

The Tribulation-The Day of The LORD

Revelation 1:3

3Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

Isaiah 13:6-9

6Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as flames*.

9Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

The Judgments

The Seven Seals

Revelation 6: 1-17

1And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

2And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

- **The White Horse. FALSE PEACE.** The anti-christ going forth to bring false peace and make war against the saints. A bow but with no arrows. He will conquer through deception political espionage, religious apostacy. **(Matthew 24:5)**

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse *that was* red: and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

- **The Red Horse. WAR.** Peace taken from earth, conquest through war.

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

- **The Black Horse. FAMINE.** Penny =denarius, a days wage. 'measure of wheat –bread by weight means scarcity.

7And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

- **The Pale Horse. DEATH.** Death follows WAR, FAMINE and PESTILENCE. Kills with sword, hunger, beasts of the earth.

{Matthew 24:5-8

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places

8All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.}

9And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

- All the souls that had been slain for the Word of God.

{Matthew 24:9

9Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. }

12And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

- Great earthquake, sun became black and moon became as blood. The 6th seal carries on till the end.

{Luke 21:11

11And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. }

The 144,000 Sealed

Revelation 7: 3-4

3Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

4And I heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were* sealed an hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

- 144,000 set aside for God's purposes, possibly to spread the gospel as missionaries during the tribulation.

THE 7th SEAL – The 1st Trumpet

Revelation 8:1-5

1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

2And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

3And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

4And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

5And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

- The 7th seal introduces the 1st trumpet and a new series of judgments

The Seven Trumpets

Revelation 8:7-13, 9:1-21

7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

- Removing 1/3 of the earth's vegetation reduces air quality, food availability and everything else associated with it.

8And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed

- 3rd part of ships destroyed = 43,000 ships of the 130,000 ships registered in 195 countries. 1\3 of the waters become poisonous to life.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

11And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

- 1\3 part of fresh water becomes wormwood. Wormwood = *apsinthos* (absinthe); described as "a type of bitterness"

2And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

- Between the smoke from the grass and forest fires, and particulates thrown into the air by the giant meteor strike, the atmosphere has become so dense that one third of the light from the heavenly bodies is blocked (Kelley, 2012). With this judgment one third of daylight, moonlight and starlight are eliminated. Reducing the amount of natural light has physical and psychological effects on the planet. Crops will be stunted because photosynthesis will be hindered. Trees will lose their leaves because reduction in sunlight signals the change in season and the onset of dormancy. Weather patterns will change severely as many of the forces that affect weather are driven by solar patterns and the energy the sun releases to earth. Humans need sunlight to produce key vitamins, like Vitamin D.

13And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

THE 5th TRUMPET (FIRST WOE)

Revelation 9:1-21

1And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.

2And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.

3And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

4And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.

5And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.

6And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.

7And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold, and their faces *were* as the faces of men.

8And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions.

9And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.

10And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men five months.

11And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon.

12One woe is past; *and*, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

- Given power to torment men who have not the seal of God in their foreheads 5 months. (torment specifically connected with demons). Men will seek death and not find it.

6th TRUMPET (SECOND WOE)

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,

14Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

15And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.

16And the number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

17And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

18By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.

19For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were* like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

20And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:

21Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

- Four angels loosed which were prepared 'for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year' = a particular appointed time by God. Appointed to slay 1\3 part of men.

The 7 Thunders

Revelation 10:1-4

1And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:
2And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and *his* left *foot* on the earth,
3And cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.
4And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

- We are not told what the 7 thunders say.

The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3-14

3And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.
4These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.
5And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.
6These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.
7And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.
8And their dead bodies *shall lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.
9And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.
10And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.
11And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.
12And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.
13And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.
14The second woe is past; *and*, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

- The death of the two witnesses is the only expression of joy on earth in the entire book of Revelation.
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7th TRUMPET (THIRD WOE, embraces the 7 vials, the last 7 plagues)

Revelation 11:15-19

15And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.
16And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

18And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

19And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

- Kingdom of the world becomes Kingdom of God.

The Seven Vials

Revelation 16: 1-6, 8-

1 And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

2And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and *upon* them which worshipped his image.

3And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead *man*: and every living soul died in the sea.

- With the second bowl all water in the oceans of the world turn into a disgusting sight: the blood of a dead man. This is not just blood, but the thick, dark, disgusting-smelling sludge that a dead body exudes (Robert, n.d.). It is the putrid gelatinous blood of a rotting body and the odor is rancid. All life in the sea dies because of this viscous mess and the air quality, already foul from 7 years of bombardment by plagues, reduced trees and plant life, combined with the smoke from volcanoes and other forms of ash, now becomes virtually unbreathable.

4And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

- The third bowl repeats the fouling of the waters on Earth, this time polluting the remaining fresh water of the planet. All water is now undrinkable and Earth-dwellers will have to drink blood to stay alive. Crops that were not destroyed in the previous judgments cannot be watered and hygiene is impossible. Any medical treatment still available would now be gone as sterilizing equipment and cleaning hands and wounds would be impossible.

8And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

- The sudden and exponential increase in temperature causes the planet to broil. It is so hot that it kills off whatever plant life was left following the previous devastations. Ultraviolet radiation now inundates the atmosphere penetrating it like water through a sieve. The ozone layer, decimated by the previous plagues, is now destroyed by this judgment. Skin cancer, radiation burns, blindness and a host of other diseases now explode upon those on the planet as medical care is a distant memory (Robert, n.d.).

10And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

- Wherever the Beast holds dominion darkness envelops it. In horrific pain, thirsty, choking on foul air, hungry and badly burned, people now have to contend with utter darkness. Now, utter darkness will spread out over all the face of the earth, twenty-four seven.

12And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, *which* go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

- 3 unclean spirits come out of the mouths of satan, antichrist and false prophet to gather them to the battle -Armageddon.

17And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, *and* so great.

19And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

20And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

- The destruction of the three powerful forces that make up Babylon the Great, and that have oppressed and enslaved mankind throughout most of his history, are religious, commercial, and governmental in nature. Each is treated to a special measure of God's wrath in this judgment. With this bowl the Wrath of God is finished God finishes his wrath with a very biblical judgment; hailstones weighing a talent (100 lbs). In Levitical law, blasphemy was punishable by stoning. In this judgment God stones the entire planet for its recalcitrant blasphemy against him. The massive hailstones smash whatever the earthquake did not level utterly wiping away all evidence of man's achievements.

The Great White Throne Judgment 20:11-15

11And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

THE LAKE OF FIRE

An idea of what the perpetual, eternal torment of Satan may be like has been described by one expositor as “...a *place of torment somewhere unknown to us, but the name has an interesting parallel in history that gives us a frighteningly clear model of the torment the unsaved will suffer*” (Kelley, n.d.)

The Dead Sea is filled with water so rich in salt and other mineral content that it supports the human body. You can't sink in it. In ancient times crude oil would periodically bubble up to the surface and solidify into a tar-like substance

that harvesters chopped into blocks and towed to the shore for sale. When melted down again, it made a good adhesive to cement building blocks together. The Egyptians used it in their embalming procedure as well (Kelley, n.d. [1]). It was so prevalent on the water's surface that the Romans called the Dead Sea "Lake Asphaltus" using the word from which we get asphalt.

So what will Satan's and the Lost's eternal punishment be like? Picture it this way: you're in deep water in a sea like the Dead Sea. As long as you keep your head above the surface you can breathe. But the surface is on fire, so you hold your breath to sink under the surface to escape the flames. As soon as you do that, the water pushes you back up like a cork into the fire (Kelley, n.d. [1]). On it goes day and night with no respite. Over and over you twist and turn and squirm on the surface looking for some kind of rest, however brief. After awhile you'd welcome death and long for it, but you can't die because there's no escape from the punishment. On and on it continues...forever. Add to this horror is the fact that there is no light. Not just darkness, but the complete absence of light. Picture the utter hopelessness, loneliness, darkness and despair and you begin to sense what eternal punishment and separation from God is like.

EVEN SO LORD JESUS COME QUICKLY...AMEN