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THE
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SHOWCASING JESUS CHRIST IN PROPHECY

REMEMBER
THE LAMB

EPISODE 6

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Based on Revelation Chapter 8 & 9

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MAIN IDEA

The Lamb that opens the seventh seal is a representation of the character of Christ. He is the lamb that was slain for the sins of all of humanity. While He stands up and judges the earth on behalf of the righteous, He is still seeking for even the vilest of offenders to repent.

KEY POINTS

Revelation 8:1

The Lamb is the one who opens the seal. This picture of the lamb shows us that in spite of the terrible things that are happening on the earth after the seal is opened, Jesus' attitude towards those that dwell there has never changed. Whether we have lived righteously or chosen evil, The Lamb still love us.

Revelation 8:5

The angel throwing the golden censor on to the earth is a representation of God answering the prayers of the oppressed saints for justice. The seven trumpets represent God's judgement on the world and the result of each trumpet blast only effects those that have chosen to do evil instead of following God.

Revelation 9:20-21

In spite of the fact that those that are evil have been judged accordingly and have become victim for the very evils that they have participated in, Jesus, the Lamb, is still looking for these people to repent.

Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb was not only for the righteous, but for the unrighteous as well.

INSIGHTS

Revelation 9:1-5

The fallen star that is given the key to the bottomless pit is a representation of Satan being given the authority to torture those that have followed him. We must remember that while Jesus does love us, He will sometimes allow the consequences of our choices to catch up with us.

Revelation 9:20-21

The character of those that have been left over after the horrific events of the six trumpets is put out on display. These people represent the most depraved individuals that humanity has to offer. Their character is in direct contrast to the character of the Lamb. However, in spite of their evil character, the loving character of the lamb still searches for their repentance.

Remember the Lamb

While the details of chapters 8 and 9 are full of terrifying images and horrific results for those that have not followed God, we must remember the One who is allowing these things to take place. Remember the Lamb. Remember that Jesus stands for those that follow Him and seeks after those that have turned away from Him. This gives us a very clear picture of the character of Jesus. Jesus stands for the oppressed while still offering grace to the wicked if they choose to accept it. Whether we are living our lives for God or struggling to get over our sins, let's make sure that we choose the Lamb. He loves us and He will not let any of us down!

The Nature of the Blowing of the Seven Trumpets

In both the Old and New Testaments, the blowing of the trumpet symbolizes "the intervention of God in history." In the Old Testament, the life of ancient Israel was closely connected with the blowing of trumpets. For instance, a trumpet sounding could be the summons to battle (Judg. 3:27; 6:34; Jer. 51:27), an announcement at the coronation of an Israelite king (2 Sam. 15:10; 1 Kings 1:34, 39; 2 Kings 9:13; 11:14), a call for gathering the people (Num. 10:2-7; 1 Sam. 13:3-4; Neh. 4:20; Joel 2:15-16), and a warning of approaching danger (Jer. 4:5, 19-21; 6:1-17; Ezek. 33:3-6; Amos 3:6).

The Timing of the Seven Trumpets

John shows that the blowing of the seventh trumpet brings us to the Second Coming. (Revelation 10:7; Rev. 11:15)

When then does the blowing of the seven trumpets begin?

The clue lies in the introductory section of the scene of the blowing of the seven trumpets (8:2-5). The scene of the blowing of the seven trumpets begins with the cross, as does the scene of the opening of the seven seals of Revelation 6. The seven seals and the seven trumpets refer to the same period of history between the cross and the Second Coming.

THE SEVEN SEALS

- The Four Horsemen
- The Fifth & Sixth Seals
- Interlude (Rev. 7)
- The sealing of God's people
- The Seventh Seal

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS

- The first Four Trumpets
- The Fifth & Sixth Trumpets
- Interlude (Rev. 10:1-11:14)
- the little scroll, the measuring of the temple, and the two witnesses
- The Seventh Trumpet

Revelation 7 might be the clue for understanding chapters 10-11. Finally, both the seventh seal and the seventh trumpet refer to the time before the execution of the final judgment.