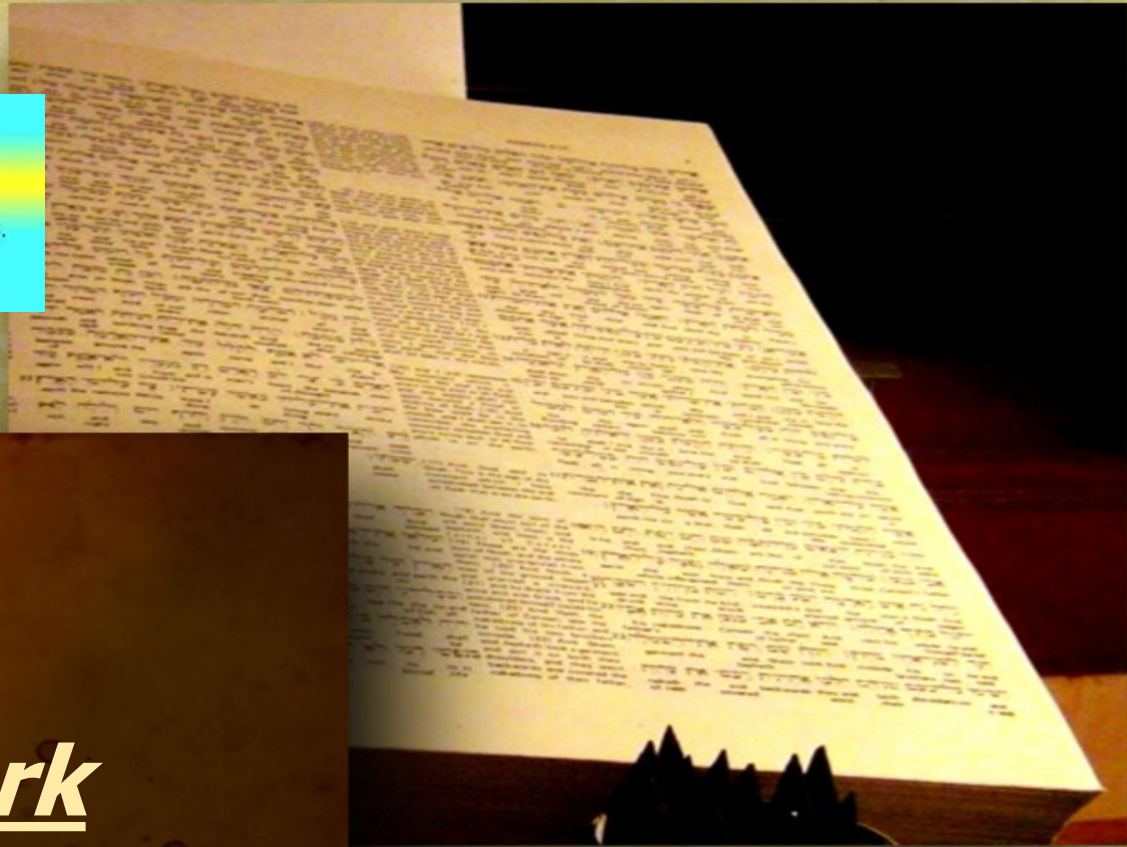




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MESSAGE

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"Revelation: Unlocking the Mystery of God's Prophetic Plan For Our Planet"

Part VI – "Vengeance And Revival"

Revelation 6:9-7:17

Lets Review - The Tribulation Period (Rev. 6-19)

- **seven year period of God's increasing wrath upon the earth for its rejection of Christ and its persecution of God's people (Synonymous With the Day of the LORD and Daniel's 70th Week)**

- **it will entail 3 stages of increasing intensity**
 - 1) Seal Judgments - Rev. 7**
 - 2) Trumpet Judgments - Rev. 8-9**
 - 3) Bowl Judgments - Rev. 15-16**
- **it will begin with unveiling of the Anti-Christ (The White Horseman)**

- **he will establish a covenant of false peace with a 10 league delegation (Daniel's Two Visions - Nebuchadnezzar's Statue and the Ten Toes / The Four Living Creatures and the Ten Horns)**

The Anti-Christ

- His Prominence - mentioned over 100xs
in Scripture

- **His Titles - The Beast (Rev.13:1), The Man of Sin (II Thes. 2:3), Man of Lawlessness (II Thes. 2:8), Little Horn (Dan. 7:8), Insolent King (Dan. 8:23), Prince Who Is To Come (Dan.9:26), Vile Person (Dan. 11:21), Strong Willed King (Dan. 11:36), Worthless Shepherd (Zech. 11:16,17), Anti-Christ (I Jn. 2:18,21)**

- **His Identity - Gentile leader of European Union (Revised Roman Empire) who will falsely promise protection for Israel and miraculously overcome some type of physical or political setback (Rev.13)**

**The First Half of the Tribulation - The Seal
Judgments (Rev.6) - Stampede of False
Peace (The White Horseman), War (The
Red Horseman), Famine (The Black
Horseman), and Death (The Pale
Horseman)**

- **Extensive Destruction - One fourth of the Earth is impacted or destroyed (4th Seal)**

**The Fifth Seal Judgment (6:9-11) -
Heavenly Picture of the Souls of Those
Who Received Christ And Will Be Martyred
During the First Half of the Tribulation**

- **they are positioned underneath the heavenly altar - this pictures the giving of they're lives as a pleasing sacrifice unto the Lord**

- **we know that these believers will be beheaded because they would not take the mark of the beast or worship the beast (Rev. 20:4)**

- **these faithful believers will cry for God's holy retribution upon their deaths - Rev. 12:19 - " Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ' Vengeance is Mine, I will repay', says the Lord." (God Will Answer Their Request But Until His Perfect Plan And Time)**

Key Question: Who Are These Martyred Believers?

- **They Are Not Christ's Church**

- **They are new believers who represent the great revival that will take place in the Tribulation from the ministry of the 144,000 Jewish evangelists (Chapter 7) - although the restraining ministry of the Holy Spirit will be removed, His presence and regenerating ministry will not**

Some Interesting Facts About These

Martyrs:

- 1. they are aware of what is going on earth**
- 2. they are martyred because of God's Word and their witness (God's Word And All Forms of Evangelism Will Be Outlawed)**

The Sixth Seal Judgment - Natural

Catastrophes And Utter Terror (6:12-17)

1. great earthquake (First of Three Monstrous Earthquakes In the Tribulation - 11:13;16:18-19) - this appears to effect the entire earth (Flood - Fault Lines)

- 2. sun becomes black and the moon blood red - this earthquake will result in volcanic eruptions which will darken the skies (Sign of the Day of the LORD)**
- 3. stars fall to the earth - meteorites whose impact will result in mushroom clouds and floods**

A Terror Stricken World (6:15-17)

- **No one will be able to allude the wrath of God**
- **instead of turning to God they will foolishly attempt to hide from God**

Rhetorical Question: "Who is able to stand?" (The Answer Is Obviously No One Except Those Who Are Standing In Christ And His Righteousness - This Naturally Leads To The 144,000 Witnesses And Gentile Converts of Rev. 7)

God's Gracious Intervention And Great Revival (7:1-3)

- **A midst His Righteous Judgment God Extends Amazing Grace and Salvation**

- **God commands His angels to pause the execution of His judgment and begin His work of salvation through the calling of His 144,000 Jewish servants**

Some Important Truths Concerning the
144,000 Witnesses

1. these are not Jehovah Witnesses!

2. these are literal Jewish believers who will make up part of the Jewish remnant God will miraculously preserve through the Tribulation (Rev. 14; Zech. 13:9)

3. they remind us of the Abrahamic covenant and God's promise to bless the world through the His Jewish people

4. they will be sealed by God's Holy Spirit and miraculously preserved through the Tribulation (Reference To Eternal Security)

**5. they're ministry will spark a
worldwide spiritual revival that will
result in millions becoming saved**

Listing of the Twelve Tribes of Israel -

7:5- 8

- **No Mention of the Tribe of Dan (False Prophet?) - Mention of Levi**
- **Absence of Ephraim - Addition of Joseph (History of Idolatry)**

Multitude of Gentile Converts - 7:9-17

- 1. this pictures an innumerable host of Tribulation converts throughout the world**
- 2. these appear to represent the martyred believers mentioned in Rev. 6 at the 5th Seal Judgment**

3. it appears these are the converts who will be saved through the ministry of the 144,000 witnesses

4. they are pictured here as no longer seeking God's vengeance but worshiping and serving Christ

**5. they are fully comforted, protected,
and satisfied through their eternal
Shepherd, Jesus Christ**

6. their ministry will be global in nature

- Mt. 24: 14 - "This gospel of the

kingdom shall be preached in the

whole world as a testimony to all the

nations, and then the end will come."

Chapter Seven's Amazing Picture of God's

Grace –

**A Midst the Most Terrifying Time of
judgment God Brings About The Greatest
Spiritual Revival In World History**

Five Key Ingredients To Spiritual Revival

1. Persecution

2. Perseverance

3. Penitence

3. Preaching of God's Truth

4. Prayer

Key Parallels Between Christ's Olivet Discourse and Revelation 6-7

Matthew 24	Revelation 6
False Christ's (vv. 4-5)	White Horse (vv.1-2)
Wars (v.6)	Red Horse (vv.3-4)
Famines (v7a)	Black Horse (vv. 5-6)
Death (vv.7b-8)	Pale Horse (VV.7-8)
Martyrs (v.9)	Martyrs under the Altar (vv.9-11)
Worldwide Chaos (vv.10-13)	Worldwide Chaos (vv.12-17)

Our Response

- 1. We Must Make Sure We Are Under
God's Protective Care of Salvation
Before God's Judgment Comes**

**2. We Must Pray And Seek For The
Beginning of Another Spiritual Revival
For Valley, Nation, And World**

**3. Thank God For His Gracious Nature And
His Future Plan of Salvation For the
Lost And The Nation of Israel**