Revelation 6 – 8 November 2026
"Mankind At Its Worst"

Introduction

*In Rev 6, the 7-year Trib on earth begins, it's to…
- ***Wake up*** the nation of Israel
- ***Shake up*** the heathen to force a choice
- ***Make up*** the kingdom by purging the land
- But 1st God had to ***take up*** His bride, the Church

*Jesus has completed the redemption of man on the cross & now He comes to take the scroll that is His

*In Rev 6, as the 1st 6 of the scroll's 7 seals are opened, it's man last attempt to assert themselves before Jesus comes to take possession

*The later judgements given [Trumpets & Bowls] are heavenly judgements, yet the seal judgements are clearly caused by mankind

Today, we'll see the 6 effects (Seals) of "Mankind at its worst" seen as the first 6 seals are loosed

*This is man, in all his glory, apart from God!

1st effect of mankind at its worst: The Anti-Christ reigns (6:1-2)

Read 6:1-2

1. This is 1st thing that happens after the rapture
   a. Turn to II Thes 2:1-12
   b. There's a connection between the Church's rapture & then the Anti-Christ can be revealed
      i. We're the salt of the earth
      ii. Continue to be salt or we're no good
   c. Rev 13 shows that it's Satan that's given power unto the Anti-Christ
2. Bow but no arrows – 3.5 yrs of peace and safety
   a. Read I Thes 5:3 & Dan 8:25
   b. Why 3.5 yrs of peace, then change?
      i. Rev 11 (rebuilt temple) gives timing of 3.5 yrs into the Trib that things change
      ii. Rev 12 - Israel fleeing in fear for 3.5 yrs
      iii. Rev 13 shows Anti-Christ speaking against God for 3.5 yrs
3. Man has always desired to be king
   a. Which king will you receive?
   b. Read John 5:43 – Jesus is the perfect king

2nd effect of mankind at its worst: War (6:3-4)

Read 6:3-4

1. Man has always desired independence which leads to pride, conquering others & war
2. "That they should kill one another"
3. Matt 24:22 tells us that "Except those days be shortened, there should be no flesh be saved"
4. Do you want war or Jesus, the prince of peace?
    a. Follow Him to make peace in your relationships & with yourself

3rd effect of mankind at its worst: Famine (6:5-6)

Read 6:5-6

1. A choinix or measure is a dry food measure
2. A penny or denarius was a day's wages
3. "Leave the oil and the wine"
    a. In Bible days these were basic items; today they're symbols of riches
    b. We need to apply this to when it happens
    c. Won't know full meaning until it's needed!

4. Most famines are not caused by shortages of resources but by political manipulations such as inflation and bias toward people groups
5. Popular books on the subject
    a. "Droughts don't cause famines, people do"
    b. "The true cause of hunger and famine? War and weak governance"
6. This again is part of what the Lord foretold was to come during this period (Read Matt 24:7)
7. Man has always desired the acquisition of stuff
    a. Are you content with Jesus's provision in this life and eternal life?

4th effect of mankind at its worst: Widespread Death (6:7-8)

Read 6:7-8

1. Not just to die, but to die an unbeliever's death
2. Killed by
    a. Sword – fighting
    b. Famine - hunger

c. Pestilence – disease
d. Beasts of the earth – could be microscopic

3. "…power over 4th part of the earth…"
   a. Could be over 4th part of the geography
   b. Could be over 4th part of the people
   c. Seems to mean "of the geography" (see Rev 8:7, Rev 11:13, Rev 12:4 – 3rd of the trees, 10th of the city, 3rd part of the stars)
   d. World – 57.5 mil sq miles / Asia – 17.2 mil sq miles = 29% (N&S Amer = 16.5 mil)
4. Man has always desired to seek our own enlightenment & it only leads to death
   a. Jesus defeated death for us so we can have new life and say, "O death where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory?"

5th effect of mankind at its worst: Shortened Wicked Life (6:9-11)

Read 6:9-11

1. The wicked will see time come to a quick end
2. We see them murdering saints during the Trib

a. These are Trib saints – Notice robes not raiment. (See also robes in chap 7 not raiment)

3. Key difference between Trib saints & church
   a. Gates of hell won't prevail against the church (Read Matt 16:18)
   b. But will against Trib saints (Dan 7:21, 25)
   c. Church will always have power to overcome evil, Trib saints don't have that power
4. Even during Trib, Anti-Christ reign is but for a short time (Rev 12:13 – knows he has short time)
5. Man has always desired their own lustful, prideful, destructive path
   a. Jesus said, 'the fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened' (Prov 10:27)

6th effect of mankind at its worst: Environmental Destruction (6:12-14)

Read 6:12-14

1. This is 1st of 3 earthquakes mentioned in Rev
2. 'Stars of sky' – could just be meteorites

3. ‘Heaven (sky) departed as a scroll’ – 3 heavens
    a. This is the blue-sky heaven
    b. Nuclear weapons - been known to do this
4. ‘Every island/mountain moved – Earthquakes have been known to do this on a rare basis
5. Nuclear war or meteorites are the only things that could cause all of this to happen!
6. Much of mankind works hard to save every dolphin & endangered frog, but it can’t be saved
    a. Jesus would have us to take great care of our environment but know that ultimately, it’s going to burn
    b. We can’t redeem this world, only Jesus can

Read 6:15-17

1. This is the beginning of the Wrath of the Lamb
    a. Jesus foretold it - Read Luke 21:23, 36
    b. We’re not appointed to it – Read Rom 5:9 & I Thes 5:9
2. Finally, let’s compare ***Joshua*** & ***Revelation***

a. Joshua's name is Jesus
b. A military commander dispossessing the usurpers
c. 7 yr campaign against 7 nations
    i. Jos 3:10 & Dan 7:8
d. Enemies are together under Adonizedek who are defeated by hailstones/fire from heaven & signs in sun/moon/stars (Jos 10)
e. Kings hid in caves, Joshua came and defeated them (Jos 10)

Conclusion

Here's the six effects of mankind at its worst…

1. **The Anti-Christ will reign**
    a. Matt 24:4-5, Luke 21:4, Rev 6:1-2
    b. *Make Jesus your perfect king*
2. **Wars**
    a. Matt 24:6, Luke 21:9-10, Rev 6:3-4
    b. *Let Prince of Peace settle our relationships*

3. **Famine**
    a. Matt 24:7a, Luke 21:11, Rev 6:5-6
    b. *Jehovah-Jireh satisfies…if you will let Him*
4. **Widespread death**
    a. Matt 24:7b-8, Luke 21:12, Rev 6:7-8
    b. *Jesus defeated death, do you have that hope?*
5. **Shortened, wicked life killing the saints**
    a. Matt 24:9, Luke 21:24, Rev 6:9-11
    b. *Jesus will remove your adversaries*
6. **Destruction of the environment**
    a. Matt 24:10-13, Luke 21:25, Rev 6:12-14
    b. *Jesus will redeem even this corrupt world*