

The Sixth Seal

Rev 6: 12-17

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- The sixth seal is different from the rest in this
 - The first four deal with the effects of peace taken from society
 - White horse.....diplomacy
 - Red horse.....takes peace from the earth (war)
 - Black horse.....famine the result of the first two
 - Pale horse....death.... $1/4^{\text{th}}$ of the earth dies (approx. 2 billion people)
 - The fifth seal.....persecution
 - Worldwide.....(Rev 7: 9) from every nation and tribe

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- Now we come to the sixth seal which deals with climatic changes
 - While the first five may have attributed to mankind's quest for control
 - This seal is completely out of the control of mankind
 - It shows in dramatic fashion the omnipotence of God
- This passage (Rev 6: 12-17) has a parallel in Matt 24: 29..."Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken"

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- We must remember the Tribulation period is divided into two parts
 - The “beginning of sorrows” (Matt 24: 8)
 - The Great Tribulation (Matt 24: 21)
 - Daniel 9: 27 also shows us this divide....
 - “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations *will come* one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolate.”

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- There are several correlations in this passage to other Scriptures as well
 - Vs 12.....a great earthquake.....
 - Greek word “seismos” means a quaking, shaking or agitating (compared to a dog shaking itself)
 - Vs 13....”as a fig tree casts it unripe fruit when shaken by a great wind”
 - But this occurrence should remind us of....
 - Matt 27: 50-51
 - In both occurrences sin is being dealt with.....

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- Vs 12...the sun became black like sackcloth
 - Matt 27: 45.....
- Vs 12b...the moon became like blood
 - Not that it is blood itself
 - But rather it took on the appearance of blood
 - Isa 24: 18-21
- Vs 13.....a huge meteorite shower will hit the earth
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- Vs 14....the sky was split in two
 - Not only is the earth shaken but the heavens as well
 - God is not only in charge of this earth
 - He is the God of the heavens as well
 - Psalm 19: 1-6
 - Islands are moved out of their places
 - Hawaii, Philippines, Australia and England
- Vs 15....the kings of the earth etc.....
 - Everyone from the very richest to the poorest....

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- Vs 14....”hid themselves among the caves and rocks of the mountains
 - What does this remind us of?
 - Gen 3: 7-10.....
 - Ever since the time of Adam
 - Man has been trying to hide himself from God
 - Because sin can only produce guilt
 - Gen 3: 9....Adam where are you?
 - Luke 19: 10....”for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost”
 - Yet in Vs 14...there is no call from God “where are you?”

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- Vs 16.....they said to the mountains....
 - The foolish man is now praying to rocks....
 - The foolish man is still refusing to repent.....
 - The foolish man thinks he will not have to answer to the One on the throne.....
 - The foolish man will experience the “wrath of the Lamb”
- Who are these foolish men?
 - The fool has said in his heart “there is no God”
 - The fool is anyone who relies on anyone or anything but the grace of God Almighty for salvation

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- Here are some examples...
 - We have over 1 billion Muslims who pray to a god of their own fiction
 - Which is nothing more than tyranny cloaked in a religion
 - We have another billion or so that pray to some image made of a fat man called Buddha
 - We have another billion or so that pray to over 300 million Hindu gods
 - We have millions who pray to Mary which they have made into a god
 - We have millions who rely on their denominations

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- There is a question we must ask ourselves..
 - Why do these people in Rev 6 not turn to the Living God?
 - Answer is this.....
 - Judgment does not save men
- Only the Grace of God can the human heart
 - Therefore, whenever someone says “NO” to the invitation to give their life to Christ....
 - A hardening takes place in that heart
 - Hebrews 3: 15.. while it is said, “TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME ”

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- That is why men prefer to pray to rocks rather than to the God of Salvation
- Vs 15....”and from the wrath of the Lamb”
 - This is a strange statement for this reason
 - Lambs are one of the gentlest creatures
- The word “Lamb” is theme of the Bible
 - From the time of Cain and Abel
 - To the cross of Calvary
 - The “Lamb” is the symbol of what Christ did for man

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- The remedy for sin was completed by a “Lamb”
 - “Behold the Lamb of God which takes away the sins of the world”
 - When that payment is spurned by men.....
- Vs 17...”The great day of their wrath has come”
 - “Who is able to stand?”
 - John 15: 15...”apart from Me you can do nothing”
- The only way men can stand before God is one their knees in faith believing in the finished work of the Cross of Calvary