

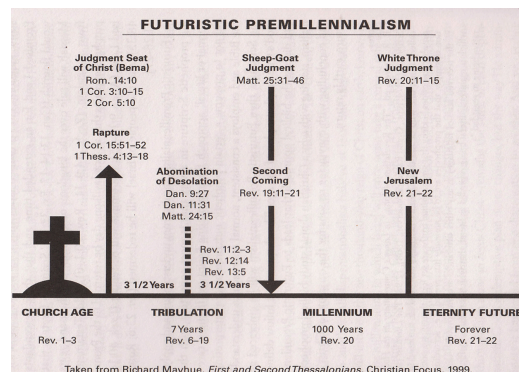
Revelation

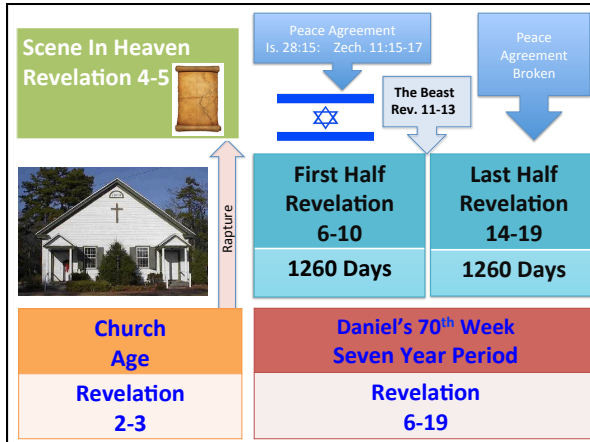
Chapter Six

Some Review

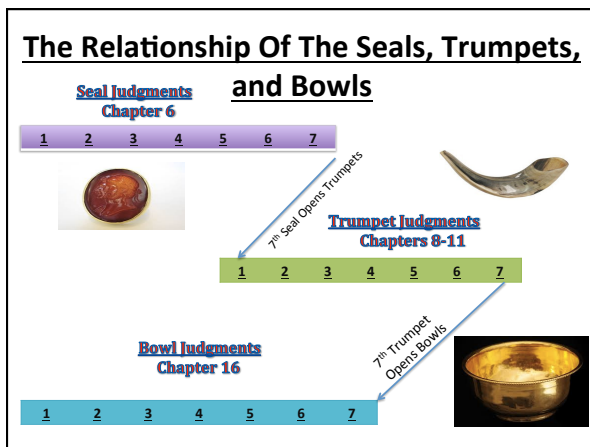
- The worship scene in Revelation 4 & 5, is preparation for the coming wrath upon the earth!
- Revelation 11:15: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord...." At no time in history has this ever taken place.
- Man says the world is getting better in the world through the advancement of technology.
- "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."-Daniel 12:4

- God knows it is getting worse as man removes Him from their lives
- "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power."-2 Tim. 3:1-5
- Man says we can negotiate peace. God says there will be wars and rumors of wars until the end
- Man expects to win the battle against famine and disease. God says there will be judgments of famine and disease.





| Comparison Of Revelation Six And Matthew Twenty-Four | | |
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| 1 st Seal | Revelation 6:1-2 Conquering Antichrist | Matthew 24:5 False Christ; Antichrist |
| 2 nd Seal | Revelation 6:3-4 Peace Taken From The Earth | Matthew 24:6-7 Wars, Nation against Nation |
| 3 rd Seal | Revelation 6:5-6 Famine | Matthew 24:7 Famine |
| 4 th Seal | Revelation 6:7-8 Sword, Famine, Plagues, Beasts | Matthew 24:7 Plagues, Pestilence |
| 5 th Seal | Revelation 6:9-11 Martyrdom | Matthew 24:9,22 Martyrdom |
| 6 th Seal | Revelation 6:12-14 Sun, Moon and Stars Sign | Matthew 24:29 Sun, Moon, and Stars Sign |



Revelation 6:1-2

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

The Scroll Is Opened

- John is doing the watching of the scene unfold before him.
- The scroll itself is not read aloud but as it is opened the events occur in history
- Human history has been full of wars and disasters but what is about to take place has never happened in the history of the world before the opening of the first seal by Jesus the Lamb of God.
- The command to “come and see” was not addressed to John but to the rider of the horse. In the original text it is literally “proceed or go”.

- The cry itself is very brief—**Erchou** [Erchou] ! It may be equally rendered *Go*, or *Come!* Our translators give it about as often one way as the other. It does not alter the sense here whichever way we take it. It is not an address to John, as many have regarded it, and as the questionable addition to the text—“*and see*”—would seem to require. John was already on the spot, beholding all that was transpiring, and did not need to be called any nearer, or to remove any further off. And if his nearer approach or further departure had been needed in the case of the first horseman, it could not have been needed for the succeeding ones. But we find the same command repeated in each successive instance. Neither can we explain why it should be such a voice of thundering power, if it was simply to call to the seer.”

(Seiss, The Apocalypse: Lectures on Revelation)

The White Horse

- Horses in Scripture are associated with judgment or destructive forces that agents of wrath. (Zech 6:1-8; Nahum 3:1-7; Joel 2:3-11)
- “‘Have you given the horse might? Have you clothed his neck with a quivering mane? Have you made him to leap as a locust? The glory of his snorting is awesome. He paws in the valley, and rejoices in his strength. He goes out to meet the armed men. He mocks at fear, and is not dismayed, neither does he turn back from the sword. The quiver rattles against him, the flashing spear and the javelin. He eats up the ground with fierceness and rage, neither does he stand still at the sound of the trumpet. As often as the trumpet sounds he snorts, ‘Aha!’ He smells the battle afar off, the thunder of the captains, and the shouting.”-**Job 39:19-25**
- “The horse was white symbolizing victory, righteousness, and holiness. White has these connotations in other places in Scripture. The horse gave an appearance of purity, but that does not necessarily mean the rider was righteous.”-(Constable)
- This rider is the false Christ giving the illusion of peace.

The Rider Is Not Jesus

- The crown that is on the riders head is “stephanos” which is a victor’s crown or trophy.
- The crown that is on Jesus’ head in Revelation 19:12, is “diadem” which is a royal crown of a king.
- He is commanded to come forth by the living creatures who just finished worshipping Him which would be strange for them to be commanding God
- This rider is included in the wrath not separate from it
- “He **was given** a crown” —Jesus was not given anything He gave it up and then returned to his place of glory where He is exalted (Php. 2:5-11)
- The rider goes forth conquering with a “bow” a weapon of warfare. Jesus will conquer by the Word of God that comes forth from His mouth.

The Rider Had Bow

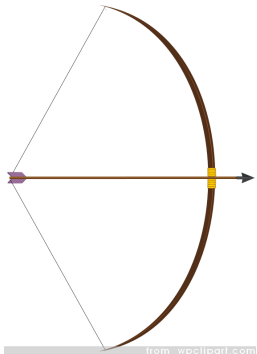
- Symbol of Nimrod (Gen 10:8-9) masterminded of the first worldwide revolt against God.
- The word “bow” is the same word used to signify the promise to Noah and all generations.
- “He will cause deceit to prosper, and he will consider himself superior. When they feel secure, he will destroy many and take his stand against the prince of princes. Yet he will be destroyed, but not by human power.”-Daniel 8:25
- This rider will confirm a covenant with the many for one seven then break the covenant to conqueror and to destroy
- The bow is a symbol of military power in the Old Testament, along with the white horse, It symbolizes authority in battle (still looked at that way today).

The Ancient Kings Were Believed To Be Descended From Heaven

- Nimrod was the first king and ancient symbolism portrays him as a warrior type figure



The Rainbow



A Weapon Of War

- “I do set **My bow...**” It is God’s beautiful rainbow for all generations to see
- The Hebrew word for **bow** is "qesheth" which is an archer's bow
- God is placing His bow shaped as a weapon of war as a sign of peace to all generations
- In Rev. 10:6, Jesus comes with “the rainbow” upon his head. Jesus bore the wrath of God upon himself and bridged the gap completing peace between man and God. (Eph. 2:11-18)

| <u>The Rider In Revelation Six-Antichrist</u> | <u>Jesus</u> |
|---|--|
| Rides a white horse Revelation 6:2 | Jesus rides a white horse Revelation 19:11 |
| Wears a crown upon his head Revelation 6:2 | Jesus has many crowns upon His head Revelation 19:12 |
| He is victorious Revelation 6:2 | Jesus is victorious Revelation 17:14 |

Revelation 6:3-4

When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

The Second Seal

- "He was given power to take peace from the earth" (Matt 24:6; Dan 11:36)
- What started as peace ends in bitter hatred towards one another
- He was given the power by God to make wars which he uses to be the hero to make peace for Israel.
- The word used for "fiery red" is "pyros" and is the same word used for the dragon in Revelation 12:3

A Great Sword Was Given Him

- God is the One Who gives the Antichrist the power to use the sword.
- The state of today's modern weapons of destruction will bring utter chaos to the world.
- For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from My hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send you, to drink it. And they will drink and stagger and go mad because of the sword that I will send among them." - Jeremiah 25:15-16

Revelation 6:5-6

When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

The Third Seal

- Black is associated with famine (Lam 4:4-8)
- "Pair of scales, in his hand"—The weighing of food indicates its scarceness
- It will take a day's wages to buy the food because it is so valuable
- It is interesting that nations of the world give oil for food
- "These prices are about twelve times higher than normal. It means that it would cost a day's wage to buy the ingredients for a loaf of bread. This describes "a time of famine when life will be reduced to the barest necessities." (Walvoord)

- "Do not damage the oil and the wine"
- There are luxuries that can be used for the purchase of food but results in control of the one who has the food.
- **"Those who are killed with the sword are better than those who are killed with hunger;** For these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field."-**Lamentations 4:9**
- "The **Oil-for-Food Program (OIFP)**, established by the United Nations in 1995 was established to allow Iraq to sell oil on the world market in exchange for food, medicine, and other humanitarian needs for ordinary Iraqi citizens without allowing Iraq to boost its military capabilities."-Wikipedia

Revelation 6:7-8

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

The Fourth Seal

- The word for “pale” is “chloros” which is “ghastly green” and we get the word chlorophyll which is the green pigments in plants .
- Hades is the place of the dead and Jesus conquered the place and took away its hold on believers (Rev 1:18)
- The word for “beasts” is **“therion”** which is an animal, a wild animal, or a metaphor for a brutal man.
- Some of the most deadly animals are **flies, mosquitoes, spiders and ticks**
- The name of the rider is “Death” which is the antithesis to Jesus Who is life.

- This is a normal progression of a false regime a dictator comes to power through intrigue, then war follows, then pestilence and famine, and finally death.
- We have this example repeated many times in history. When civilizations crumble, mankind’s defenses against disease crumble: No sanitation, safe drinking water resulting in disease running rampant cholera, typhoid, dysentery spread like a consuming fire.
- This is only the beginning of birth pangs the great tribulation is yet to come
- One-fourth of human beings die during the first half of the tribulation minus those who are raptured the total people killed would be approximately 1.5 billion.

- “Throughout human history, disease has killed people on a far more massive scale than war. More Union and Confederate soldiers died from disease during the Civil War than were killed in battle. An estimated 30million people died during the great influenza epidemic of 1918-19 —more than three times as many as the estimated 8.5 million soldiers who died in battle during World War I.”—(MaCarthur)

A Covenant With Death And Hades

- ““Because you have said, **“We have made a covenant with death, and with Sheol we are in agreement.** When the overflowing scourge passes through, it will not come to us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood we have hidden ourselves.” Your covenant with death will be annulled, and your agreement with Sheol will not stand; when the overflowing scourge passes through, then you will be trampled down by it.”-Isaiah 28:15,18
- **Death and Hades are thrown into the lake of fire in Revelation 20:14**

God's Warnings To Israel

"And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied. 'And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you. I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas."-**Leviticus 26:21-30**

- 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Pound your fists and stamp your feet, and say, 'Alas, for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. He who is far off shall die by the pestilence, he who is near shall fall by the sword, and he who remains and is besieged shall die by the famine. Thus will I spend My fury upon them."-**Ezekiel 6:11-12**
- During the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation God's warnings to Israel will finally be brought to the earth.

Revelation 6:9-10

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 testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they *were*, was completed.

The Fifth Seal

- When the Fifth Seal is opened John saw Martyrs for the faith because of the Word of God and the testimony they maintained.
- They were located "Under the altar": This is the most sacred spot where the blood was drained after the sacrifice
- "You shall take *some* of the blood of the bull and put *it* on the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the base of the altar."-**Exodus 29:12**

The Martyrs Cry For Vengeance

- There is a transition from grace and forgiveness to vengeance and judgment during this time.
- Stephen and Jesus both prayed for the forgiveness of those who martyred them:
- "They stoned Stephen as he called out, saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" He kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, "Lord, don't hold this sin against them!"--Acts 7:59-60
- "Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing."'-**Luke 23:34**
- Their cry is directed to Jesus Who is called "HOLY AND TRUE" in the letter to the church of Philadelphia (REV. 3:7)
- The martyrs cry out for the Lord to have vengeance upon "those who dwell on the earth".

The Church Not To Pray For Vengeance

- The Church of God in this present day is not to pray for vengeance upon our enemies
- "'Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is honorable in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as it is up to you, be at peace with all men. Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord." Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."'-**Romans 12:17-21**
- These who are praying for the Lord to avenge them are of a future time period when God operates once again with power against those who persecute His chosen people Israel.

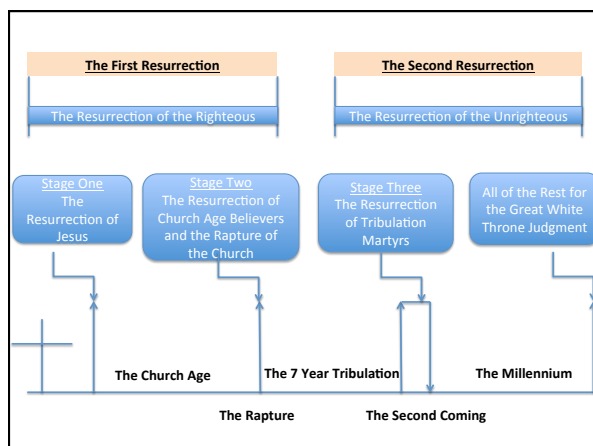
- "Rejoice, you nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants. He will render vengeance to his adversaries, And will make expiation for his land, for his people."-**Deuteronomy 32:43**
- "How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn like fire? Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, and on the kingdoms that do not call on Your name. For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place."-**Psalms 79:5-7**
- The people of Israel will be avenged for the constant persecution they have endured throughout history.
- How Long? Is the cry of the dead. Until the number is fulfilled is the answer.

A Cry To The Master Of The Universe

- The word that is used for “Lord” in verse 10, is “**Despotes**” which means “**Master**”.
- We get the word “despot” from it and is mostly used in the New Testament when referring to the master of servants.
- The best translation of “Despotes” is “Sovereign-Lord” and indicates God as Master of the universe.
- A Despot is a ruler who has total power and who often uses that power in cruel and unfair ways.
- The cry of the martyrs is asking the Master of the Universe to operate in a cruel way towards those who have put them to death.

Who Are These Martyrs?

- These martyrs will die during the seven year tribulation period.
- Believers who die in the Lord either by natural causes or martyrdom before the seven year tribulation are resurrected to meet Jesus in the air with those who are raptured.
- “For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with God’s trumpet. The dead in Christ will rise first, then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air so we will be with the Lord forever.”--**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**



They Were Given White Robes

- White robes are promised to the overcomers in the church of Sardis (Rev. 3:4-5)
- The Martyrs are told to have patience until “**the number...was completed**”
- Is there a number of martyrs that need to die? There is more yet to come (Rev 11:7;12:11;14:13;20:4-5)
- Once again the Jewishness of this passage “under the altar” cannot help be noticed.
- “Fellow servants and brethren” denotes by this figure of speech not two separate classes of people, but one class, their **fellow servants who were their brethren**.”
- These martyrs will be mostly repentant Israel, Romans 11:25-28, is clear Israel will repent after the fullness of the Gentiles is complete.
- It is difficult for our minds to comprehend why God would not intervene to prevent so many deaths upon His chosen people but in the end He is patient to fulfill His purposes and those who die will live with Him forever but those who resist Him will be cut off.

Revelation 6:12-17

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The Sixth Seal

- When the sixth seal is opened there is massive cosmic and seismic happenings upon the earth.
- This is the first of Three Massive Earthquakes.
- The other earthquakes occur in Revelation 11:13 and Revelation 16:18-20.
- The Second earthquake kills seven thousand people and the Third earthquake is so massive that the scripture says there has never been one like it before in the history of man.

- "There were lightnings, sounds, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since there were men on the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty. The great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give to her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. Every island fled away, and the mountains were not found."-**Revelation 16:18-20**
- **What is fascinating is that men know the source of these earthquakes yet fail to repent and turn to the One Who can save them!**
- **"For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts."**-Haggai 2:6-7

The Sun Is Dark And The Moon Blood

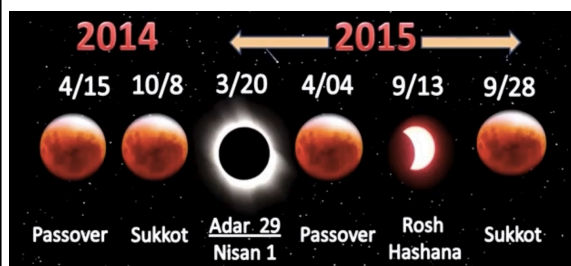
- Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand: A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning *clouds* spread over the mountains. **"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,** before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. -**Joel 2:1-2;30-31**
- Joel and many of the Old Testament prophets told about this Day of Judgment
- God is the creator of all the works we see around us but secular humanists worship the creation and do not recognize the Creator. Therefore He will bring their god raining down upon them with a fury of destruction.

Signs In The Heavens

- GEN 1:14---AND GOD SAID, LET THERE BE LIGHTS IN THE FIRMAMENT OF THE HEAVEN TO DIVIDE THE DAY FROM THE NIGHT; **AND LET THEM BE FOR SIGNS, AND FOR SEASONS, AND FOR DAYS, AND YEARS."**
- In Gen 1:14, we are told that the stars are to be for, **"signs, seasons, days, and years"**
- The seasons, days and years are familiar to us, but what about signs?
- "He appointed the moon for seasons. The sun knows when to set."-**Psalm 104:19**

- Signs carry a message, to give us information
- Seasons mean an "appointed place or appointed time"
- **Therefore the lights (stars sun moon) are to be signs for an appointed time.**
- **When God begins to do something He communicates to mankind through the heavens**
- In the Bible, celestial disturbances are often connected with the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Joel, Zephaniah and Jesus Himself all described such things.
- A star led the wise men to Jesus and the sun stood still as Joshua led Israel to victory over its enemies.

The Blood Moon



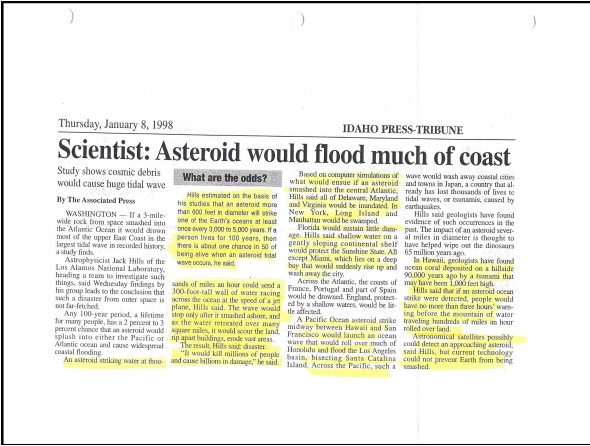
Significance For Israel

- A blood moon is when the Earth comes between the sun and the moon.”. "And the sun is shining through the atmosphere of the Earth and casts up on the moon a red shadow. And so the moon appears to be red.” (Hagee)
- In 1492, Spain expelled the Jews. Columbus also discovered America, which became a safe haven for the Jewish people.
- In 1948 the nation of Israel born after the tragedy of the holocaust
- In 1967 the nation of Israel recaptured Jerusalem after the Six-Day War and for the first time in 2000 years Israel and Jerusalem are together again



Asteroids Hit The Earth

- The word for “Star” is the Greek word “*aster*” which is any luminous body in the sky other than sun and moon.
- Most likely this is a great swarm of asteroids that pummel the earth
- Joshua 10, parallels this account—hailstones fall to earth in Josh 10:11; the Amorite kings hide in caves after signs in the sun, moon, and the stars. (Josh 10:16)



The Sky Rolls Back

- The word that is used for **"receded"** is **"Apochōrizō"** and means **"to separate or sever"**
- The sky is literally split apart and rolled back in two opposite directions.
- Stephen before he was martyred said, "Look! **I see the heavens opened** and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" (Acts 7:56)
- "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.**" Acts 1:11
- **The heaven will move apart which will allow the earth dwellers to see the spectacular descent of the Lamb from the very throne of God to exercise His wrath upon the world.**

The Mountains And Islands Removed

- Islands are simply mountains with water around them so the earth must be going through some shifting from the earthquakes and the asteroids hitting the earth.
- The earth will be in a state of total stress
- The mountains quake before him, and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, yes, the world, and all who dwell in it. Who can stand before his indignation? Who can endure the fierceness of his anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken apart by him."- **Nahum 1:5-6**
- "As great as this earthquake is, it is but a precursor to an even greater one associated with the seventh bowl at which "every island fled away and the mountains were not found" (Rev. 16:19). It would appear that the islands sink from sight and the mountains are leveled by God's final outpouring of wrath." (Garland)

People Hide In Caves

- This is an attempt to get out from the falling asteroids
- They are also hiding from the Face of the Father sitting on the throne and the wrath of the Lamb Who are revealed as the heavens open up before those on earth.
- The categories of people hiding while the earth is being pummeled with asteroids pretty much covers everyone left on earth.
- Adam and Eve hid from God (Gen.3:8); man's first instinct is to hide from God but what God desires is a relationship with man.
- Sin perverts the mind so much that people would rather die than live in relationship with God.

The Kings Of The Earth

- Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? **The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord** and against His Anointed, *saying*, "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." Now therefore, be wise, **O kings; Be instructed**, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish *in* the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all those who put their trust in Him.-**Psalm 2:1-3,10-12**
- The kings of the earth fail to take the Lord's advice and kiss the Son, therefore the wrath of the Lamb is kindled against them.

They Call On The Rocks

- This a largest prayer meeting on earth ever, however, the problem is that they are praying to the rocks and not the Lord.
- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved but there is no promise for salvation to those who call on rocks!
- They understand the wrath of God is happening but will still not repent and turn to Him
- As the earth shifted it probably caved in there shelters but this seemed more preferable to them then facing the Lamb of God---why?
- **Pride**
- "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts."-Psalm 10:4

The Great Day Of Wrath

- These people will not only seek to hide from God but will rally to blaspheme him and finally take up arms against him at Armageddon
- These people simply cannot change their hearts and turn to Him but many will turn and be saved.
- "Who is able to stand?" Able is in the present tense and should be translated: **"Who is able to be standing?"**
- The answer comes in chapter 7, the 144,000 sealed members of the Jewish tribes
- Joel asks the same question:

- "The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; For strong *is the One* who executes His word. **For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?"**-Joel 2:10-11
- The 144,000 "of all the tribes of the children of Israel" will pass unharmed through the tribulation in order to accomplish their mission of spreading the gospel message.
- And thus, the greatest revival that the world has ever seen will come through the Jews.