

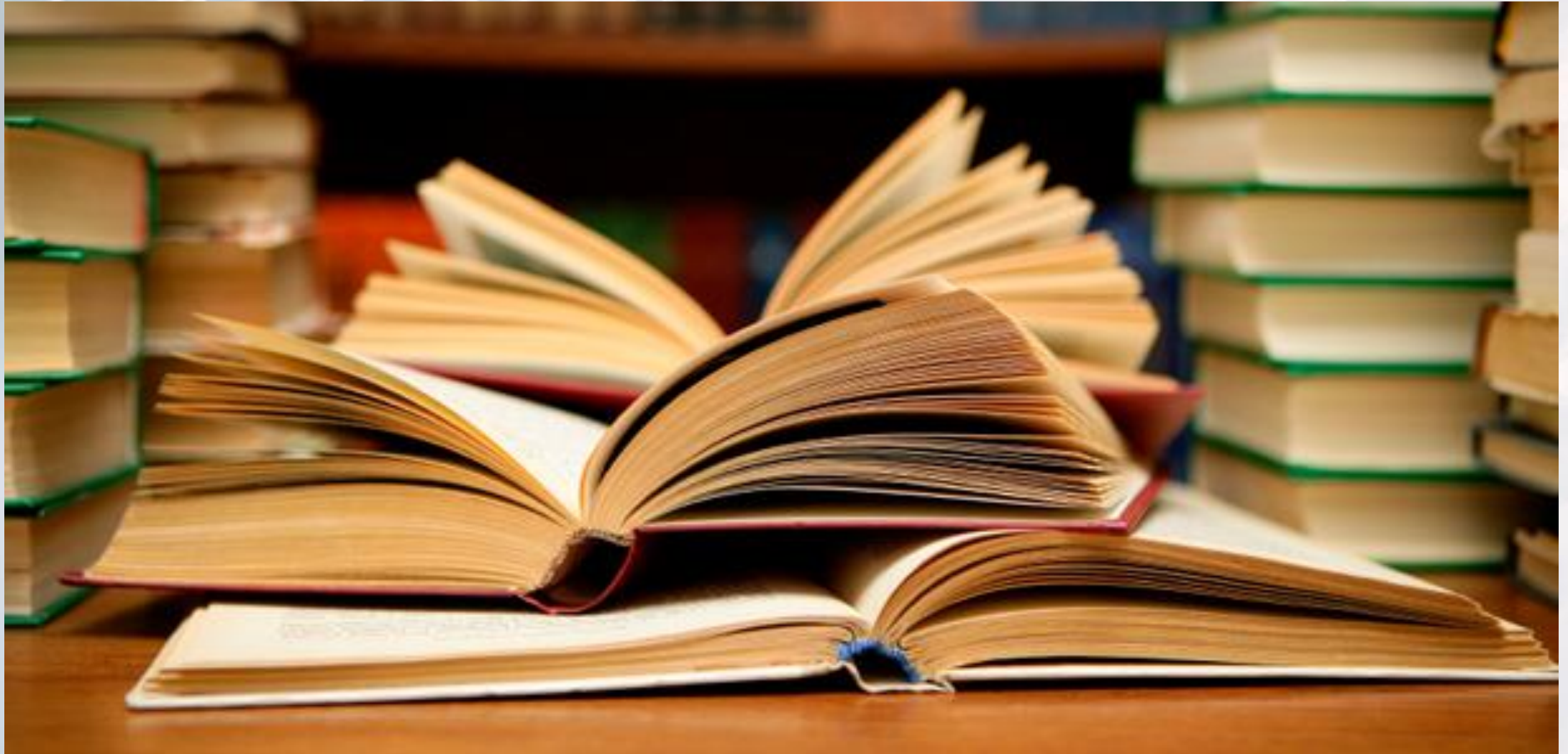


The Revelation of Jesus Christ

CLA – 2016

Jim Hoffman

More than Academic



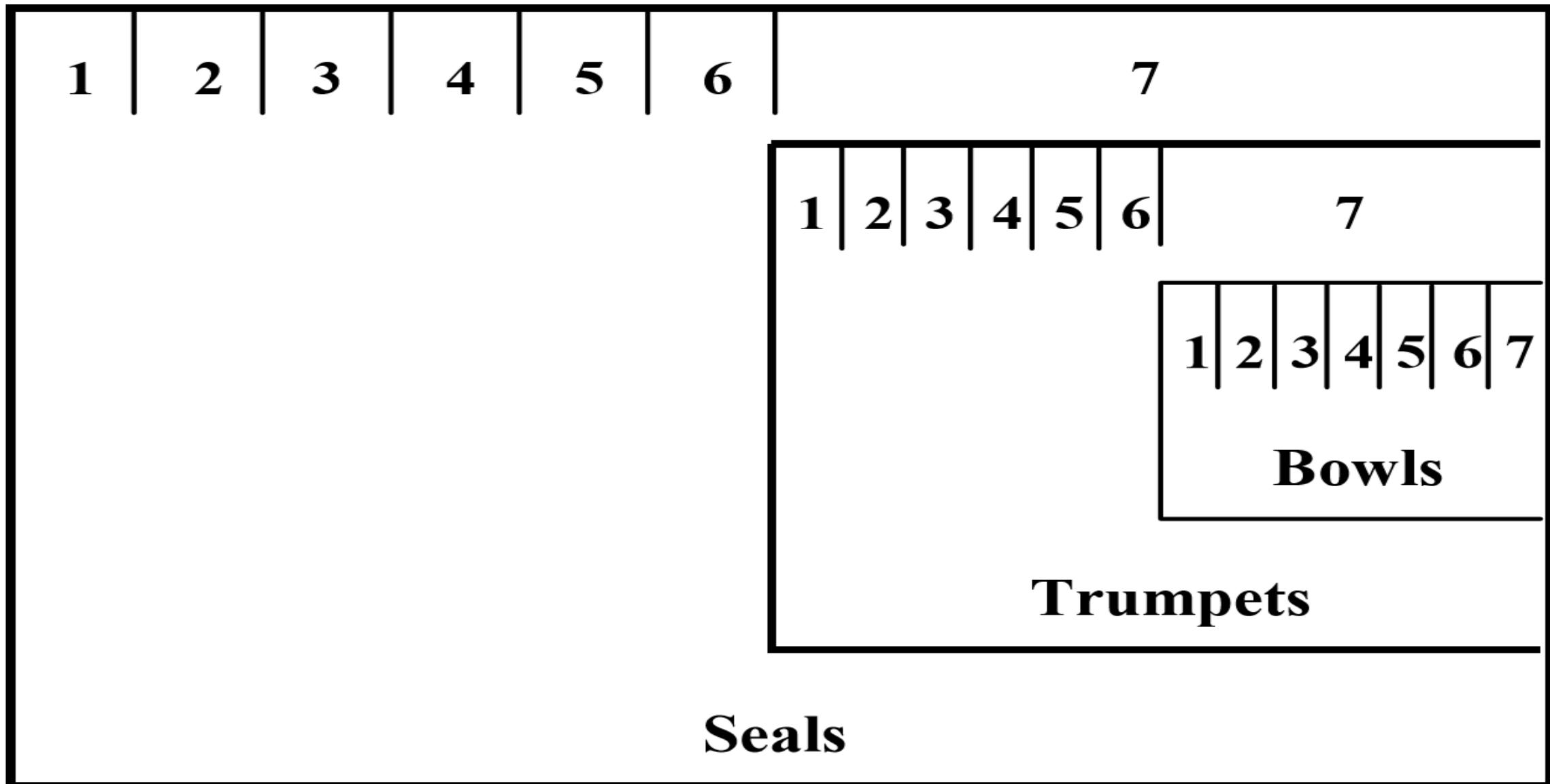
Chapter Six

- **6** Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” **2** I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. **3** When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” **4** And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him. **5** When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. **6** And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.” **7** When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” **8** I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Chapter Six

- **Chapter 6 begins with Jesus, the Lion of Judah, and the Lamb of God, opening the first seal on the scroll that was in the Father's hand.**
- **The chapter will take us all the way through the first six seals, and what is not obvious, without reading the rest of the book, is that the seven seals encompass the whole period of seven years.**
- **Within the 7th seal are contained all of the trumpet and bowl judgments. So the seven seals cover all seven years.**

The Tribulation



Chapter Six

False Peace

War

Famine

Death



Vengeance

VENGEANCE

Fear

FEAR

Chapter Six

- **5** When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. **6** And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”
- **The third seal is a black horse and the black horse represents something that often follows war, famine.**
- **Math 24:7** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. *There will be famines* and earthquakes in various places. **8** All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Chapter Six

- **The rider on the black horse also has a weapon of sorts – it's not a sword like the rider on the red horse, but it is a scale.**
- **So how is a scale a weapon – the scale will be a common worldwide tool used to limit the amount of food you can have and that is in fact a weapon against the hungry.**
- **Since the world has been at war, food production is down and will have to be rationed. It has happened before in our history and even more in world history.**

Chapter Six

- **6 And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”**
- **So if there is a voice coming from the center of the four living creatures, the voice is most assuredly God’s.**
- **So what? The “so what” is another reminder that God is behind all of the judgments as He takes back the Earth.**

Chapter Six

- **6b, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”**
- **A quart of wheat is roughly the amount needed to sustain one person for one day and a denarius was roughly a days wages.**
- **Three quarts of barley could be bought for the same price to perhaps feed your family, but barley was generally considered animal food.**
- **Do not damage the oil and wine simply means that all resources are scarce and should be conserved.**

Chapter Six

- **7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.**
- **The 4th seal is the pale horse and the pale horse represents death.**
- **Famine follows war like death and the grave follow famine – so there is a natural progression here.**

Chapter Six

- **8b Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.**
- **The horse is the death horse and look at the means of the death that is coming – sword (war of seal #2), famine (seal #3) and now add to those pestilence and wild beasts as further means of death.**
- **Pestilence is a synonym for “death, disease, destruction, and calamity” – Probably another way of saying “kill with various means”.**

Chapter Six

- **And then of course there is that “wild beasts” thing – what is that about?**
- **I think it is quite obvious that God is willing to use every means available to judge the Earth and the people of the Earth. (when the plain sense makes common sense, seek no other sense)**
- **So to use wild beasts as a means of killing people probably means exactly what it says.**

Chapter Six

- **When you have worldwide war, famine, and all sorts of other “pestilence” going on what do you suppose happens to the sanitation systems of the world?**
- **So one example – rats have been responsible for millions of deaths over the centuries and still carry multiple diseases that are deadly to humans.**
- **And since the language specifically sites “wild beasts” there is every reason to believe that the fear of man (Gen 9:2) may be lifted for God’s purposes of judgment.**

Chapter Six

- **Jeremiah 14:11** Then the Lord said to me, “Do not pray for the well-being of this people. **12** Although they fast, I will not listen to their cry; though they offer burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Instead, *I will destroy them with the sword, famine and plague.*”
- **Jeremiah 24:10** *I will send the sword, famine and plague* against them until they are destroyed from the land I gave to them and their ancestors.””
- **Jeremiah 44:13** I will punish those who live in Egypt with the *sword, famine and plague*, as I punished Jerusalem.

Chapter Six

False Peace

War

Famine

Death



Vengeance

VENGEANCE

Fear

FEAR

Chapter Six

- **9** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. **10** They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” **11** Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

Chapter Six

- **As we look at the 5th seal it becomes rather obvious that concurrent with the first 4 seals a lot of other things have been happening on the Earth.**
- **The false peace of seal #1 probably led to a worldwide church headed by Anti-Christ. This, of course, could only come at the expense of doctrinal differences.**
- **Those saved during this time after the Rapture, would not be willing to set Christ aside, so they became threats to the 'peaceful' unity and had to be done away with.**

Chapter Six

- **Rev 7:13** Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” 14 I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “*These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”
- Notice what these ones “who came out of the great tribulation” are doing.
- According to verse #10 they were crying out and praying for God’s vengeance to fall on those who had murdered them.

Chapter Six

- I am thinking that since these souls have been saved and entered into the presence of God that any sinful, or selfish motives for such prayers would be gone.
- James 5:16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.
- So it is probably fair to conclude their prayers were heard, and in fact John says as much when he writes, “11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.”

Chapter Six

- **As we read the rest of the book it does play out that God avenges their deaths and all of the wrongs committed not only against them, but against all people, and especially Himself.**
- **So the 5th seal then is “prayer for God’s vengeance to fall”, and it does.**
- **We are never called to avenge sin, but God is a god of vengeance – Rom 12:19 Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.**

Chapter Six

- **Isaiah 34:1** Come here and listen, O nations of the earth. Let the world and everything in it hear my words. **2** For the Lord is enraged against the nations. His fury is against all their armies. He will completely destroy them, dooming them to slaughter. **3** Their dead will be left unburied, and the stench of rotting bodies will fill the land. The mountains will flow with their blood. **4** The heavens above will melt away and disappear like a rolled-up scroll. The stars will fall from the sky like withered leaves from a grapevine, or shriveled figs from a fig tree. **5** And when my sword has finished its work in the heavens, it will fall upon Edom, the nation I have marked for destruction. **6** The sword of the Lord is drenched with blood and covered with fat— with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of rams prepared for sacrifice. Yes, the Lord will offer a sacrifice in the city of Bozrah. He will make a mighty slaughter in Edom. **7** Even men as strong as wild oxen will die— the young men alongside the veterans. The land will be soaked with blood and the soil enriched with fat. **8** For it is the day of the Lord's revenge, the year when Edom will be paid back for all it did to Israel.

Chapter Six

- **The fact that a day of vengeance upon sin and evil is coming ought to move us to compassion for those on whom His vengeance will fall.**
- **Looking for the day when God's holiness is vindicated is not wrong, but it could be wrong if we ever think God's vengeance is to vindicate us.**
- **To vindicate is to clear one of blame or suspicion – That is appropriate for God, not so much for us.**

Chapter Six

- **Luke 21:22 (speaking of the same events as Math 24) “For those will be days of God’s vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled.”**
- **God’s vengeance will vindicate Him.**
- **Without God’s vengeance we do not have God’s justice, and where there is no justice, there is no order.**

Chapter Six

- **2nd Thes 1:4** We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering. **5** And God will use this persecution to show his justice and to make you worthy of his Kingdom, for which you are suffering. **6** In his justice he will pay back those who persecute you. **7** And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, **8** in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.

Chapter Six

- **2nd Cor 5:11** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade men.
- **2nd Cor 5:20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- **God provides the way of escape, but the way of escape is not forever open.**

Chapter Six

- **12** I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, **13** and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. **14** The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. **15** Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. **16** They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”

Questions