

PROPHECY UPDATE

“Of This I am Certain!”

Listening to Bible prophecy teachers can be confusing because each one has their own opinion and as a result, they often disagree. A good example would be the timing of the rapture. Some teach it will occur before the great tribulation, while others teach it will occur in the middle or at the end of the tribulation. I even have some friends who say there is no such thing as a rapture. Each can give a convincing argument to support their view.

This month I want to look at this question from a different perspective. I want us to forget about the pre-mid-post argument and look specifically at something that is said when the sixth seal is opened in Revelation 6. This chapter starts with the first four seals being opened and the four horses of the apocalypse released upon the earth. When the fifth seal is opened we see the souls of martyrs crying out for God to avenge their blood which was shed. They are told to wait, “until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.” (Verse 11)

In the last decade, we have seen a dramatic increase in the numbers of Christians who have been martyred for their faith. The most recent illustration is what we saw happen in Afghanistan after Joe Biden pulled American troops out and handed the country over to radical Islamists. This horrible persecution of Christians makes me wonder if we may be living in the days when the fifth seal has been opened. **If so, we need to focus on what happens when the sixth seal is opened because that is what we can expect next.**

When the sixth seal is opened in heaven the first thing that happens on earth is a great earthquake. (Greek: Megas) I believe this earthquake may be the greatest ever recorded, but instead of focusing on its size, I want to focus on are verses 15-17.

Revelation 6:15-17 New King James Version

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?”**

I believe the rapture could happen somewhere in this time period and I want to show you why. The scriptures are very clear about the fact that believers will never face the wrath of God.

1 Thessalonians 5:9 The Passion Translation

9 For God has not destined us for wrath but to possess salvation through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.

Romans 5:9 Amplified Bible

9 Therefore, since we have now been justified [declared free of the guilt of sin] by His blood, **how much more certain is it that we will be saved from the wrath of God through Him.**

Only an evil sick person would beat their bride up right before the marriage. Our precious Lord loves us too much to do that and that is why He has promised we will never experience His wrath.

Here is what you should be looking for...

1 Thessalonians 1:10 The Passion Translation

10 And now you eagerly expect his Son from heaven—Jesus, the deliverer, whom he raised from the dead **and who rescues us from the coming wrath.**