

“The Tribulation”
Revelation 6
Series: He Who Has An Ear”
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Message 15

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “The Tribulation”

- **Tribulation Period – Also Known AS...**

- **1st Jacob’s Trouble (Jer. 30:7)**
 - God Will Fulfill His Covenant with Israel (Gen 17)
- **2nd Daniel’s 70th Week (Daniel 9)**
 - The Last week in Daniel’s Prophecy
- **3rd God’s Wrath – The Day of The Lord**

Revelation 6:17 (NKJV)

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Revelation 10:7 (NKJV)

7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

Revelation 11:18 (NKJV)

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Revelation 15:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete.

Revelation 16:1 (NKJV)

1 Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth."

Revelation 16:7 (NKJV)

7 And I heard another from the altar saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments."

○ **4th What is Our Response to God's Wrath**

Revelation 19:2 (NKJV)

2 For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

- Also Look UP - (Revelation 6:10 / 16:6 / 17:6 / 18:20 / 18:24)
- WE Will be AROUND the THRONE WORSHIPPING
- *I Like what Wiersbe said; "The worship described in Revelation 4–5 is preparation for the wrath described in Revelation 6–19. It seems strange to us that worship and judgment should go together, but this is because we do not fully understand either the holiness of God or the sinfulness of man. Nor do we grasp the total picture of what God wants to accomplish and how the forces of evil have opposed Him. God is long-suffering, but eventually He must judge sin and vindicate His servants.*

● **The SIGNS of It's Coming (Matthew 24)**

○ **1st Turn to Matthew 24**

- Deception
- Wars and Rumors of Wars (Ethnic)
- Nation Against Nation
- Famines, pestilence earthquakes
 - Study: Over 90% of Venezuelan Households Struggle to Find Food

- These are just the beginning pains
- HOW CLOSE ARE WE?!
 - 10 Minutes
 - 10 Days
 - 10 Months
 - 10 Years
 - We Don't know for SURE
 - But we must LIVE READY

○ **2nd The Warning – Pay Attention**

Amos 3:7 (NKJV)

7 Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets

Luke 21:34–36 (NKJV)

- 34** *“But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.*
- 35** *For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.*
- 36** *Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (NKJV)

- 1** *But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.*
- 2** *For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.*
- 3** *For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*
- 4** *But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.*
- 5** *You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.*
- 6** *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.*
- 7** *For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.*
- 8** *But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.*

*9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ,*

*10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with
Him.*

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

○ **3rd Today Condition of our World and the United States**

▪ **1st I Always Get myself in TROUBLE when I talk about the
condition of the US**

• People accuse me of being

○ Unloving

○ Negative

○ Illustration - Last Election

▪ God's Wrath vs Christian Telling me Trump
was going to still win

• Truth IS... it is NOT going to get better

○ If we really understand the Bible – it's NOT going to
get BETTER

○ We MUST be Prepared

○ The CHURCH MUST be Prepared

○ WE MUST Be AWAKE

▪ **2nd I truly Don't hold out much hope for America – Unless
the Lord does a Miracle**

• Why?

• **1st The Moral Condition of the US is at an ALL TIME
LOW**

○ Just turn on THE TV for 2 minutes...

- Murder Celebrated
 - Mr. Biden sign 2 executive orders promoting and Celebrating abortion
- Sexual Sin Celebrated
 - HR 5
- Liberalism, Progressivism, Radical Left, Woke,
 - Whatever you want to call it –
 - They are taking are country down a pathway of destruction

Judges 17:6 (NKJV)

6 *In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes.*

- **2nd The Church is at Best Anemic at Worst Apostate**
 - False Teaching is Rampant
 - Illustration
 - Wokeness
 - Wokeness = A Weak Church
 - BLM
 - Muslims
 - Ecumenical
 - A uniting of ALL FAITHS – But NO Doctrine
 - Ecumenism can also be defined more broadly: “a movement that promotes worldwide unity among all religions through greater

cooperation.” For example, a Christian priest may invite a Muslim imam to speak in his pulpit, or a church may get together with a Hindu temple to hold a joint prayer service. Defined this way, ecumenism is definitely wrong. We are not to be “yoked together with unbelievers” (2 Corinthians 6:14; see also Galatians 1:6–9). Light and darkness have no fellowship with each other.

- Afraid to Embrace Persecution
 - In the US were SOFT
 - That is why we a lot of churches back down during Covid-19
 - We Forgot Matthew 10
 - We Forgot Jesus Words

John 15:20 (NKJV)

20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.

- What ARE WE SEEING Today - Revival vs Purification
 - Are we seeing Revival
 - I Believe we are seeing Purification
 - Show PIC
 - Now perhaps after the church has been purified – it will bring about revival

Review – Biblical Timeline

- **Chapter 3**

- Church Age ENDS
- **Chapter 4**
 - John (The Church) is RAPTURED (Rev. 4:1)
 - Worship In Heaven Around the Throne
- **Chapter 5**
 - John saw a scroll with 7 Seals in the right Hand of God
 - What IS IT?
 - I believe - The title deed to the earth
 - Others – What is Going take place
 - Chapter 6-19 shows us What will take place

- **Now Chapter 6**

- **1st That scroll is now unrolled and its seals broken...**
 - The unrolling of the scroll marks the beginning of God's wrath and Judgment on Sinful Mankind
 - The Lord takes back creation from the enemy Satan
 - From this point until Rev 19 it will be very sad
- **2nd The Scrolls = Judgment**
 - Each of the scroll's seven seals represents a specific divine judgment that will be poured out on the earth
 - There are 3 sets of judgments:
 - 7 Seal Judgments
 - 7 Trumpet Judgments

- 7 Bowl Judgments
- Order
 - When the 7th Seal is broken we have the 7 Trumpets Judgments
 - When the 7th Trumpet sounds we have the 7 Bowl Judgments
 - Each One Worse than the OTHER

• **So 6 Main Points Tonight**

- First Seal Judgment - False Peace Vs. 1-2
- Second Seal Judgment - War Vs. 3-4
- Third Seal Judgment - Famine Vs. 5-6
- Fourth Seal Judgment - Death Vs. 7-8
- Fifth Seal Judgment - Martyrs Vs. 9-11
- Sixth Seal Judgment - Catastrophe Vs. 12-17

First Seal Judgment - False Peace Vs. 1-2

• **First: Notice the drama of what happens... v. 1**

Revelation 6:1 (NKJV)

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

- **1st I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals**
 - Only Jesus – the Lamb – had the right to loosen the seals on this scroll
- **2nd Voice Like Thunder**
 - Throughout the Book of Revelation we find language like this
 - The Bible is very clear...it's going to be very loud in heaven
 - Rev. 11:15, 19; 14:2; 16:17-18; 19:6

- **Second: The Identity Of This Rider v. 2a**

Revelation 6:2 (NKJV)

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

- **1st White Horse - Who is the Rider?**

- Now I believe this is very CLEARLY speaking of the Antichrist
 - Remember – Satan desire is to look just like Christ – so he can Deceive
- Sadly - There is some discussion among Christians as to who this rider is?...
 - Some see it as Jesus
 - They see it as a parallel with (Rev. 19) which describes the Second Coming
 - Let's Turn to Rev. 19:11

Revelation 19:11–16 (NKJV)

11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.

12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.

13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS

- REASONS why it is NOT JESUS in (Rev 6:1)
- **1st Jesus is the One who opens the seals, NOT the one riding the horse**

- Rev. 6:1 Clarifies this
- **2nd Because of the word "Crown" in verse 2**
 - There are 2 words for "crown"
 - 1st "Stephanos" from which we get Stephen and it means a crown won as a prize... like a small little wreath
 - 2nd "Diadem" from which we get diadem and it refers to royal crowns
 - In chapter 19:12 it tells us that Jesus wears many "diadem" because He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords
 - The word used Rev 6:2 isn't "diadem" referring to Jesus but rather "stephanos"
 - Jesus is Royalty / He does not earn a Crown / Nor does He NEED a Crown GIVEN to Him
- **3rd What he is Carrying**
 - Rev 6:1 - A Bow
 - Rev 19:15 - Christ Carries a Sword
- **4th Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation, NOT at its beginning**
 - I think it's pretty clear, this is not Jesus Christ...it's the antichrist
- **2nd The Biblical descriptions of a coming world leader**
 - The little horn - Daniel 7:8, 21, 25
 - The prince to come - Daniel 9:26-27
 - A king who blasphemes - Daniel 11:36-45
 - A man of sin and son of perdition - 2 Thess. 2:3-4
 - The antichrist - 1 John 2:18
 - The beast - Rev. 13

- **Third: The Impact Of This Rider v. 2b**

Revelation 6:2 (NKJV)

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

- **1st Antichrist's Plan**

- **To Rule the World - To Be a False Christ**

- Interesting, the word "anti" in Greek not only means anti in the sense of "against" and "opposite of", but also "IN PLACE OF"
- So the antichrist opposes Christ by substituting himself for Christ
- He will come on the scene and set up a system that almost everyone will jump at
- Cant buy and sell without the mark Allegiance to his system
- Bring a Type of Peace
- It says He "had a bow...and NO ARROWS but went out conquering and to conquer"
- It's describing a rise to power by "Continual Conquest"

- **2nd So how will this happen?**

- **Bow - No Arrows**

- Which means he will NOT conquer by military force
- BUT BY CUNNING DECEIT
- A peace won by agreement, not conflict
- Will Be with Great Deception

2 Thessalonians 2:9 (NKJV)

9 *The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,*

○ **3rd Question: Do you think our world is being set up for this?**

▪ **FEARFUL People are Easily Controlled**

▪ Look at What just took PLACE with Covid – 19

- People Gave up their God given rights for So called security
- Look at how easily people are willing to carry vaccine cards
- The way people are treated that don't get vaccine vs those who do
- Mask vs non mask
- These are not the MARK of the Beast – But these are very interesting to watch
- The Stage is set

▪ Globalism

- One World Government
- Fix the Mess were in
- Create a their so-called utopia
- The world is getting totally primed for this guy!
 - A False Peace...

○ **4th He will Offer a PEACE Plan the World will embrace**

- With gratitude, they will honor him and elevate him to the position of supreme leadership...even to a place of worship
 - I think we've all noticed that the "MESSIAH SYNDROME" seems to grip most of the world's populations
 - It's not too difficult to see how allegiance to a counterfeit christ could be easily conceived and developed
- **5th This will be a false PEACE**
- We already see signs of the Antichrist in the world.
 - *Chuck Smith "I believe the "peace symbol" is one of the signs of the Antichrist. Historically, it is the sign of the broken inverted cross that originated with Caesar Nero. He originated this peace symbol as a sign of his hatred against Christianity.*
 - The World has been looking for a false peace without the Prince of Peace... it will NEVER happen
 - The world is lulled into a false sense of security followed by war, famine, and death
- **6th What is holding him back at this time**

2 Thessalonians 2:7–8 (NKJV)

7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

- What restrains the appearance of the antichrist?
- I believe it is the work of the Holy Spirit through the presence of the church on the earth.
- When the church is removed in the Rapture, the way will be paved for the antichrist to take center stage.

Second Seal Judgment - War vs. 3-4

- **First: The Color Of This Horse v. 4a**

Revelation 6:3–4 (NKJV)

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

4 **Another horse, fiery red,** went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

- **1st Red:**

- It's interesting that it's the same color as the Dragon in (Rev. 12:3)
- The color of fire and blood suggest a time of war and bloodshed

- **2nd Here the story turns ugly**

- Remains that way until the true King returns to establish His kingdom
- God's judgment descends and the short-lived, false peace led by Antichrist dissolves in a bloody holocaust

- **Second: The Consequences Of This Rider v. 4b**

Revelation 6:4 (NKJV)

4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. **And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.**

- **1st World Peace Is Gone**

- V. 4b And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth
- The first horse, the white horse brought FALSE peace to the world...
 - The second horse, this red horse takes peace from the world

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NKJV)

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

- This happens sometime early in the first half of the Tribulation
- World peace turns to worldwide conflict
- BY CONTRAST
 - I can't help but think of those precious words from our Lord Jesus

John 14:27 (NKJV)

27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

- God's peace is in the midst of a storm; a peace that He puts inside of us which surpasses all comprehension
- **2nd Many People Are Killed**
 - V. 4c that people should kill one another
 - The word used here for "kill" refers to the slaughter of animals
 - It's interesting that the Bible uses that word to describe what people are doing to one another
 - Men will slay one another on an unprecedented scale
 - Violent slaughter will become commonplace
 - We see this type of killing today...but it isn't worldwide yet
 - While Scripture does not give the details, the advances in modern weaponry suggest a terrible, unimaginable holocaust
- **3rd Military Power Is Given To One Man**

- V. 4d there was given to him a great sword.
- The (sword) refers to the short, stabbing sword a Roman soldier carried into battle
- It was also a weapon used by assassins
- The vision depicts a great sword to describe the extent of the war
- Some have suggested nuclear war

Third Seal Judgment - Famine vs. 5-6

Revelation 6:5–6 (NKJV)

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

• First: A Black Horse v. 5a

- A black horse
- The color black is often connected with famine (Jer. 14:1–2; Lam. 5:10)
- Black pictures Death resulting from Famine and Starvation
- Famine usually follows war and bloodshed
- It's hard to talk about this in a nation like ours because most of us don't know what this looks like
- There are millions who are starving around the world...but again that famine is only in areas of our world
- Imagine when it's everywhere

• Second: There Will Economic Instability v. 5b

- V. 5b and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.
- Prices are going to change
- The "pair of scales" suggests that the economic balance of things is going to be altered radically
- Economic inflation will be out of control
- It will affect the balance between necessities and luxury items

● **Third: There Will Be Horrible Inflation v. 6b**

- V 6b "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."
- Food prices will rise dramatically
- A Roman "denarius" was equal to a normal day's wage
- In the coming tribulation, inflation will cause food prices to rise so high that a whole day's earnings will be required to purchase enough wheat for one meal

● **Fourth: There Will Be A Massive Increase Of Substandard Food**

- **The quality of food will change because of the inflation**
 - Barley is the food of animals
 - Families will turn to this kind of food in order to survive
 - Three meals a day could be provided from barley whereas only one meal could be produced from wheat
 - People will be eating animal food
- **Luxury items will not be affected by the inflation**

- "Oil and wine" are items used in the homes of the rich, and are consumed in meals as well as in moments of pleasure and leisure
- Talk about the blindness of the unrepentant heart

Fourth Seal Judgment - Death vs. 7-8

Revelation 6:7–8 (NKJV)

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

• First: The Identity Of This Pale Horse

- **V. 8a a pale horse**
 - This horse is the color of a corpse
 - Goes well with the name of its rider - "Death"... the only horseman named
- **This rider is followed by Hades**
 - Hades = Hell
 - Describe the final end to those who reject Jesus

• Second: The Impact Of This Horse And Rider Upon World Conditions

- V. 8b And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.
- **1st The Scope Of This Impact**
 - It affects One Fourth of the world's population
 - If we understand this prediction, approximately 2 billion people will die because of this one judgment

- **2nd The Sources By Which Death Will Occur**
 - People will be killed
 - Not just dying from old age or bad health,
 - By 4 methods:
 - Sword, hunger, death, and beasts
 - The sword refers to murder or governmental action against its citizens

Fifth Seal Judgment - Martyrs Vs. 9-11

First: The Condition Of Those Under The Altar v. 9

Revelation 6:9 (NKJV)

9 *When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.*

- **Slain for the Word of God, and for the Testimony which they Held**
 - The reasons for their martyrdom - (conviction and confession)
 - They were BOLD
- **"Under the altar" - Speaks of a Sacrifice for God!**
 - That these souls were under the altar emphasizes that their life blood was poured out as an offering to God.
 - Leviticus 4:7: And he shall pour the remaining blood at the base of the altar of the burnt offering.
- **"Were slain" - perfect tense - "had been slain"**
 - Suggests that these martyrs are from the past, not the tribulation saints yet to be killed
 - Most likely BOTH / ALL Martyrs

- Millions of Christians have died for Jesus
- It COULD HAPPEN to US
- Illustration
 - A Roman coin was once found with the picture of an ox on it; the ox was facing two things—an altar and a plough; and the inscription read: “Ready for either”. The ox had to be ready either for the supreme moment of sacrifice on the altar or the long labor of the plough on the farm.
 - God’s desire is that we be ready for either.
 - It may be that we would be asked to offer up our own lives as a sacrifice to Him.
 - It certainly means that we are to be a “living sacrifice”, plowing a field for the Lord.

• **Second: The Cry Of Those Under The Altar v. 10**

Revelation 6:10 (NKJV)

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

- **1st It was an appeal to God's Righteousness**
 - "How long O Lord, holy and true"
- **2nd It was an appeal for God's Revenge**
 - God will Avenge the saints who have been killed by the wicked systems of this world
 - To answer one of the biggest questions in both heaven and earth:
 - Why do the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper?
 - When will God vindicate us?

- Life is filled with many injustices
- Victims are ignored while criminals go free
- It is only natural to want revenge
- However, the Bible is clear concerning the right of revenge.
- Vengeance and judgment belong to God

• **Third: The Comfort For Those Under The Altar v. 11**

Revelation 6:11 (NKJV)

11 *Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*

- **1st The Righteousness of God is their position before God**
 - V. 11a white robe was given to each of them
 - A symbol of their righteousness before God
- **2nd Their Rest**
 - V. 11b it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer
 - The Rest of God is their reward in heaven as they await the purposes of God to be fulfilled
 - Revelation 14:13 adds that the dead are "blessed" because they "rest from their labors."
 - The struggles, trials, and heartaches of this life are over for those who have died in the Lord.
- **3rd The Remainder**
 - Until the rest Join them

- All part of God perfect plan

Sixth Seal Judgment - Catastrophe vs. 12-17

• First: The Catastrophe That Will Take Place vs. 12-14

Revelation 6:12–14 (NKJV)

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

○ 1st Earthquakes

- They have occurred often in the past and seem to be increasing in frequency in recent years
- As to the future, we are told by Jesus that there will be "earthquakes in various places" - part of the "beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11)
- They have caused enormous devastation, with thousands killed and multitudes left homeless
- Earthquakes reveal our helplessness and produce great anxiety and fear.
- This particular earthquake is described as "a great earthquake"
- It's a worldwide catastrophe

○ 2nd The Extent Of The Catastrophe

- The heavens, the sun, moon, stars, and sky are affected by this catastrophe
- The event depicted here was predicted by the prophets Isaiah, Joel, and Amos over 2500 years ago

- The similarity of their imagery is remarkable

Isaiah 13:6–16 (NKJV)

6 *Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.*

7 *Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,*

8 *And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.*

9 *Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it.*

10 *For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.*

11 *"I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

12 *I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

13 *Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.*

14 *It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up; Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.*

15 *Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.*

16 *Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.*

Isaiah 34:1–4 (NKJV)

1 *Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it.*

2 *For the indignation of the LORD is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.*

3 *Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.*

4 *All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.*

Joel 2:30–31 (NKJV)

30 *"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.*

31 *The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

Amos 8:9–10 (NKJV)

9 *“And it shall come to pass in that day,” says the Lord GOD, “That I will make the sun go down at noon, And I will darken the earth in broad daylight;*

10 *I will turn your feasts into mourning, And all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, And baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, And its end like a bitter day.*

• **Second: The Panicked Concern Of The People On Earth vs. 15-17**

Revelation 6:15–17 (NKJV)

15 *And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,*

16 *and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!*

17 *For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*

- **1st The entire population is in a panic!**
 - World leaders and rulers have no answers but are filled with fear along with the rest of the population
 - The panic causes them to run and hide
 - This attempt to hide and to appeal to the mountains and rocks to fall on them demonstrates how severe and intense this state of panic really is
- **2nd They are also aware that this judgment is unusual**
 - V. 16b "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"
 - They realize this is from God and that this catastrophe is a demonstration of the wrath of Jesus Christ Himself, the Lamb of God

- The cry of verse 17 is "who is able to stand?"...an echo of Malachi's words about the coming of the Lord

Malachi 3:2 (NKJV)

2 *"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderers' soap.*

- Jesus also spoke of this coming day of judgment:

Luke 21:25–26 (NKJV)

25 *"And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;*
26 *men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

- YET they do NOT REPENT!?

Closing

- Application for us
 - 1st We ARE NOT appointed unto wrath and ARE NOT a part of this scene on earth
 - 2nd How should we live?!
 - 1st We ought to recognize just HOW GREAT our salvation is
 - 2nd Be SPIRITUALLY minded
 - We ought to be investing in SPIRITUAL and ETERNAL things
 - 3rd We ought to be concerned for the lost

2 Corinthians 5:11 (NKJV)

11 *Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.*