

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST
THE FIFTH SEAL: "When God Shakes the World"
Revelation 6:12-17

INTRODUCTION:

1. Revelation 1:19

- a) *"the things which you have seen"*
 - 1) Chapter 1
- b) *"those that are"*
 - 1) Chapters 2&3
- c) *"those that are to take place after this"*
 - 1) Chapters 4-19
 - a) Chapters 4&5 - The church in Heaven
 - b) Chapters 6-19 - Tribulation on earth
 - c) Chapter 20 - Great White Throne Judgment
 - d) Chapter 21 - The Eternal State

2. Chapter 6:1-11

a) THE FIRST FIVE SEALS

- 1. SEAL #1 - The White Horse (False Peace)
- 2. SEAL #2 - The Red Horse (War - shedding of blood the end of peace)
- 3. SEAL #3 - The Black Horse (Death - Starvation - Famine - Pestilence)
- 4. SEAL #4 - The Pale Horse (Death and Hades)
- 5. SEAL #5 - Souls Under the Altar

3. The term WRATH is an old English word defined as "Violent anger; vehement exasperation; indignation;

- a) *"indignation"* - something considered unjust, offensive or insulting

4. The Bible labors the point that just as God is good to those who trust Him, so he is terrible to those who do not.

- a) O.T. *Nahum 1:2-8*
- b) N.T. *1 Thessalonians 1:7-10*
- c) *Romans 1:18-20; 2:5; 5:9*

5. VERY IMPORTANT: John 3:16-19

a) J.I. Packer

"The decisive act of judgment upon the lost is the judgment which they pass upon themselves, by rejecting the light that comes to them in and through Jesus Christ. In the last analysis, all that God does subsequently in judicial action toward the unbeliever, whether in this life or beyond it, is to show him, and lead him into, the full implications of the choice he has made."

6. The **WRATH** of God magnifies the **HOLINESS** of God.

a) **Isaiah 6:1-5**

b) **Revelation 4:1-8**

7. One commentator puts it this way!

"Wrath, unlike love, is not one of the intrinsic perfections of God. Rather, it is a function of God's holiness against sin. Where there is no sin, there is no wrath-but there will always be love in God. Where God in His holiness confronts His image-bearers in their rebellion, there must be wrath, or God is not the jealous God He claims to be, and His holiness is impugned. The price of diluting God's wrath is diminishing God's holiness."

8. We now the **6th SEAL!!!**

a) **Vs 12**

1) *"I looked and behold, there was a great earth quake"*

9. **Visual: The World's Deadliest Earthquakes of the 21st Century.**

a) The total death toll was approximately 1 million people.

b) While earthquakes have taken place throughout history, their frequency and severity is on the rise.

10. **THE FIRST FIVE SEALS**

a) **THE FIRST SEAL** - The White Horse - False Peace

1) **6:1-2**

b) **THE SECOND SEAL** - The Red Horse - War and the end of peace.

1) **6:3-4**

c) **THE THIRD SEAL** - The Black Horse - Famine, death, pestilence, plagues

1) **6:5-6**

d) **THE FOURTH SEAL** - The Pale Horse - DEATH AND HADES

1) **6:7-8**

e) **THE FIFTH SEAL** - The Results of first 4 Seals - Prayer for Vengeance.

1) **6:9-11**

11. **WHEN THE SIXTH SEAL IS REMOVED FROM EARTH'S TITLE DEED,**
NATURAL CALAMITIES will cause people all over the world to cry out in terror.

a) **6:16-17**

12. **BY THE TIME THE SIXTH SEAL IS OPENED** we are in the **SECOND HALF** OF THE **TRIBULATION PERIOD KNOWN AS THE GREAT TRIBULATION.**

a) This would be the **SECOND HALF** known as the Time of Jacobs Trouble.

1) **Vs 17**

b) There is an awareness even by the unsaved that God is Judging the earth.

13. There are **FIVE NATURAL DISASTERS**

I. WHEN THE EARTH QUAKES

1. Revelation 6:12a
 - a) *Matthew 24:7*
 - b) *Mark 13:8*

2. The O.T. predicted the same.
 - a) *Ezekiel 38:19*
 - b) *Joel 2:10*

3. The shaking of the earth has often accompanied great movements of God in history.
 - a) *Exodus 19:18*
 - b) *Matthew 27:51; 28:2*

II. THE SUN BECOMES BLACK

1. Vs 12b

2. *Joel 2:30-31*

3. *Zephaniah 1:15*

4. *Isaiah 13:9-10*

5. *Ezekiel 32:7*

6. Jesus said the sun would be darkened in association with the Tribulation.
 - a) *Mark 13:24*

7. As the land of the midnight sun slides into another winter of long, dreary darkness, the psyches of at least a third of all Alaskans are destined to suffer. Most will endure, but a few will be pushed into deep depression, even suicide, by the 18-to 24-hour nights. Deprived of normal amounts of daylight, the human body undergoes biochemical changes in the production of two key brain chemicals: melatonin, a hormone, and serotonin, a neurotransmitter. Melatonin is the sleep inducer, the naturally produced drug that helps ease people into slumber. Serotonin is the pick-me-up, the neuropeptide that keeps them alert and happy. Remember how you wanted to charge through the long, sunny days of summer? That was the serotonin. If you got home last night, plopped down on the sofa, turned on the TV and sat there for hours feeling lifeless, that was the melatonin.

8. We can only imagine how prolonged darkness across the face of the earth will impact those who are alive.

a) *Exodus 10:22-24*

III. THE STARS WILL FALL

1. Vs 13

2. These falling stars are not like the sun - stars but Meteors and Asteroids.

3. The Greek word for "star" here is "asteri"

IV. THE HEAVENS WILL ROLL BACK

1. Vs 14

2. This is a human perception of the magnitude of this judgment but is not the Final dissolving of heaven.

a) *Revelation 21:1*

b) *2 Peter 3:10*

V. THE MOUNTAINS AND ISLANDS ARE MOVED

1. Vs 14b

2. The devastating NATURAL DISASTERS accompanying the 6th Seal **will be the most terrifying ever to affect the earth.**

CONCLUSION: What do we learn from the effects of the 6th SEAL?

1. Vs 15

a) The whole fabric of human society will be represented - nobody is exempt from the judgment of God.

b) There is an intuitive fear of all that God is bringing the judgment. **Vs 16**

2. Vs 15

a) They hid themselves!

3. Vs 16-17

a) Sin can make you **hard-hearted**.

b) You would think after seeing all this devastation they would fall to their **KNEES AND REPENT.**