

Message Notes & Thoughts

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Passage: Revelation 6:9-17

Revelation: Message Outline ...

Review:

The first four seals show the instruments that the Lamb uses to judge those who oppose his rule and oppress his church. Those first four seals are commonly called the four horsemen of the apocalypse.

White Horse = Conquest by Deception

Red Horse = War

Black Horse = Famine

Pale Horse = Death

Matthew 24:3-12

As we near the coming of the Lord Jesus, this will continue. So, how should God's children prepare?

1. Faithful Followers of Jesus should expect Suffering (6:9)

2 Timothy 3:12 – Persecution for the righteous is a guarantee for two reasons:

- Faithfulness to God's Word
- Faithfulness to God's Work

2. Faithful Followers of Jesus should trust God to do the right thing at the Right Time

Here we find a picture of coming judgment. Those who kill the followers of the Lamb will beg for death when the wrath of the Lamb falls upon them. The wrath of God seems to manifest itself in nature. We will see:

- the sun becoming black.
- the moon becoming like blood.
- the mountains removed.
- the islands removed.
- A violent earthquake. Earthquakes often accompany divine visitation in Scripture.
- The stars of heaven fall. Stars refers to any celestial body. Maybe meteor or asteroid showers.
- The sky vanishing. We do not know what this means exactly. What we do know is that the great day of the Lord has arrived. The wrath of the Lamb is here.

3. Faithful Followers of Jesus should trust God.

Questions for Growth ...

- Re-read Revelation 6:9-17. What three things strike you as most important from this section of Scripture?

- The teachings of Jesus on the end times are found in Matthew 24:3-12. Jesus mentions people 'falling away' from their faith. What are some social events/teachings today that make it easier for people to do this?

- No one wants to suffer or go to go through persecution. How can we prepare ourselves for this eventuality as Christ Followers? Answer this statement for yourself... "For my faith, I am willing to die for ..."

- Reflect on Psalm 72:12ff. How can we, when we are oppressed for our faith, meet the test of persecution?

- "The most important part of this study for me was ..."

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