



A BIBLICAL VIEW OF THE END TIMES

Week 44: The Seal Judgements, Part 12

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Review:

- A. Last week, we began to study the events of Seal Judgement #6. The text for this is found in **Revelation 6:12-17**.
- B. This is a seal judgement unlike any of the five that came before it. It is a clear departure from the dynamics of the first five.
- C. The impact of the first five seals, though unprecedented up to the point they take place, can still be explained as an intensification of what history has already recorded.
- D. That is the reason why some scholars argue that the first five seals are not speaking of God's wrath upon man, but rather man's wrath upon man.
- E. The first five seals present mankind, now in the sudden absence of the church and the corporate restraint of the Holy Spirit. Mankind is totally turning on itself and destroying itself with intentional pandemics, famine, economic ruin, conflict, deception, genocide, and so on.
- F. These are things we are already seeing today in our own time. These are the goals and the deeds of the globalists and the progressive socialists.
- G. We live in times when mankind is clearly showing a penchant for corruption, for destruction, and for deception. What the Bible is saying is all these things will markedly exacerbate with the opening of the first five seals AFTER the Rapture.

NOTE: Everything changes with the opening of the 6th Seal Judgment. It is at this point, that it is all about God and His wrath that He will bring.

- H. There are now cosmic disruptions, massive worldwide earthquakes, asteroid showers raining down on earth, and multiple volcanic eruptions.
- I. There is also the supernatural event of the heavens splitting open, permitting everyone on earth to peer into God's realm for a moment and to see Him sitting on the throne.
- J. I believe this is precisely what this text is saying, and that is why all the inhabitants of the earth know what's going on.
- K. They know WHO is behind these judgements, it's God. They will know WHAT is happening, the wrath of the Lamb. The result is they want to hide from God.
- L. With Seal Judgement #6, the dynamics move BEYOND the things of man's control and into the realm of what is entirely within God's control.
- M. The 6th Seal Judgment therefore becomes the FIRST judgment after The Rapture that is directly associated with God's wrath.
- N. **Colossians 1:17** tells us concerning God, "*He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.*"

- O. We seldom pause long enough to consider the gravity of what it means that God holds all things together. That is true at the atomic level, and it is true at the cosmic level.
- P. With the 6th Seal Judgement, we see God permitting the patterns of the universe: things like the physics of tectonic plates and the orbits of asteroids all being disrupted.
- Q. The earthquakes themselves are so bad that the text says every mountain and island “was removed from its place.”
- R. The atmospheric effect on earth from all these cosmic disruptions is the sun turns to blackness and the moon turns blood red. This is due to the unprecedented amount of dust, smoke, and debris in the air.
- S. These events conform perfectly to passages like *Isaiah 34:4 and Joel 2:30-31* which prophetically declare that THESE specific cosmic signs would occur “*BEFORE the great and awesome Day of the Lord*” (**Cf. Joel**).
- T. This is another strong suggestion that this is likely a moment just prior to the start of The Tribulation. As I said last week, it is my belief that The Tribulation starts somewhere around this point. God is marking that occasion.
- U. The sum of all these events amounts to an apocalyptic scene, the degree to which, up to that point, the world has never seen before. (Also, as we noted last week, it will get worse as the Tribulation unfolds).

NOTE: As we discussed in last week’s lesson, I think a pivotal issue of this particular Seal Judgment is unsaved mankind, the rebellious, corrupt, wicked earth-dwellers that have been rejoicing in their depravities after the Rapture. For a brief moment, permitted a supernatural glimpse of God Himself.

- 1. God is choosing to send them a clear message that HE is behind the cosmic disruptions that have suddenly come upon the earth.
 - 2. God is letting them know that HE is wrathful and is sending judgement.
 - 3. God is tearing down their arrogance and their delusions of power. He is showing that HE is all-powerful and they cannot stand against Him.
 - 4. God is emphasizing that HE controls the heavens, the atmosphere, the earth, and the climate.
- V. I want to talk for a few moments about “climate change.” My comments to follow may sound and feel like a personal soapbox issue, but I challenge you instead to listen carefully to what I have to say, because my points tie directly into Scripture:
- 1. It is the belief of many students of Bible prophecy, and I include myself in this group, that “climate change” will become a central tenant of the future false one world religious system that we have already talked about.
 - 2. The issue of “climate change” has indeed already become a ‘religion’ for many people who are deluded. They hold to their beliefs despite a lack of scientific

evidence and a gross manipulation of the facts. They make ridiculous decisions based upon a pack of lies.

3. Depending on who is making the case, “climate change” is why oceans are rising, why ice is melting, and why crops are failing. It’s also why roosters crow earlier, why ISIS attracts recruits, why certain demographic groups riot, loot and commit crimes much more than others, and why some women become prostitutes.
4. Here’s the bottom line: “Climate change” has become the convenient excuse for every bizarre event, every adverse development, and every socioeconomic malady in the world today.
5. The incredible and mind-numbing reality here is millions of foolish people buy into this preposterous deception of ‘climate change,’ AKA ‘global warming.’
6. It was not that long ago that the world was worried about a new ice age. Consider the following:

In 1971, The Washington Post quoted NASA’s Dr. S.I. Rasool, an atmospheric scientist, as saying, “The world could be as little as 50 or 60 years away from a disastrous new ice age.” TIME echoed this view with an article in 1974 provocatively titled, “*Another Ice Age?*” and The Daily Chronicle warned everyone in 1979, “*Get Ready to Freeze.*” According to the experts not that long ago, the world was headed into a deep cold trend.

7. Forty-something years later, things are unchanged except that the masses are now in a slobbering fit over the opposite end of the thermometer.
8. As they once wailed that we were doomed to live on an iceberg, they now shriek that polar bears are bobbing on chunks of frozen water no bigger than a welcome mat. They scream that “Deadliest Catch” is going to be filmed in Omaha.
9. Of course, none of this hysteria is true. I could provide numerous data points to make my case. On that same note, YOU can study the issue yourself and reach the same conclusion.
10. What’s evident to anyone that objectively and seriously studies the issues is the earth isn’t headed into an environmental crisis spawned in part by NASCAR, inefficient toasters, and gassy cows.
11. The fanatical obsession with ‘climate change’ that many people support, is because they have deliberately chosen to worship “mother earth” rather than their Heavenly Father.

NOTE: The things I have already shared naturally raise a question: “Why is the “climate change” cult in such an unhinged, obsessive, and radical hysteria?”

The answer is ‘climate change,’ or global warming, is a DEVISED and DECEPTIVE strategy (a.) to exert political coercion, (b.) to employ flawed science, and (c.) to elevate deceptive data in order to persuade the world of an ecological farce.

12. Institutions like the United Nations, many of our political leaders, and powerful religious figures like the Pope (and a growing number of false teachers within the church), are driving this agenda.
13. I know some local pastors that buy into this deception. They are displaying their scientific ignorance and lack of proper study as much as they are displaying their theological shortcomings.
14. It is said, if you repeat a lie enough times, folks believe it. That's why various public relations campaigns churn out endless drivel that portends a watery grave for coastline cities. They preach crop failures, species extinction, glacial retreat, and desert expansion.
15. Their goal is to bully feckless leaders into relinquishing their sovereign rights and yielding to a globalist regime.

W. Here are the specific agenda items behind the global farce that is 'climate change:'

1. **First, the hyper-regulation of economies always follows alarmist rhetoric about climate change.** This is an intent to trip up strong nations to weaken them. The constricting grip of carbon emissions laws is an example of regulations that try to erode the West to the parameters of a dependent third-world country.
2. **Secondly, the larger goal of destroying a nation's wealth is about encouraging complete economic collapse on a worldwide scale.** Few elements buoy the solvency of global markets more than a strong US economy, and that's a chief reason why President Trump receives so much criticism for choosing to put "America first."
3. **Thirdly, once the flames of international chaos are fanned, it'll be easier to thrust upon a desperate and confused world the notion of a one-world government.** The globalists have already prepped their arguments to unite behind a single figure. Christians know this individual will be the Antichrist, but globalists are planning to call him their "savior."
4. **And lastly – as I mentioned before - all of this climate change frenzy pivots around a single all-important truth: Global warming, or 'climate change,' is at its core, a false religion.** It is "eco-fundamentalism," a militant and rabid rejection of God. It is characterized by a passionate worship of "mother earth" instead of the true Creator, and we're just seeing in our times the beginning of what is to come.

- I. **I'm getting ahead of myself a bit here, but about half of the 21 judgments in Revelation chapters 6 through 16 (Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl) directly impact the earth and its environment.**
 - A. Between them, they change the geography of the planet (*Cf. our passage here in Revelation 6:14, and Revelation 16:20*);
 - B. They burn up much of its vegetation (*Cf. Revelation 8:7*);
 - C. They dim the sun, moon, and stars (*Cf. Revelation 8:12*);

- D. They render most of the world's water lethal to life (*Cf. Revelation 8:8-11; 16:3-7*);
- E. They plunge the world into darkness (*Cf. Revelation 8:12-13; 16:10*);
- F. They scorch the earth with intense heat (*Cf. Revelation 16:8-9*),
- G.and they pound the planet with 100-pound hailstones (*Cf. Revelation 16:21*).

NOTE: However, as we see here with the events of Seal Judgment #6, God is causing these future catastrophes.

- H. Depraved mankind, or as other texts in *Revelation* put it, "the earth dwellers," will know God is behind these judgments (*Cf. Revelation 6:16; 16:11, 21*).
- I. They will try to run and hide from God (as we see in our current text), and they will curse His righteous justice (*Cf. Revelation 16:5*).
- J. They'll prefer to see the earth fall apart at the seams than repent and get right with God (*Cf. Revelation 9:20-21*).
- K. This is all a set of pretty good clues that the climate change hysteria swirling around right now is nothing more than a front for the larger ambitions of mass deception.
- L. As God's judgments destroy the planet and its environment, they also fulfill His divine plan to hold accountable everyone who persists in unbelief.
- M. God will show mankind once and for all that He's in charge of everything that happens with this world.
 1. It's God who designed plate tectonics and it's He who'll decide when they slip and slide (*Cf. Revelation 6:14; 16:18*).
 2. It is God who flawlessly suspended the spinning earth from nothing (*Cf. Job 26:7*), so only He can make it stagger about in the throes of The Tribulation (*Cf. Isaiah 24:20*).
 3. It was God who said "Let there be light" (*Cf. Genesis 1:3*), so only God is capable of taking that light away (*Cf. Revelation 16:10*).
- N. As we've already learned in past lessons, *Romans 1:19-20* make the case that the evidence of creation should direct mankind to a proper view of God. In fact, they will be without excuse.
- O. The Tribulation scriptures make the case that creation's destruction will do the very same thing. It will direct mankind to a proper view of God. We see that here in *Revelation Ch. 6*.
- P. When seen from an eternal perspective, the global warming zealots are their own worst enemy. They foolishly reinforce every sketchy and baseless argument in order to convince themselves that God does not exist, but if He does, then they don't need Him.
- Q. When we take the Biblical narrative into account, a good case can be made that the global warming or "climate change" fraud is the most deadly and comprehensive deception in history.

NOTE: Getting back to the 6th Seal Judgment: So it becomes ironic, and even humorous, to see the reaction of depraved humanity when they SEE God, when they SEE Him on His throne, and when they know the day of His wrath has come (**Cf. Revelation 6:17**).

- R. Here are the points the earth-dwellers get right, and we can see these in the text:
1. They know God is behind the judgments they are experiencing. They state this.
 2. They know God is being wrathful, and they know they deserve His punishment.
- S. Here are the points the earth-dwellers get wrong, and we can also see this in the text.
1. They do not repent. The passage makes it clear that this is not their response.
 2. They try to hide from God (**Cf. vs. 16**). Rather than own up to their shortcomings, they try to run from and escape an Almighty God through limiting their own senses of Him (NOTE: I have three things to say on this matter):
 - a. **They try to hide themselves in caves and among the rocks.**
 - This is the classic reaction of mankind's response to his own sin—it's a vain and unimpressive attempt to hide from an omnipresent, omniscient, and Almighty God.
 - In **Cf. Genesis 3:8**, Adam and Eve tried to hide themselves from the presence of God in amongst the trees of the Garden of Eden after they had sinned
 - In **Jonah 1:3**, it says Jonah "*ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish*" when he refused to carry out the Lord's command. This was the furthest reaches of the known world at that time.
 - And here in **RevElation 6:16+** sinful mankind will seek to hide in caves and rocks to escape the truth about God and the events that are taking place in response to their sin.
 - This amounts to the irony of God on display. Those who persecuted God's servants, His saints of whom the Bible says in **Heb. 11:38** were "*destitute, afflicted, tormented and — of whom the world was not worthy,*" and those "*who wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth,*" are now the very ones to experience firsthand a similar situation from the very hand of God.
 - NOTE: It is interesting to note that some scholars feel that this may be a commentary on the shelters and bunkers, that some people have tried to prepare for future apocalyptic events.
 - b. **They call to the rocks and mountains to "fall on us."**
 - So intense is their fear of God and His judgments that they even seek death.

- They want anything but repentance and accountability for their actions. They want to remain in their sin, and they will continue to stay in this mode of thinking as the Tribulation years come upon them (**Cf. Revelation 16:9**).
 - They therefore choose to flee from His presence (NOTE: Jesus prophesied this would happen exactly this way in **Luke 23:30**).
- c. **Their goal is to “hide from the face of Him who sits on the throne”**
- Attempting to hide from God illustrates how sin and fear warp the human intellect, for it is impossible to hide from an Omnipresent God
 - **Job 34:22** says, “*There is no deep shadow, no utter darkness, where evildoers can hide.*”
 - This shows a huge contrast between the reactions of the Godly and the ungodly.
 - Those with true faith in Jesus Christ *desire* His presence, and they *seek* His face.
 - Those who reject God will *fear* His presence and *flee* His face. This dichotomy is seen today in the reaction of people to the preaching of the gospel.
 - If you watch the news, you can see all the ways the name of Jesus Christ is reviled, shunned and buried.