



REVELATION

Revelation 6:9-17 | David Chadwick | March 10, 2024

Introduction: Old and New Testament references on “the day of the Lord”

- **Isaiah 13:6** *Wail, for the day of the Lord is near; as destruction from the Almighty it will come!*
- **Joel 3:14** *Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.*
- **Malachi 4:5** *“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.”*
- **Acts 2:20** *the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:2** *For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.*
- **2 Peter 3:10** *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

Remember: 30% of all the Bible is prophecy!

Recap from last week: Jesus takes the seven scrolls with the seven seals (**verses 1-8**) and opens the **first 4 seals**:

- **The first seal:** A rider on a white horse is the antichrist
- **The second seal:** A rider on a bright red horse is war
- **The third seal:** A rider on a black horse is famine and scarcity
- **The fourth seal:** A rider on a pale horse is death

Today's Scripture: Revelation 6:9-17

The fifth seal (verses 9-11)

- Martyrs under the altar wanting justice
- They have white robes
- God assures them his vengeance will happen
- They are told to wait a bit longer until all martyrs have given their lives

Two pastoral moments:

First: 10 insights into heaven from these verses:

1. There are audible voices and one mind in heaven
2. There is rational communication with one another and with God
3. There are questions to God in heaven (we are free to ask anything)
4. We are constantly learning in heaven (books there?)
5. We can see what's happening on earth (prayer?)
6. We see forever a sovereign, holy, and true God (faith, hope, and love exist)
7. "Each" implies a unique identity for all in heaven (no comparisons!)
8. God answers their questions (the most often spoken word: "OH!")
9. God says, "Wait" (there is time in heaven)
10. There are "fellow servants and brothers" in heaven (there's family in heaven: God is our Father and Jesus our big brother)

Second: Leave vengeance to God

- **Romans 12:19-20**

19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." **20** To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

- Trust God for justice

- No one gets away with anything
- You may have to wait: **Luke 18:6-7**

6 *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. **7** And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?"*

- ID your feelings
- Forgive those who've hurt you - for your own benefit
- Reconcile? Remember: it takes one to forgive (you: a command); it takes two for reconciliation (you and the one who hurt you and reconciliation may not be best for you)

Back to the sixth seal (verses 12-17)

- A great earthquake (only one here)
- Sun becomes black (ash?)
- Moon blood red (from ash and sun?)
- Stars fall from the sky (asteroids/meteors/comets?)
- A great shaking: **Haggai 2:6-7**

6 *For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. **7** And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts.*

- The sky vanishes like a ripped scroll
- Every mountain and island is removed (tsunamis from the earthquake/asteroids?)
- Everyone, both elite and common, flee to leveled mountains/rocks
- They pray to creation!
- They know this is the Great Day of the wrath of the Lamb
- But they won't repent

This final question is SO important: Who can stand during this day?

Please:

1. Give your life to Jesus NOW! Today!
2. Be baptized (March 30th and 31st: Easter weekend, all services)

And always remember: **Christians are not destined for God's wrath:**

Romans 5:9

9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.