO! I am ever so amazed, but yes, people's hearts can be that hard, and they will reject the free gift rather than receive the promise of eternity with Him. It is the ultimate pride.

Still the Lamb

Notice though, Jesus still identifies Himself as the Lamb! Do you see Him as the Lamb today, I pray that you see him as the Lamb today, and not then. See Him as the Lamb, and He will break through even the hardest of hearts.

The Word Wrath

The word here for wrath is a word that meant, "settled, controlled, measured, non-emotional". So we see here that God's wrath is an expression of His righteousness. People will question today, God's justice, and say I can't follow a God who will judge;

And again, thankfully we are not appointed to wrath

Romans 5:9 (NKJV)⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

1 Thessalonians **1:10** (NKJV)¹⁰ and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

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Revelation 3:10 (NKJV)¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

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