

# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 6:9-11

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**"A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR"**

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**INTRODUCTION**      *to the text*      *Revelation 6:9-11*

## LAST TIME – A WORLD WITHOUT GOD

**I.)**      *Is a world that has "Lost It's Values"*      *vv. 3-4*

**1<sup>st</sup>.**      *A world in peril*

**2<sup>nd</sup>**      *A world in anarchy*

**3<sup>rd</sup>**      *A world near it's end*

**II.)**      *Is a world that misses the blessings of God*      *vv. 5-6*

**1<sup>st</sup>**      *A world filled with hopelessness*

**2<sup>nd</sup>**      *A world coming under judgment*

**3<sup>rd</sup>**      *Is a world left to its own devices*

**III.)**      *Is a world that has been sentenced to death*      *vv. 7-8*

**1<sup>st</sup>**      *Man wasn't made to die*

**2<sup>nd</sup>**      *And creation wasn't made for death*

**3<sup>rd</sup>**      *But you and I desire life – and Jesus is Life*

### **Revelation 6:9-11**

Now - 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. **:10** 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?" **:11** 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 First “Four Seals”**  
of the “Seven Sealed” Scroll Have Now Been Opened.  
The “Fifth Seal” is Yet Another “Requirement” that Must be Performed.

**It’s No Secret That Believers in**

the Almighty God of the Bible have suffered at the hands of persecutors throughout history. The persecutions of the Egyptian pharaohs and of the Babylonian kings, and of the Persian and Assyrian empires down through the ages. The open attacks against the believers by the Roman empire and by the communist Chinese and those atrocities by old soviet union and, lets remember, that Adolph Hitler not only murdered 6 million Jews but also over a 100,000 Christians who pledge allegiance to Jesus Christ.

**John 15:18**

“If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. :19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

What in Our Lives is Really Worth Living for  
And what is so valuable to us – that we would die for what we believe?

**Hebrews 11:32**

And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon and Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also of King David and Samuel and the prophets: :33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions... :36 Still others had trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. :37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented....:38 of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, *in* dens and caves of the earth... of whom the world was not worthy of!

**Psalm 116:15**

Precious in the sight of the LORD *is* the death of His saints.

**A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR**

**I.) *Is a life that is greater than what this world can offer***

*Now - 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.*

*Is a life that is greater than what this world can offer*

**1<sup>st</sup> Recognizing the worthiness of Jesus Christ v.9**

*Now - When He opened **the fifth seal***

The fact that Jesus Christ is the only one worthy to perform the full act of man’s redemption

**Revelation 5:1-5**

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. :2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? :3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.....:4 And I wept much, because no man was **found worthy** to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. :5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

# Jesus' "Worthiness" Was Qualified by the Fact;

#1  
Of "Who" Jesus Was;

#2  
"Why" Jesus Came;

#3  
And "What" Jesus Did;

## 1 John 2:1

...I write to you, so that you may not practice sin. And if anyone does sins, we have an Advocate (a representative) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. - :2 And He Himself is the propitiation (payment) for our sins, and not for our sins only but also for the whole world.

## John 10:9

I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

## Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord **shall be saved**.

## Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. :9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

## **A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR**

*Is a life that is greater than what this world can offer*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Recognizing the integrity of the Bible v.9**

*I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God*

*This Book the Bible, Transcends our World.  
It is a message that did not come from here.*

We can prove that it has come from outside of our world by what it has to say and what it does. - it's prophetic in nature! = futuristic

**It has been sent from heaven to earth for us**

FIRST THINGS FIRST  
NOTICE WHERE A BELIEVER GOES WHEN THEY DIE.

DIRECTLY TO HEAVEN  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!

# So Convincing is the Accuracy of the Bible, That it is Intellectual, Undeniable!

Examine the Scriptures / Test the Scriptures / Match it Against the Sciences

## 1 Timothy 6:20

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to your trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science **falsely** so called: False arguments disguised as science

## Their Profession

Regarding the Validity of the word of God  
The power of the word of God  
The accuracy of the word of God

## This is Under Attack Today

“Did God say that - Justice is Right?”  
“Did God say - that Jesus is the Savior of the World?”  
“Did God say - that Time is Running Out?”  
Did God say – that it was Adam or Eve or Adam and Steve?

## A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR

*Is a life that is greater than what this world can offer*

**3<sup>rd</sup> Recognize the reality of the Believer**

**v.9**

*I saw under the altar the souls of those  
who had been slain **for the testimony which they held.**  
I saw **under the altar** the souls*

## We're Arrested Immediately

By the fact that the Bible says that there is an Altar in Heaven!

What is the Picture Before Us?  
That These Believers are “Under the Altar”

In Our Daily Readings...

### Leviticus 4:6-7

And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. :7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of **the altar** of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation: and shall pour all the blood of the bullock **at the bottom of the altar** of the burnt offering, which is **at the door of the tabernacle** of the congregation.

TO BE “UNDER THE ALTAR” IS TO BE UNDER THE BLOOD

“...who had been “slain”

**This is Persecution, in The First Degree**

Slain

**sfaizw sphazo**, *sfad'-zo*; worse than murder, an intentional abuse which leads to butchering (especially in the context of an animal) to torture with intent to slaughter.

## We're Given the Reason for Their Torture...

*for the testimony which they held.*

### Revelation 1:9

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

### Testimony

*marturi+a marturia, mar-too-ree'-ah;*

the evidence given in a case. a sworn record or eyewitness report, an eyewitness account.

### 2 Timothy 3:12

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

## Their Time on Earth had Ended.

*A testimony is what they left behind*

**"that Jesus Christ had changed their lives"  
and that they had been eyewitnesses of their  
change**

### 2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

## The Apostle Paul's Eyewitness Account

### Philippians 3:7

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. :8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

***which they "held" – couldn't let go of it!***

### John 6:66-68

From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. :67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" :68 But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

***couldn't let go of it***

Like Jacob, Like Moses, Like Joshua, Like Paul... Like You!

## A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR

**II.) *Is a life that lives beyond death in eternity with God***

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**1<sup>st</sup> The believer will be justified in eternity**

**v.10**

*And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, (despotate) holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood..."*

## **"Lord"**

**despo/thß despotes**, *des-pot'-ace*; the absolute ruler a despot, master, supreme authority!

## **Who Are These People?**

We know that they are believers who died for their faith during the openings years of the tribulation period. They were killed during the first phase of the rule of the Antichrist.

They are Not Church Age Believers Because the Church has Already Been Removed from Earth by this Time.

They are Also asking for Divine Vengeance to be Awarded to Their Attackers

## **These Are Tribulation Saints**

(those who come to faith after the rapture but before the second coming)

**A Remnant of Israel Will Come To Know**

**Yah-shoe-AH= Jesus as Messiah!**

According to the Bible

A Great Number of People will be Saved During Those Terrible Days

## **?How Will People Hear The Gospel in Those Days?**

#1 - By the Testimony of the Martyrs

#2 - By The Preaching of the Two Prophets from Jerusalem – Rev 11

#3 - By Witnessing of the **144,000** Born Again Jews – Rev 14

#4 - personally – I believe the greatest of all ways that people are going come to Know Christ in the tribulation period is by the reading of the Bible.

**Via all the Bibles left behind by the  
Raptured Christians,  
Via The Gideon Bibles, and Wycliffe  
Bible Translators!**

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The Believers of the Tribulation Period Will Die Here on Earth.  
**THERE IS NO RAPTURE PROMISED TO THEM**

**Revelation 12:11**

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

# Israel Also Will Come

## A Most Powerful and Great Prophecy of Scripture

**Is In Zechariah 13:7-9**

**It Spans Some Three Thousand Years**

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, (Jesus Christ) and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd (Jesus Christ), and the sheep (Israel) shall be scattered... (the last 2,000 years) and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. :8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, **two thirds** shall be cut off and die; but the third part shall be left there.....

...:9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, (tribulation period )and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, (at the tribs end) and I will hear them: I will say, **"It is my people:"** and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

## A Message to the Tribulation Believers

**Matthew 24:9**

"Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. :10 And then many will be offended, and will betray one another, and will hate one another.

### Their "Testimony" was the Ministry of the Prophets

*Like Jonah, Like Jeremiah, Like Isaiah, Like Noah*

## Their Messages were Hated

And The Message of the Tribulation Believer  
Will also be Hated – *and it will cost them their lives!*

**Matthew 24:9**

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## A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR

*Is a life that lives beyond death in eternity with God*

**2<sup>nd</sup> The believer shall never die the death**

**v.10**

*until You judge and avenge - "Our blood"...*

*on those **who dwell on the earth?"***

we may suffer pain / but we will never die **the death**

AND THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE

One hurts for the moment the other is forever

first notice with me

it is God who will right the wrongs done against us  
retaliation and revenge is wrong on our part

## God Judges and Avenges because His knowledge is Perfect

Let God Be Your Defense Christian

**John 11:25**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.  
:26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

## It's Against "The Earth Dwellers"

**Revelation 13:14**

And false prophet will deceive **those who dwell on the earth** by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those **who dwell on the earth** to make an image to the beast...

**Isaiah 26:21**

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish **the inhabitants of the earth** for their iniquity:

## A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR

**III.) Is a life that shall continue on with others forever**

**1<sup>st</sup> Life with Jesus Christ is guaranteed**

**v.11**

Notice; What was Given and What was Said  
To those Tribulation Saints – The Believers During The Seven Years.

*Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them  
that they should rest a little while longer...*

## The "White Robes" – Different from the Church's

**Revelation 7:9,13-14**

After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with **white robes**, and palms in their hands... :13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, Who are these which are arrayed in **white robes**? and where did they come from? :14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**"Rest"** – comforting words for a troubled people

Why? – Because the Future Persecution Against Christians, During the Tribulation Period, will be what is known as a "Full" Persecution or a "Complete" Persecution!



# Remember Jesus' Encouragement

to Those Who have Been Called Upon to Die for Him in History, Those Dying Today... and Certainly Those Who will Die in the Future?

## Revelation 2:8

"And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says **the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life**: :9 "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. :10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to test you... Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

## ***Life with Jesus Christ is guaranteed***

The Book of Daniel,  
the old testaments counterpart to the book of revelation,  
Tell us that the Tribulation Believers Must Die

## Daniel 7:21-22

"I was watching; and this same king was made war against the saints of God, and that king prevailed against them, and he did so :22 until the Ancient of Days came, and then judgment was made *in favor* of the saints of God, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom.

## Verse 11

*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.*

## ***Life with Jesus Christ is guaranteed***

What Can This World Guarantee You?  
The World has No Power to Guarantee Anything  
Because this world is Dissolving

## **A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR**

*Is a life that shall continue on with others forever*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Life with Jesus Christ makes perfect sense**

**v.11**

*...until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who **would be killed** as they were, was completed.*

## **Comfort for Our Souls**

### 2 Corinthians 5:6

So we are always confident, knowing  
that while we are at home in this body we are absent from the Lord.

### 2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident also, yes, and well pleased rather  
to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

# Some Day, It Will be Just a Blink

# Ma'am, Sir - Allow Me This Please!

The Bible, God's Word, has Never Been Wrong.  
It Will Never Be Wrong...

## Matthew 5:17-18

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. :18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

## Are You Willing to Gamble Your Eternity

on what your opinion might be of Christ / or how you think the story ought to end

# We Are in This Life Together, and There is No Other Way Out!

## That's Why Jesus Came

To show us the way to heaven and back to God.

## Jesus Came and Taught Us

that we cannot make it on our own, by ourselves

## Jesus Came and Showed Us

that we cannot give anything of our own, by ourselves

## Jesus Came and Lived for Us

The perfect life that could never live

## Jesus Came and Died for Us

Because not one of us have the power to secure a pardon from God

## Jesus Came and Resurrected for Us

That each man and woman, boy and girl that trusts His message and His work on the cross will have eternal life and the forgiveness of sins

**Matthew 12:30**

"Anyone, Anyone, who is not for me is acting against me;  
and anyone who does not help me gather for my cause is actually working against me.

**Is Your Life a Life that is being Lived for Jesus Christ,  
or are you not living your life for Christ?**

It cannot be both, it cannot be sometimes  
and it cannot be on Sunday's only or on Wednesday Nights.  
Not even on Easter or on Christmas

Is It In Your Heart to Live for Jesus Christ  
Are you willing - Are you willing - Are you willing -

**A LIFE WORTH DYING FOR**

**END OF STUDY**