

Revelation – The Return Wrath

The Tribulation is the seven-year period of God's judgment poured out on the earth.

Christians don't have to fear the Tribulation. God is in control!

Revelation tip: Key #7, 7 letters to 7 churches ,7 seals ,7 trumpets and 7 bowls

The seals

The Tribulation begins with the breaking of the first seal by Jesus.

The first four seals bring the four horsemen of the Apocalypse.

- Riding on a white horse, the first rider is set on conquest and power.
 - Revelation 6:1-2
- Riding on a red horse, the second rider brings war.
 - Revelation 6:3-4
- Riding on a black horse, the third rider brings famine and economic crisis.
 - Revelation 6:5-6
- Riding on a pale horse, the fourth rider brings death.
 - Revelation 6:7-8
- 1\4 th of the world's population will die as a result of the workings of the four horsemen. If this happens soon the math is as follows: 8 Billion people , 1 in 4 killed = 2 Billion lives lost.
- The Tribulation will bring the worst destruction and devastation the world has ever known.
 - Matthew 24:21 read below

The fifth seal focuses on Christian martyrs killed for their faith in Jesus.

- Revelation 6:9
- Jesus tells us to be prepared to die for Him.
 - Mark 8:34-36.. take up your cross and follow Me. Whoever wants to save his life will loss it and however losses his life for Me and for the gospel will save it.

- It's estimated that tens of millions of Christians died for their faith in the last (20th) century. In the 21 th century ,each yr. so far ,~100,000 are killed for their faith.
- The martyrs asked for God's judgment on those who killed them.
 - Revelation 6:10: Imprecatory prayer
 - Have you ever prayed one? _____
- We don't have to avenge ourselves because we can trust that God will carry out His perfect justice.
 - Revelation 6:11 What are they given and told to do?
 - _____

Heb. 10:30 For we know Him Who said, Vengeance is Mine [retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with Me]; I will repay [I will exact the compensation], *says the Lord*. And again, The Lord will judge *and* determine *and* solve *and* settle the cause *and* the cases of His people.

The sixth seal brings incredible natural disasters.

- Revelation 6:12-14

God's wrath: Does God have the right to pour it out?

God's wrath is unlike anything we've ever experienced.

- God's wrath is a natural consequence of our own sin.
 - Romans 1:18- 24 below
- God's wrath is a just and loving response to our sin.
- The horror of God's wrath is a proportional response to the horror of our sin.
- God's wrath is intended to convict and restore people to a relationship with Him. Ex. _____
- Many will refuse to repent when faced with God's wrath.
 - Revelation 6:15-17
- Hard hearts lead to destruction.
 - Hebrews 10:31 below. Have you felt this? _____
- Jesus took God's wrath for those who put their faith in Him.
 - Romans 5:8-9 below
- God's wrath poured out on Jesus shows us just how much He loves us and points us to why we need Jesus.

What is your ACTION STEP? : _____

Rev.6:1AMPC Then I saw as the Lamb broke open one of the seven seals, and as if in a voice of thunder I heard one of the four living creatures call out, Come!



² And I looked and saw there a white horse whose rider carried a bow. And a crown was given him, and he rode forth conquering and to conquer.³ And when He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out, Come!⁴ And another horse came out, flaming red. And its rider was empowered to take the peace from the earth, so that men slaughtered one another; and he was given a huge sword.⁵ When He broke open the third seal, I heard the third living creature call out, Come *and look!* And I saw, and behold, a black horse, and in his hand the rider had a pair of scales (a balance).⁶ And I heard what seemed to be a voice from the midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a denarius [a whole day's wages], and three quarts of barley for a denarius; but do not harm the oil and the wine!⁷ When the Lamb broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, Come!⁸ So I looked, and behold, an ashy pale horse [^ablack and blue as if made so by bruising], and its rider's name was Death, and Hades (the realm of the dead) followed him closely. And they were given authority *and* power over a fourth part of the earth to kill with the sword and with famine and with plague (pestilence, disease) and with wild beasts of the earth.⁹ When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw at the foot of the altar the souls of those whose lives had been sacrificed for [adhering to] the Word of God and for the testimony they had borne.¹⁰ They cried in a loud voice, O [Sovereign] Lord, holy and true, how long now before You will sit in judgment and avenge our blood upon those who dwell on the earth?¹¹ Then they were each given a [^b]long *and* flowing *and* festive white robe and told to rest *and* wait patiently a little while longer, until the number should be complete of their fellow

servants and their brethren who were to be killed as they themselves had been.¹² When He [the Lamb] broke open the sixth seal, I looked, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun grew black as sackcloth of hair, [the full disc of] the moon became like blood.¹³ And the stars of the sky dropped to the earth like a fig tree shedding its unripe fruit out of season when shaken by a strong wind.¹⁴ And the [^csky rolled up like a scroll *and* vanished, and every mountain and island was dislodged from its place.¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and their noblemen and their magnates and their military chiefs and the wealthy and the strong and [everyone, whether] slave or free hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,¹⁶ And they called to the mountains and the rocks, Fall on (before) us and hide us from the face of Him Who sits on the throne and from the [^ddeep-seated indignation *and* wrath of the Lamb.¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath (vengeance, retribution, indignation) has come, and who is able to stand before it.

Matt. 24:21 AMPC ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation (affliction, distress, and oppression) such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now—no, and never will be [again].

Rom. 1:18-24 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness,¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them.²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

Heb. 10:31 It is a fearful (formidable and terrible) thing to incur the divine penalties *and* be cast into the hands of the living God!

Rom. 5:8-9 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!