

"The Seal Judgments"

Part 9

Revelation 6:1-17

Introduction: Two weeks ago in our study of Revelation we were in Revelation 6 and we started to look at the 6th Seal Judgment. Before we get to where we stopped I want us to review some of what we had looked at.

The 6th seal is far different from the first 5 seals. This 6th seal deals with earthly and cosmic disturbances.

Notice Revelation 6:12

When this seal is opened there is a GREAT earth quake. This earthquake is nothing like anything which the world has seen before. The earth quakes today are the results of the curse which the earth is under.

Romans 8:19-22

¹⁹ *For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.*

²⁰ *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,*

²¹ *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*

²² *For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.*

The earth quake here in Revelation 6 is the result of God shaking the earth and the heavens. This was foretold in the Old Testament.

Haggai 2:6-7

⁶ *For thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;*

⁷ *And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Notice Revelation 6:13

God will not only shake the earth but He will also shake the heavens and when he does the stars/asteroids will pummel the earth.

Notice Revelation 6:14

The sky will split wide open and we can only speculate as to what this entails. Some believe it is an opening of the sky to allow the world to see into the Throne Room of God. We are also told here that every island and every mountain will be moved out of their places. This alone tells us this earth quake/shaking is far greater than anything this earth has ever experienced before. The entire geography of the earth will be changed with the opening of this 6th seal.

Now let me remind you that this seal is far more severe than the previous seals for a reason. The first 5 seals could be possibly explained away as "NATURAL CAUSES" by the earth dwellers. But when this seal is opened up there will be no doubt that the world is under the judgment of God. God wants people to know what is happening for He desires that all would repent and turn to Him for forgiveness.

2 Peter 3:7-10

⁷ *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.*

⁸ *But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

⁹ *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*

¹⁰ *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.*

I. **The 6th Seal**

Earthly and Cosmic Disturbances

Part 2

Notice Revelation 6:15

This verse shines much light upon how difficult life will be at this time. All the people who are listed here are driven from their cities and their homes and have fled into the

mountains. They may have been driven out by famine, by civil unrest, or because of the collapse of the buildings within the cities.

Now let me explain who these people are whom John sees of here.

The "KINGS OF THE EARTH" are the rulers of the earth. Because the Bible tells us they are OF THE EARTH we can be sure they are unsaved people who have rejected the message of Jesus Christ. These KINGS OF THE EARTH are mentioned several times in the Bible.

Psalm 2:1-2

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

² *The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,*

³ *Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.*

These are the KINGS who refuse to KISS THE SON.

Psalm 2:12

¹² *Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.*

These are the KINGS who will worship Commercial Babylon.

Revelation 18:1-3

And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

² *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.*

³ *For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.*

These are the KINGS who come under the power of the demons and will determine to go into battle against the Lord.

Revelation 16:13-14

¹³ *And 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.*

¹⁴ *For 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.*

Isaiah tells us the KINGS OF THE EARTH will be gathered together like prisoners shut up in a prison.

Isaiah 24:20

²⁰ *The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.*

²¹ *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the **kings of the earth** upon the earth.*

²² *And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.*

From these verses we can see that these KINGS OF THE EARTH are people who have rejected Jesus Christ and His message. They would by the way be the political leaders of the earth.

Notice Revelation 6:15 again.

The GREAT MEN and the RICH MEN are those who control the world from behind the scenes. These are the Rockefellers and the Gates' of the earth.

The CHIEF CAPTAINS and the MIGHT MEN are military leaders and the military men who follow them.

The BONDMEN and the FREE men are the slaves and the average people of the earth.

There is something here that is very important to see. When the judgment of God begins to fall every man is on the same level. It makes no difference how much money and man has or how many possessions he has. Those things mean nothing to the man who faces the judgment of God.

Now before we move on to the next verse I want to see what Isaiah said concerning these people.

Isaiah 2:8-11

⁸ *Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:*

⁹ *And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.*

¹⁰ **Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.**

¹¹ *The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

Isaiah 2:17-20

¹⁷ *And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.*

¹⁸ *And the idols he shall utterly abolish.*

¹⁹ **And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.**

²⁰ *In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;*

Notice Revelation 6:16

This verse is very sad because instead of these people crying out to God to save them they are crying out to the mountains to fall upon them.

Now I want you to grasp what it is that I am about to say. These people are controlled by 2 things here:

1. Sin
2. Fear

Sin and fear warp the intellect in man. For here in this verse we see that they desire to HIDE from God.

Application:

This desire to hide from God started when sin entered into the world.

Genesis 3:7-8

⁷ *And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*

⁸ *And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.*

We see the very same warped intellect in the lives of people today in their response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:14-16

¹⁴ *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.*

¹⁵ *For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:*

¹⁶ *To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?*

To some our message is a sweet savour of life but to others our message is the savour of death. They hate the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ because it confronts them with their sin.

This is why many people will not attend church, they do not want to be confronted with their sin or they ATTEMPT to hide in the midst of the world. If they do attend a church it is not one that preaches about sin and the wrath of God.

Illustration:

I have spoken at churches where people were highly offended when I talked about sin, death, hell and God's wrath. They did not desire to hear the Truth and they would rather ATTEMPT to hide from God behind their own self-righteousness.

Let me just point out that it is impossible to hide from God.

Job 34:20-22

²⁰ *In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away: and the mighty shall be taken away without hand.*

²¹ *For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings.*

²² *There is no darkness, nor shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.*

Conclusion:

Notice Revelation 6:16-17

These people know what is happening and they still will not repent. My question is, "WHY?"

There are 2 reasons:

1. **Their love for the world.**

Revelation 18:9-11

⁹ *And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,*

¹⁰ *Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.*

¹¹ *And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:*

2. **They have hardened their hearts.**

Exodus 8:15

But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

Exodus 8:32

And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

Exodus 9:34

And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants.

Exodus 10:1

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: