

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 6:12-17

MEDIA REFERENCE NUMBER SM-523 MARCH 7, 2004

THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN ”

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Tribulation, End Times, Wrath, Judgment

INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 6:12-17

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. **:13** 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. **:14** Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. **:15** And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, **:16** 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! **:17** For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

When You Mention the word “Earthquake”
you Automatically Think California!

I, Perhaps Like You, Survived the Sylmar Earthquake that Struck at 6:02 am, February 9th 1971 – I will never forget it!

We might remember the The Alaskan, Good Friday and the San Francisco quakes, the Landers, Big Bear Quake, or Coalinga, The Joshua Tree and the Northridge...

But What About the New Madrid ,
Missouri Quake of 1812?

But The Largest Earthquake in U.S. History
Was an estimated - 8.6, 8.4 & 8.7

and it was felt from Alberta Canada to Mexico City, Mexico!

The quake rang church bells in Boston Mass, cracked walls in Washington D.C. and felled log cabins
in Kentucky

The USGS has classified the New Madrid Fault as “Active”

Earthquakes Get Our Attention in a Most
Awesome Way

If you log on to the website of the United States Geological Survey,
You will be able to monitor Seismological Events Worldwide.

And Then There’s The “SUPER QUAKE” CATEGORY

And These Super Quakes are Increasing in Magnitude and Frequency!

Geology Students Know that any Significant Earthquake along a fault line places stress and torque on
neighboring fault lines, And just a couple of Super quakes happening at the same time on the globe could
cause a chain reaction of earthquakes that could level civilization around the world in minutes.

WELL, PUT YOUR HELMET ON - TURN TO REVELATION 6

Chapter Six Takes to the Advent of the Great Tribulation Period

The First Seal

Brought forth the antichrist

The Second Seal

Brought forth the red horse of war and bloodshed

The Third Seal

Then Black horse of global Famine and Starvation

The Forth Seal

The Pale Horse brought forth death by persecutions and violence

The Fifth Seal

*Reveled to us that a great number of the Christians living during the tribulation period will have to die for their
relationship to Jesus Christ*

And Now, The Sixth Seal

(the most awesome of the seals because this is the direct involvement of God Himself)

Nature goes into an act of rebellion against mankind

WHERE ARE WE ON THE TIMELINE

SCALE OF THINGS?

This Sixth Seal ends the first half of the Tribulation Period.

The Six Seals all Happen within the First 3 1/2 Years
The Seventh Seal is the Last 3 1/2 Years
(The Great Day of God's Wrath)

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

I.) *Is the day God releases His grip* vv. 12-14

12 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. **:13** 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. **:14** Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

NATURE IN REBELLION

Romans 8:22-23

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. **:23** Not only *that*, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

In the day God releases his grip

1st *Is the day when Jesus Christ executes his wrath* v. 12

12 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.

Luke 4:16-19

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. **:17** And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: **:18** *"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; :19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD..."*

Luke 4:20-21

Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. **:21** And He began to say to them, **"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."**

What is Remarkable, Is what Jesus Didn't read! In Luke's Gospel, Jesus was Reading from the Prophet Isaiah, **Chapter 61: Verse 1 and Half of Verse 2A...**

Isaiah 61:2

(A) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, **(comma)** (B) And the day of vengeance of our God; (that comma is a two thousand year old comma...)

v. 12: I looked when He (Jesus Christ) 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.

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

*Is the day God releases His grip,
And that's the day when Jesus Christ executes His wrath*

The Sun Resembles Black Sackcloth
The Moon Resembled the Appearance of Blood

What do we know for sure?

Our Celestial Sun and Moon are Going to Take on
a Gross, Doomsday Appearance

So the first thing we see is cataclysmic events,
Outside man's Ability to Cope With

The Pathology of Divine Judgment

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, :14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. :15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. :16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. :17 And He is before all things, and *in Him all things consist*.

“Consist”

sunī÷sthmi sunistemi, to set or to ordain things together, to introduce, the exhibition of things, allowing something to be made and to exist.

The Preeminence of Jesus Christ, The Great Engineer

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, :2 has in these last days spoken to us by *His Son*, whom He has appointed heir of all things, ***through whom also He made the worlds***;

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning ***God created*** the heavens and the earth.

Revelation 3:14

“And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, ***the Beginning of the creation of God***.’”

Isaiah 40:12

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of ***His hand***, Measured heaven with a span And calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales And the hills in a balance?

Proverbs 30:4

Who has ascended into heaven, or descended? ***Who*** has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What *is* His name, and what *is* His Son's name, If you know?

In the day God releases His grip

2nd The celestial atmosphere will come undone

v.13

If There ever was truth to the saying
"The Sky is Falling"
it will be during this terrible period to come

*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.*

stars of heaven fell

pi÷ptw pipto, pip'-to,

the falling or casting earthward of a celestial matter.
(a star, a comet, an asteroid)
or to be cast down. To arrive. To strike the earth

In the day God releases His grip

3rd The geological footings of the earth will fail

v.14

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up,
and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

This is an Amazing Description of what would happen if
Cosmological Equilibrium was Lost

The planets, and moons, the stars and universe, and clusters of universes, and the clusters of clusters
of universes are currently in balance...

Isaiah 24:18

In that day, Anyone who tries to escape from the terror of the LORD will fall into a pit, and anyone who escapes from the pit will be caught in a trap. Torrents of rain will pour from the sky, and the earth's foundations will shake. :19 Until the earth cracks and shatters and splits open. :20 In that day, The earth itself will stagger like a drunken man, it will sway back and forth like a hut in a storm. Because the world is weighed down by its sins; it will collapse, never to rise again. :21 At that time, the LORD will punish the powers of the heaven above and the rulers of the earth beneath.

NOW HEAR THIS, VERSE 23

Isaiah 24:23

Then the moon will be disgraced and the sun shall be ashamed; Because the LORD of hosts will reign from Mount Zion, in Jerusalem, before His elders, gloriously!

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

II.) Humanity will be brought to it's knees

vv. 15

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

**As Powerful And Collective As These People Are,
they have one terrible thing in common...
They Have Never Sought Hard After For Forgiveness**

Ephesians 5:6

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Humanity will be brought to its knees

1st When no earthly power can help

v.15

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men

*And the kings of the earth
The Greatest of Politicians*

*the great men
The Influence of Lords*

*the rich men
Global Merchants and Traders*

*the commanders
Admirals and Generals*

*the mighty men
The Power Brokers*

One of the Stupidest Human Proverbs Says
" God Helps Those Who Help Themselves "

**the truth is;
God helps those who cannot help themselves**

However in this case,
there is no help for a
Christ-rejecting world.

Their Prayer is Answered - "God, Leave us Alone!"
And with That - All Human Government Will Fail

Man without God - Is Man Acting as God.

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

(The Rule, the Reign and the Influence of the Antichrist will Begin to Collapse)

Humanity will be brought to its knees

2nd When no place on earth can save

v.15

*every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,
the entire, unbelieving group of humanity*

Why?

Because Even Though They Have Different Upbringings and Various Backgrounds,

Every man and woman has this in common...

It is the need of salvation and
redemption

- and That Through Jesus Christ!

Isaiah 13:9

Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. :10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. :11 "I will punish the world for *its* evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; :13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

Haggai 2:6

For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is **a little while**, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; :7 And I will shake all nations,

Matthew 24:6

And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, **and earthquakes** in various places. :8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

Zephaniah 1:14

The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and it is coming with power, even the voice of the day of the LORD: all the mighty man of the earth shall cry bitterly. :15 In that day - the day of **His wrath**, a day of trouble and distress, a day of disaster and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness,

Ezekiel 32:7

... I will veil the heavens, and make its stars become dark; I will shield the sun with a cloud, And the moon shall not give her light. :8 All the brilliant lights of the heavens I will make to become dark over the earth, And bring darkness upon the land,' Says the Lord GOD.

Mark 13:24

"But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; :25 the stars of heaven will fall, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. :26 Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

III.) All the earth will tremble before the Lord vv. 16-17

...and they said (pray) 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!** :17 For the great day of **His wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?"

church - Attention Please

I want every one of you to Understand, That The Second Coming of Jesus Christ is a Terrifying Event For all those who will be Living on Earth at That Time !

Joel 2:30

"And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. :31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.

Never Confuse the Rapture of the Church
With The Second Coming of Christ!

Joel 2:10

The earth shall **quake** before the nations; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: :11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

The Second Coming of Christ!

Acts 2:20

The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. :21 And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.'

the Rapture of the Church

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all mankind... :13 looking for **the blessed hope** and **glorious appearing** of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, :14 who gave Himself for us – for our sins, that He might redeem us from **every lawless deed** and **to purify us** for Himself – His own special people, - now zealous (warm feelings) for good works.

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

All the earth will tremble before the Lord

1st Because the day of God's vengeance is coming

v.16

...and they said (prayed) to the mountains and rocks

Notice to Whom or to What People Trust in,
in Times of Trouble!

When Adverse Things Happen to Us // What
Should Be Our Response?

...and they said (pray) 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!** :17 For the great day of **His wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?"

They're Willing and Able to Pray to the
Mountains AND TO THE ROCKS FOR SALVATION,
But they are not willing to ask God to
forgive them.

When People Reject the Lordship of God in Their Lives, Then
they wind up holding on to things that cannot save them.

Genesis 6:3

And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,

All the earth will tremble before the Lord

2nd Because the day of God's judgment has come

v.16

"Fall on us and hide us from **the face of Him who sits on the throne**
and from **the wrath of the Lamb!**

I'm Sorry, But There is Something Very Wrong Here

An Angry Lamb, - - Have You Ever Seen an Angry Lamb?

"Children Watch Out for Any Angry Lambs"
"Look Out, There's an Angry Lamb"
Imagine Going to Italy for the Running of the Lambs

"Today a Man was Attack and Killed by a Lamb, Film at 11:00

Lambs aren't Supposed to Get Angry

John the Baptist

Matt. 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He (Jesus) who is coming after me is mightier than I, His sandals I am not worthy to even carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (salvation) and fire (judgement).

JESUS SPOKE OF THOSE COMING DAYS WHEN...

Luke 21:25

"there will be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth - distress of nations, with perplexity (no answers), the sea and the waves will roar; :26 and men's hearts fail within them due to fear and also of the expectation of those things which are coming to the earth, for the powers of the heavens above will be violently shaken. :27 Then the world will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Psalm 9:8

He shall judge the world in righteousness,

Genesis 18:25

Lord be it far from thee that thou would slay the righteous with the wicked:
Shall not **the Judge** of all the earth **do right**?

Notice - Who is with Whom and Where

Revelation 19:14

And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. :15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. **He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.**

John 5:21

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. :22 Even so, the Father judges no one, but has delegated all judgment to the Son,

All the earth will tremble before the Lord

3rd we interrupt this broadcast – you can escape this v.17

For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

I interrupt this message to provoke you to think.

**It's with all the care I can generate, that I attempt to connect with you - -
that you must get your life right with God...**

As the Pastor of the Church, and on Behalf of all non-Christians, non-believers...

I'm Talking to You So-Called Christians

Listen to These Scriptures...

Colossians 3:6

Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience,

Ephesians 5:6

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Ephesians 2:3

among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. :4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the **wrath** to come.

1 Thessalonians 2:19

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

1 Thessalonians 3:13

so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 4:16

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. :17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

1Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

AND THREE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL PROMISES OF DELIVERANCE COME FROM NONE OTHER THAN JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF

John 14:1

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. :2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. :3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

Luke 21:35

For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. :36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Revelation 3:10

Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

WHEN CREATION BREAKS DOWN

Every Tree Hugger And Whale Watcher And Yugo Owner Will Have Nothing Left But A Pile Of Bark, Blubber And Tin!

END OF STUDY