

SOMEBODY DO SOMETHING!

Part 6 of THERE IS A GOD IN HEAVEN. Revelation 6:12-17.

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WARNING

REVELATION 6:9-17

Seal 5 - Persecution: 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 witness they had borne. 10 They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” 11 Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Seal 6 - Part 1: Cosmic Chaos: 12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

Part 2: Worldwide Fear: 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,

Part 3: The Great Day of Wrath: 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

THE WRATH OF THE LAMB

When Jesus opens the sixth seal, it unleashes “the great day of wrath.”

- This is the final Judgment Day.

The vision should break our hearts - verses 12-14.

- That Day will be a time of cosmic chaos
- The vision uses the same language as OT judgment passages.
- Some of those passages call it The Day of the Lord. Compare with: Isaiah 2:6-22; 13:13; 34:1-4; Joel 2:1-13, 30-31.
- Judgment is declared against, eg., Judah, specific nations, all nations.
- The sixth seal probably describes the final worldwide judgment, but possibly destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, or both (See also Luke 21:25-27).

The vision reveals an angry God - verses 16-17.

- The chaos comes from heaven, from the face of the one who sits on the throne, from the wrath of the Lamb (Jesus).
- It is called the great day of **THEIR** wrath.
- The New Bible Dictionary describes God's wrath as, "The permanent attitude of the holy and just God when confronted by sin and evil ..." For example: Romans 2:5.
- Until now, God has mixed wrath with mercy. There is still time to turn to his mercy - 1 Thessalonians 1:10; Romans 5:9 - that is the only thing that can save you from the final judgment.
- There will be no mercy on Judgment Day.

There will be nowhere to hide - verse 15.

- People turn to what they have always relied on - visible, material, things.
- But this world cannot save anyone from God's wrath and judgment.
- It makes me want to shout: "Somebody do something!"

A MISSIONARY STRATEGY

We are here because God put us here to do something.

- We are missionaries to the Blue Water area. Our missionary strategy includes three jobs for all of us.

Job one: foundations.

- Get a good grasp on the Bible, the Christian faith, and the Gospel.
- Genuinely love the people.
- Pray like crazy.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you.

Job two: friendships.

- Patiently build genuine friendships.
- Ask the Lord to show who is open to spiritual things.
- Make new friends.

Job three: focus

- Always remember we're here on mission.
- Expect opposition.
- Expect God.

DO SOMETHING - DO THIS

Ephesians 6:19 (NLT) Pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews & Gentiles alike.

“Lord, please give me the connections, the opportunities, and the right words to boldly explain your Gospel plan to many spiritually lost people. Please stir me up to speak boldly for you. Please give me more grace to speak clearly, and not be ashamed, or discouraged, or indifferent. Amen!”

CORNERSTONE GROUPS - TALK IT OVER

Pick one or more of these questions to discuss this week.

Review Sunday's teaching on Revelation 6:12-17.

- Review Sunday's study guide or watch Peter's teaching on YouTube.
- What part of the teaching most impacted your thinking?
- Summarize the main ideas in your own words.

Prayerfully apply the teachings of Revelation 6:12-17.

- Ask yourself, “Do I really believe in the terrible Day of Judgment and the wrath of the Lamb, and the destiny of spiritually lost friends and family members?” Discuss your answer. What are the barriers to believing this?
- What are some ways you have cultivated friendships with people? What are some ways you have been able to share Christ and the Gospel with them?
- How might our opinions about politics, preferences, or culture-war issues get in the way of sharing the Gospel? Is this a problem?

Pray together. Be bold.

Almighty God in heaven, we believe that you are both loving and just, both Savior and Judge. We know that the Day of the Lord and the wrath of the Lamb are on your timetable for the world, and our hearts break for the spiritually lost people who will not call on you to save them. Give us more grace to step out in faith and courage to live like missionaries in the Blue Water area. Give us loving boldness to share Christ. Amen!

Preparation for Next Sunday.

- <https://www.gotquestions.org/new-creation.html>
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