

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

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"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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It Doesn't Take a Reader of the Bible Long
to Conclude that Our God is a God of Love and Mercy and Grace and Forgiveness.

Psalm 86:5

For You, Lord, *are* good, and ready to forgive, And abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You.

Jeremiah 31:3

"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him,

Revelation 1:5

For it is Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the "firstborn" from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

WHEN WE HEAR ABOUT "JUDGEMENT"

We're Tempted to have in our minds eye, an image of an old bearded man with a sandwich board saying "Repent the End is Near"

Sometimes We Mistakenly "Think" God is Judging

John 16:33

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace.
In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

But There is a Time of God's Judgement

and Wrath That is Coming to This World That Will Be Like No Other Time in All of History or of the Future!

Matthew 24:21

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. :22 And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.

We Enter Now a Scene, Yet Future, A Time That Bible has Dedicated Many Books and Chapters To Describing...

By The Time We Come to Chapter 8

- We have already seen the rapture of the church
- We've seen great persecution against the Jewish nation
- We've seen millions of believers martyred for their faith in Jesus Christ during the tribulation period

Remember the Scroll?

Revelation 5:1

And I saw in the right *hand* of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with **seven seals**.

The Seventh Seal

Reveals the Seven **Trumpet** judgments of God
And the Seventh Trumpet will Reveal the Seven **Bowl** Judgments of God

This "Seventh Seal"

Reveals what remains of the book of Revelation

We've Just Returned from Israel...

1. The Argument for Biblical Accuracy: - **The Bible** Itself
2. The Evidence of Biblical Accuracy: - **The Archaeology** of the Bible
3. The Assurance of Continued Biblical Accuracy: - **The Prophecies** of the Bible

This Chapter is Broken Down into Four Sections

- #1 – The Silent Pause v1
- #2 – The Solemn Preparation v2
- #3 – The Saints Prayers v3-5
- #4 – The Sinners Punishment v6-13

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

I.) *There Will Be a Silent Pause in Heaven*

vv. 1

THE SECTION OF GREAT PREPARATION

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Until Now We Have Been Hearing About the Noise of Heaven!
Loud Worship, Wonderful sayings, and Voices Shouting God's Praises

Heaven Is Not A Quiet Place – until verse One!

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

There Will Be a Silent Pause in Heaven

1st *Because of what Jesus Christ is about to do*

v.1

When He (Jesus Christ Himself) opened the seventh seal,
there was **silence** in heaven for about half an hour.

A half hour Can be a Long Time When...

Like when the jury stands to give its verdict

Luke 4:14

Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. :15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. :16 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."* :20 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."

Jesus is Reading from Isaiah 61... *carefully!*

Isaiah 61:2

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, (And the day of vengeance of our God;)
To comfort all who mourn,

There Will Be a Silent Pause in Heaven

2nd *Because of what Heaven is about the see*

v.1

The Grammatical Picture Painted Here is Awesome And Frightening

silence

a silence that is felt. A muteness, a total stillness, stopped by the inability to speak.
In the English language we get the word "Dead Calm"

**Whatever is about to Happen on Earth –
Causes Heaven Itself to be Speechless.
Heaven is About to Witness
The Wrath of God against a Christ-Rejecting World**

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

There Will Be a Silent Pause in Heaven

3rd Because silence shouts the righteousness of God v.1

It's that nagging truth that won't go away...

There is a Day of Reckoning Coming

Pastor Jack.

Why Must There Be Judgment?

Why Doesn't God Just Forget it and Move On?

And Why is God so Angry with the World?

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

II.) Solemn Preparation must be made vv. 2

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God,
and to them were given seven trumpets.

Trumpets were used for calling God's people to worship.

Trumpets were used for calling God's people to war.

Trumpets were used for calling God's people to gather.

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

Solemn Preparation must be made

1st Because God is in Heaven and He is Holy v.2

The Holiness of God,
Heaven is Real,
And Hell is Hot

the question of the existence of evil

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

Solemn Preparation must be made

2nd Because Man practices sin and deserves Judgment

v.2

God says
that He doesn't delight in judgment.

But Man says
that he loves evil and flirts with it & judgment

Exodus 23:2

You shall not follow a crowd to do evil;

2 Samuel 12:9

Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight?

2 Kings 17:17

the people caused their sons and daughters to be dedicated to idols, they practiced witchcraft and astrology (zodiac), and gave themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to make Him to anger.

Genesis 6:5

Then the LORD recorded that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

Solemn Preparation must be made

3rd Because Evil is about to run its course

v.2

You Know God's Pattern for Prayer?

Matthew 6:13

And **lead us not into** temptation, but deliver us from... **evil**

John 3:15

whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. :19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men **loved darkness** rather than light, because their deeds were evil. = *implying that they loved to do evil.*

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

III.) The Prayers of God's Saints will be Heard

vv. 3-6

Revelation 8:3-6

Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* **with** the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. :4 And the smoke of the incense, **with** the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. :5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. :6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Notice, The Answer to the Prayers are;

"Noises, Thunderings, Lightnings and an Earthquake!"

It's The Answer to the Prayers Found in

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. :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**?"

"The Earth Dwellers"

Revelation 13:14

And he deceives 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 who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Revelation 14:6

Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth

Revelation 17:8

The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life

HOW YOU CAN ESCAPE GOD'S JUDGMENT
Run to Him with all your sins in hand.

WHAT HAVE I DONE TO DESERVE GODS JUDGMENT?
Only one thing – you have refused to receive God free gift

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

The Prayers of God's Saints will be Heard

1st And the Lord will represent His people v.3

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1 Timothy 2:3-6

For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, :4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. :5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus, :6 who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time,

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

The Prayers of God's Saints will be Heard

2nd And the Lord shall be both Priest and Judge v.4-6

:4 And the smoke of the incense, **with** the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. :5 Then the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire from the altar and the angel threw *it* (the censer filled with fire) to the earth. there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. :6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Exodus 30:6

And you shall put it before the veil that *is* before the ark of the Testimony, **before the mercy seat** that *is* over the Testimony, **where I will meet with you.** :7 "Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense every morning; when he tends the lamps, he shall burn incense on it. :8 And when Aaron lights the lamps at twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. :9 You shall not offer strange incense on it, or a burnt offering, or a grain offering; nor shall you pour a drink offering on it. :10 And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations.
It *is* most holy to the LORD."

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

IV.) Punishment must fall upon this world

vv. 7-13

THE SECTION OF GROSS DEVASTATION

Revelation 8:7-13

. :7 The **first angel** sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. :8 Then the **second angel** sounded: And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. :9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. :10 Then the **third angel** sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. :11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. :12 Then the **fourth angel** sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. :13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Punishment must fall upon this world

1st Because of man's unbelief – the environment will suffer

v.7

:7 The **first angel** sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

2,000 Years Ago Jesus Laid Out Before Us
The Chronology of the Last Days...

Matthew 24:7

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be **famines**...

Like Ancient Egyptian and Biblical History;
THIS WAS THE TENTH PLAGUE

Exodus 9:23

When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt; :24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. :25 And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field. :26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, there was no hail.

Plagues will Once Again Come Upon an Unbelieving World

Joel 1:19-2:1

O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the field. :20 The beasts of the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has devoured the open pastures. :21 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm

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. :32 And it shall come to pass *That* whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT GOD COMES"

Punishment must fall upon this world

2nd Because of man's unbelief – the seas will suffer v.8-9

:8 Then the **second angel** sounded: And **something** "like" a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of **the sea** (the Mediterranean sea) became blood. :9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed

John Says He Saw...

"like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea"

The Language Here Used

Speaks of a Volcanic Event That Affects the Sea.

We Know That a Seismic, Volcanic Eruption Near a Coastline Causes Catastrophic Pollution and Tsunamis -

August 24th 79 ad.

Mount Vesuvius Erupted and Covered Pompeii and Herculaneum.
An Eyewitness Account from the Bay of Naples Records the Following...

Source: *Zondervon Illustrated Backgrounds Commentary, Vol. 4*
Encyclopedia Britannica

Hosea 4:3

Therefore the land will mourn; And everyone who dwells there will waste away With the beasts of the field And the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.

Zephaniah 1:3

"I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, The fish of the sea, And the stumbling blocks along with the wicked. I will cut off man from the face of the land," Says the LORD.

A Polluted Sea will Kill 1/3 of the Oceans Life
And 1/3 of the Ocean-Going Ships will be Sunk – (10,000 + ships)

"WHEN THE JUDGMENT OF GOD COMES"

Punishment must fall upon this world

3rd Because of man's unbelief - the heavens will shake v.10-13

:10 Then the **third angel** sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. :11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.:12 Then the **fourth angel** sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. :13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

Verse 10-11

:10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. :11 The name of the star is **Wormwood or (Thujone – a fatally toxic herb, hallucinogenic)**. A third of the waters became wormwood (bitterly toxic), and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.:

Isaiah 34:1

Come, people of all nations! Gather around and listen. Let the whole earth and everyone living on it come here and listen. :2 The LORD is angry with all the nations and all their armies. He has condemned them to destruction. :3 Their corpses will not be buried, but will lie there rotting and stinking; and the mountains will be red with blood. :4 The sun, moon, and stars will crumble to dust. The sky will disappear like a scroll being rolled up, and the stars will fall like leaves dropping from a vine or a fig tree.

Matthew 24:29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. :30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mark 13:23

But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand. :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.

In Israel today the wormwood (a relation to hemlock) plant

Proverbs 5:3-4

For the lips of an immoral woman drip honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil; :4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,

On March 21, 1823

There was a volcanic eruption in the Aleutian islands and when the volcanic dust settled it poisoned the waters that the dust came in contact with it and it killed both animals and people.

Verse 12-13

12 Then the **fourth angel** sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. :13 And I looked, and I heard an angel “eagle” flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, “**Woe, woe, woe** to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

Woe, Woe, Woe

oujai+ ouai, oo-ah'-ee; condemnation, grief, damnation

It Is Exactly What Jesus Was Talking About When...

Matthew 23:13

“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

Matthew 11:21

Woe unto thee, Chorazin!

Matthew 11:21

woe unto thee, Bethsaida!

Matthew 11:23

And woe unto you **Capernaum**,

Luke 11:52

Woe unto you, lawyers!

Matthew 23:16

Woe unto you, ye blind guides,

Matthew 26:24

woe unto that man who betrays the son of God

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The ecological damage that this causes

Ezekiel 32:7

When I destroy you, I will cover the sky and blot out the stars. The sun will hide behind the clouds, and the moon will give no light. :8 I will put out all the lights of heaven and plunge your world into darkness. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken.

EGYPT AGAIN IS AN EXAMPLE TO US

Exodus 10:21

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, darkness *which* may even be felt.” :22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. :23 They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

JESUS SAID IT THIS WAY...

Luke 21:25-26

“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; :26 men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Science Confirms This...

By Entropy, The Second Law of Thermodynamics

Isaiah 24:5-6

The earth is also defiled by **its inhabitants**, Because they have transgressed the laws, Changed the ordinance, Broken the everlasting covenant. :6 Therefore the curse has devoured the earth, And **those who dwell in it** (earth) are desolate.

Isaiah 26:19

Your dead shall live; *Together with* my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew *is like* the dew of herbs, And the earth shall cast out the dead. :20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, And shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, Until the indignation is past. :21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place To punish **the inhabitants of the earth** for their iniquity;

Jeremiah 25:30

“Therefore prophesy against **them** all these words, and say to them: ‘The LORD will roar from on high, And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will give a shout, as those who tread *the grapes*, Against **all the inhabitants** of the earth. :31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth— For the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those *who are wicked* to the sword.’

“WHEN THE JUDGMENT GOD COMES”

The Meaning of this Message to Us Must be;

John 5:24

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.

1 John 3:14

We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers.
Anyone who does not love remains in death.

John 16:7

Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. :8 And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: :9 of sin, because they do not believe in Me; :10 of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; :11 of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Acts 24:24-25

And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. :25 Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, "Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you."

END OF STUDY