

“The End of the World Begins”  
Revelation 6:1-8

~ READ TEXT ~

AS YOU SETTLE IN...

- Turn to the book of (Rev. 6:1-8)

~ LET'S PRAY ~

NOTE TAKERS...

- I've titled today's message: ***“The End of the World Begins”***

~ INTRO ~

IN 1804, THE WORLD POPULATION REACHED 1-BILLION PEOPLE.

- In 123-years (1927) the population reached 2-billion.

FROM 1927 TO 2020 (93-yrs)...

- The population has grown 5.8 billion people...
  - Leaving us with today's global population: 7.8 billion.

**\*\*\*SHOW ALL FOUR OF THESE SLIDES\*\*\***



NOW... THE FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE SCIENTIFIC STATS...

- AND not religious predictions!!!
  - Taken from: [TheWorldCounts.com](http://TheWorldCounts.com)

FRESH WATER:



FOOD SUPPLY:

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COLLAPSE OF EARTH'S SUPPORT SYSTEMS:



ALL OF THIS...

- Put's the pressure of our time into perspective –
  - Global history is winding down!
- You have to be a fool to avoid these truths!

~ STUDY ~

NOW... TONIGHT...

- We begin the judgments of God...
  - On a Christ rejecting world!

GOD HAS SPENT THOUSANDS OF YEARS...

- Reaching out His hand to the world!
  - And regardless... of how many times He's been rejected...
    - Grace & mercy has been His attitude toward humanity

BUT...AS WE ARRIVE...

- At (chap 6) there's a serious change that takes place!
  - We see a 7-year span of wrath being poured out.
    - As the world falls under God's judgment!

THIS IS THE PORTION OF SCRIPTURE...

- Referred to as the **Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse!!!**

**IDEA #1 – BACKDROP:**

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**(1 Thess. 4:15-18) NLT**

- This is the rapture of the church...
  - Which takes place before (Rev. 4).

THE NEXT SEGMENT FLOWS FROM **(1 Thess. 5:1-3) NLT**

- This is known as the “*Day of the Lord*”
  - Which is the season of world history...
    - Where God’s wrath is poured out.

NOW...

- In the O.T. Daniel wrote about this time...
  - Calling the *anti-Christ*...
    - “*the prince who is to come*” (Dan 9:26-27)
      - And describing the *7-yr Tribulation!*

THE *TRIBULATION* PERIOD BEGINS...

- With a temporary state of peace!
  - **(1 Thess. 5:3) NKJV**

**IDEA #2 – CURRENT CONDITION:**

**(2 Thess. 2:1-17) NLT**

CHURCH...

- I want to make sure you understand this...
  - God is using you to restrain evil...
    - And to gather in those who should be saved!

THE HOLY SPIRIT...

- Is working in the church right now...
  - To restrain evil & advance the gospel...
    - Until the rapture (removal of the Church) happens.

**IDEA #3 – BIG PICTURE OF WHAT’S COMING:**

FIRST...

- Here are the labels for the judgements to follow:

- a) *Seal Judgements*
- b) *Trumpet Judgements*

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c) *Bowl Judgements*

NOW...

- Looking forward...
  - This is the scene on earth when the first judgements begin.
    - (After the church has been removed from earth).

**SEAL JUDGEMENTS:**

**#1 – White Horse** (vv.1-2)

- There's a false peace / religion / security...
  - This is the *Deception*...
    - Jesus spoke about in (Matt. 24:4-5)
  - This is the anti-Christ...
    - A world ruler possessed by Satan (a man)!
  - This is NOT Jesus Christ as seen in (Rev. 19:11)...
    - This is an imitator!

**\*key:** This guy conquers by deception & NOT war.

**#2 – Red Horse** (vv.3-4)

- This judgement is seen in global *war & bloodshed*.

IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE RECOGNIZE...

- That the restraining of evil has been removed... (2 Thess. 2:6-8)
  - And (v.4) “*it was granted*” by God.
    - (Matt. 24:6-7(a) political unrest & war!

**#3 – Black Horse** (vv.5-6)

- This judgement is seen in *global feminine & poverty*
  - Economic inflation, which is resulting in starvation!
    - (Matt. 24:7(b))

**#4 – Pale Horse** (*chloros*) yellowish-green like chlorine (vv.7-8)

- The judgement here is reflected in *death & hades*...
  - *Death* takes the physical body
  - *Hades* takes the soul
    - And a ¼ of the earth was killed!

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2020 Global population is 7.8 billion...

- Which means 1,950,000,000 are killed right here .

REMEMBER ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING...

- Because of the refusal to accept the goodness of God!

~ IN CLOSING ~

Why does this all matter?

Bible scholars say...

~ Dr. John Walvoord – Dallas Theological Seminary ~

*“The scripture predicts there will be a growing apostasy or departure from the Lord as the church age progresses, and its increase can be understood as a general indication that the rapture itself is near.”*

~ Dr. John Phillips – Moody Bible Institute ~

*“Some think we can look for a worldwide spiritual awakening before the rapture, but... (2 Thess.) indicates the opposite; a worldwide departure from the faith can be expected.”*

~ Dr. Mark Hitchcock – Dallas Theological Seminary ~

*“This current age will climax with a monumental falling away, both doctrinally and morally!”*

JESUS SAID...

- (John 3:19-20) NLT

CHURCH...

- All of these judgment are avoidable in Jesus!

SO...

- When we see the judgments of God thru prophecy...
  - Our hearts should grow in sobriety...
    - And our feet should get moving!

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- People we love are on the way to hell...
  - And this is the easiest time of year to get people into church.

START PRAYERFULLY...

- Inviting people to come out to Easter Service in the Park.

~ LET'S PRAY ~