

Revelation 6 – 14 March 2019

Purging of the Purchased Possession:

Man Unleashed Charges into the Wrath of God

Introduction –

In chapter 4-5 we see that the church is raptured.

In chapter 5, Jesus took back possession of the scroll showing ownership to the earth and all in it.

In chapter 6, as the seals begin to be opened, it's man (and Satan's) last attempt to assert themselves before Jesus comes to take possession.

Today, we'll see the 6 effects of "Man Unleashed" seen as the first 6 seals are loosed. This is man, in all his glory, apart from God!

(The other judgements given [Trumpets & Bowls] are heavenly judgements, yet the seals are man-made)

Read Chapter 6 Vs 1-2

Because man desire a king, other than Jesus, **the 1st effect of “Man Unleased” is that the Anti-Christ will reign.**

1. This is 1st thing that happens after the rapture.
 - a. Read II Thes 2:1-12
 - b. The Holy Spirit in the church is restraining sin in the world.
 - 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. Timing
 - i. Rev 11 regarding the rebuilt temple, gives us the timing of 3.5 yrs into the Trib that things change.

- ii. Rev 12 shows Israel fleeing for fear for 3.5 yrs.
 - iii. Rev 13 shows Anti-Christ speaking against God for 3.5 yrs.
3. *You see, Jesus is the perfect king. Make his power and love the king of your life.*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 3-4

Because of the desire for independence or to conquer, **the 2nd effect of “Man Unleased” is war.**

1. “That they should kill one another”.
2. Matt 24:22 – “Except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved.”
3. *You see, Jesus is the prince of peace. Follow Him to make peace in your relationships & w/ yourself.*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 5-6

Because of the desire for acquiring stuff and greed, **the 3rd effect of “Man Unleased” is famine.**

1. A penny was a day’s wages.
2. “Touch not the oil and the wine.”
 - a. Basic - Bible days, symbols of rich today.
 - b. We need to apply this to when it happens.
 - c. Won’t know full meaning until it’s needed!
3. Most famines are not caused by shortages of resources but by political manipulations such as inflation and bias toward people groups.
4. 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.”
5. Matt 24:7 – This again is part of what the Lord foretold was to come during this period.
6. *You see, Jesus is the perfect governor and provider. Jehovah-Jireh, completely satisfied.*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 7-8

Because of the desire to gain life in the flesh, **the 4th effect of “Man Unleashed” is widespread death.**

1. Read Matt 10:39
2. Killed by:
 - a. Sword – fighting b. Hunger – famine
 - c. Death – 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. *You see, Jesus defeated death so we can have new life and say, “O death where is thy sting, O grave, where is thy victory?”*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 9-11

Because of the desire to reject God, **the 5th effect of “Man Unleased” is a shortened, wicked life.**

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. The church will always have the power to overcome evil and the evil one, 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. *You see, Jesus said, ‘the fear of the Lord prolongs days, but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.’ (see Prov 10:27)*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 12-14

Because of man's rebellion, **the 6th effect of "Man Unleashed" is destruction of the environment.**

1. This is 1st of 3 earthquakes mentioned in Rev.
2. 'Stars of heaven' – could just be meteorites.
3. 'Heaven departed as a scroll' – 3 heavens.
 - a. Probably just 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 is the one thing that could cause all of these to happen!
6. *You see, Jesus would have us to take great care of our environment but know that ultimately, it's going to burn up. We can't redeem this world, only Jesus can do that.*

Read Chapter 6 Vs 15-17

1. This is the Wrath of the Lamb
 - a. Jesus foretold it - Read Luke 21:23, 36
 - b. We're not appointed – Read Rom 5:9 & I Thes 5:9
2. Joshua vs 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 is 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 'Man Unleased':

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 u let Him.*
4. Widespread death
 - a. Matt 24:7b-8, Luke 21:12, Rev 6:7-8
 - b. *Jesus defeated death, u living in 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*

Prep for Revelation Chapter 7:

See if you can identify the two groups of people in chapter 7!