

Sunday, May 19, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Instruction, “Come” - Part 3 **Series:** Revelation ... 12

Text: Revelation 6:1 - 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the significance and the application of the six seals that the Lord Jesus Christ opens in Revelation Chapter 6

Introduction:

- The 1st seal - John 20:21; Matthew 28:18 – 20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 2:8 – 10.
- The Seals 2, 3, and 4 are also age long and the events are increasing in both intensity and frequency.
- The 5th seal reveals the souls of those martyred for their faith in Christ Jesus;
- This morning we are considering the sixth seal. What I am sharing reflects my current understanding; I am not dogmatic about my position. We need to be committed students of the Word and compare the different positions and have an understanding of what view we hold and why.

1. Consider the Various References:

- ~ 2 Peter 1:19 – 21, “*And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, (20) knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. (21) For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.*” Compare KJV ~ vs. 12, “earthquake”, G4578, seismos (14 times) [Blue Letter Bible];
- ~ Matthew 8:24 (storm), 24:7 (earthquakes), 27:54 (earthquake), 28:2 (earthquake)
- ~ Mark 13:8 (earthquakes)
- ~ Luke 21:11 (earthquakes)
- ~ Acts 16:26 (earthquake)
- ~ Revelation 6:12 – 14*, 8:5 (earthquake), 11:13 (earthquake), 11:19 (earthquake), 16:18*

2. Compare the Language Used to Describe the Event:

- ~ Revelation 6:12 – 17, “*When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, (13) and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. (14) The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. (15) Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, (16) calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, (17) for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand.”*

~ Revelation 16:17 – 21, “*The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” (18) and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. (19) The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath. (20) And every island fled away, and no mountains were to be found. And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.”*

~ These two portions of Holy Scripture, are they, describing two different events or are they two accounts, from different perspectives, of the same event?

~ Both of these Scriptures describe an event that has more than geological consequences, but has cosmic effects.

3. Consider What Modern Science Suggests:

- ~ Are you familiar with the term ‘ELE’
“An extinction level event of ELE is a catastrophe resulting in the extinction of the majority of species on the planet.”
- ~ Chicxulub Crater, “which was formed by a massive asteroid or comet impact 66 million years ago. The crater is about 200 kilometers wide and is miles deep, and is buried mostly offshore under the Yucatan Peninsula and the Gulf of Mexico. The impact caused global catastrophes, such as earth tremors, tsunamis, firestorms, and the extinction of dinosaurs.”
- ~ “The collision of interplanetary debris with Earth is not a hypothetical idea. Evidence of relatively recent impacts can be found on our planet’s surface. One well-studied historic collision took place on June 30, 1908, near the Tunguska River in Siberia.”
- ~ Page 139 of E QUAKE by Dr. Jack Hayford, the quote from David Morrison, former director of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) and Ames Research Center in Mountain View, California;

4. Consequence of Such an Event:

- ~ Isaiah 24:1 & 6
- ~ Revelation 9:15 – 18

Conclusion:

Until the church is removed we are to look to the throne of God and WORSHIP and look at the world knowing we have a divine MISSION.

2 Peter 3:11 – 12, “*Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn.”*