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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?"

[REV 6:16-17]



REVELATION 6

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held.

Opened the fifth seal

JER 11:19-20, I was like a docile lamb brought to the slaughter; and I did not know that they had devised schemes against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O Lord of hosts, You who judge righteously, Testing the mind and the heart, *Let me see Your vengeance on them*, For to You I have revealed my cause.

I saw

DAN 11:32, Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but *the people who know their God shall be strong*, and carry out great exploits.

Under the altar

JOEL 2:15-19, Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; ¹⁶Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation, Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, And the bride from her dressing room. ¹⁷Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, *Weep between the porch and the altar*; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O Lord, And do not give Your heritage to reproach, That the nations should rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, "Where is their God?" " ¹⁸Then the Lord will be zealous for His land, And pity His people...

MATH 23:29-39, ... ³⁴I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, ³⁵that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you *murdered*

between the temple and the altar. ³⁶Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation...

Souls of those who had been slain

MATH 24:9, *they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you*, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.

Slain because of the word of God

ISA 59:18-21, ...¹⁹When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him. ²⁰The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the Lord. ²¹"As for Me," says the Lord, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and *My words which I have put in your mouth*, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the Lord, "from this time and forevermore".

Slain because of... the testimony they had maintained

DAN 11:33-34, those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet *for many days they shall fall by sword and flame*, by captivity and plundering. ³⁴Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue;

MATH 24:10-14, ...¹²And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end shall be saved.¹⁴And *this gospel of the kingdom will be preached* in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

CONSIDER THIS —

When were the slain under the altar killed?

MATH 24:7-9, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of sorrows. ⁹Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and *kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.*



REVELATION 6

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying: How long, O Lord (holy and true) dost thou not judge and revenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

They called out in a loud voice

PSM 89:46-48, *How long, Lord?* Will You hide Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn like fire? ⁴⁷Remember how short my time is; For what futility have You created all the children of men? ⁴⁸What man can live and not see death? Can he deliver his life from the power of the grave? Selah; PSM 50:15, *Call upon Me in the day of trouble*; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me".

How long... until you judge?

ISA 28:21-29, the Lord will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon-That He may do His work, His awesome work, And bring to pass His act, His unusual act. ²²Now therefore, do not be mockers, Lest your bonds be made strong; For I have heard from the Lord God of hosts, *A destruction determined even upon the whole earth.* ²³Give ear and hear my voice, Listen and hear my speech...; PSM 7:6-10, Arise, O Lord, in Your anger; Lift Yourself up because of the rage of my enemies; *Rise up for me to the judgment You have commanded!* ⁷So the congregation of the peoples shall surround You; For their sakes, therefore, return on high...

Sovereign Lord

ISA 66:1-2, Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? ²*For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist,*" Says the Lord."But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word.

Holy and true

JER 10:10-12, the *Lord is the true God; He is the living God and the everlasting King.* At His wrath the earth will tremble, And the nations will not be able to endure His indignation. ¹¹Thus you shall say to them: "The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens." ¹²He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, And has stretched out the heavens at His discretion.

Until

HOS 5:15, I will return again to My place *Till they acknowledge their offense.* Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me"; MATH 23:37-39, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁸"See! Your house is left to you desolate; ³⁹"for I say to you, *you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'*"

CONSIDER THIS —

Are these words from Peter a prophecy of the last days?

ACTS 2:20-21, The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ²¹And it shall come to pass That *whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved.*'

Avenge our blood

ISA 66:3-6, "He who kills a bull is as if he slays a man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a grain offering, as if he offers swine's blood; He who burns incense, as if he blesses an idol. Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations, ⁴So will I choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them; Because, when I called, no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight." ⁵Hear the word of the Lord, You who tremble at His word: "Your brethren who hated you, Who cast you out for My name's sake, said, 'Let the Lord be glorified, That we may see your joy.' But they shall be ashamed." ⁶The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of *the Lord, Who fully repays His enemies!*
 NUM 35:26-28, if the manslayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled, ²⁷and the avenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and *the avenger of blood kills the manslayer*, he shall not be guilty of blood, ²⁸because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the manslayer may return to the land of his possession.

The inhabitants of the earth

GEN 6:5, the Lord saw that *the wickedness of man was great in the earth*, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually;
 PSM 55:15, Let death seize them; Let them go down alive into hell, For *wickedness is in their dwellings and among them*;
 PSM 75:2-3, When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly. ³*The earth and all its inhabitants are dissolved*; I set up its pillars firmly. Selah.





REVELATION 6

11 And white robes were given to every one of them one; and it was said to them, that they should rest for a little time, till their fellow servants, and their brethren, who are to be slain, even as they, should be filled up.

Each of them was given a white robe

DAN 11:35, some of those of understanding shall fall, *to refine them, purify them, and make them white*, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.

They were told

2KING 22:16-20, ...¹⁸"But as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, in this manner you shall speak to him, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: "Concerning the words which you have heard-¹⁹"because your heart was tender, and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they would become a desolation and a curse, and you tore your clothes and wept before Me, I also have heard you," says the Lord. ²⁰"Surely, therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace; and *your eyes shall not see all the calamity which I will bring on this place*"".

Wait a little longer

ISA 42:13-16, The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. ¹⁴"*I have held My peace a long time*, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. ¹⁵I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools...;

LAM 3:27-32, ...³¹*the Lord will not cast off forever*. ³²Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies.

Until the number... was completed

1KING 3:7-8, Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸"And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, *a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted*.

Their fellow servants and brothers

MARK 13:8-14, ...¹²"Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ¹³"And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But *he who endures to the end shall be saved*. ¹⁴"So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains;

MATH 24:15-22, ...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*.

Who were to be killed as they had been

OBI 1:12-15, ...¹³you should not have gazed on their affliction In the day of their calamity, Nor laid hands on their substance In the day of their calamity. ¹⁴You should not have stood at the crossroads To cut off those among them who escaped; Nor should you have *delivered up those among them who remained* In the day of distress. ¹⁵"For the day of the Lord upon all the nations is near; As you have done, it shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall return upon your own head.

CONSIDER THIS —

The slain are not forgotten, but are victorious through Jesus!

REV 20:4, I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw *the souls of those who had been beheaded* for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.



REVELATION 6

12 And I saw, when he had opened the sixth seal, and behold there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair: and the whole moon became as blood:

I watched

JOHN 3:2-3, This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, *unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God*".

He opened the sixth seal

JOB 38:12-15, Have you commanded the morning since your days began, And caused the dawn to know its place, ¹³That it might *take hold of the ends of the earth, And the wicked be shaken out of it?* ¹⁴It takes on form like clay under a seal, And stands out like a garment. ¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken.

Great earthquake

ISA 24:19-20, *The earth is violently broken, The earth is split open, The earth is shaken exceedingly.* ²⁰The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall totter like a hut; Its transgression shall be heavy upon it, And it will fall, and not rise again;

PSM 18:7, Then *the earth shook and trembled*; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry.

The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair

ISA 13:9-11, Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ¹⁰For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; *The sun will be darkened in its going forth*, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. ¹¹"I will punish the world for its evil, And the

wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible;

JOEL 3:15, *The sun and moon will grow dark*, And the stars will diminish their brightness;

MARK 13:23-25, 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.

The whole moon turned blood red

JOEL 2:30-32, I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, And *the moon into blood*, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ³²And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, Among the remnant whom the Lord calls;

ACTS 2:19-22, I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness, And *the moon into blood*, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ²¹And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the Lord Shall be saved. ²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know.

CONSIDER THIS —

Note the timing sequence:

JOEL 2:30-31, 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.



REVELATION 6

13 And the stars from heaven fell upon the earth, as the fig tree casteth its green figs when it is shaken by a great wind:

The stars in the sky fell to earth

MATH 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;

LUKE 12:25-26, 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; ²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for *the powers of heaven will be shaken*.

A fig tree

As a timing reference in —

MATH 24:32-36, learn this parable from the fig tree: *When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.* ³³So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near-at the doors! ...

Representing the remnant who will turn to the Lord in —

JER 24:1-7, The Lord showed me, and there were two baskets of figs set before the temple of the Lord... ²One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs which could not be eaten, they were so bad... ⁵Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: 'Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Chaldeans. ⁶For I will set My eyes on them for good, and I will bring them back to this land; I will build them and not pull them down, and I will plant them and not pluck them up. ⁷Then I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the Lord; and *they shall be My people, and I will be their God, for they shall return to Me with their whole heart*.

Representing those who 'dwell in the earth' in —

JER 24:8-10, 'And as the bad figs which cannot be eaten, they are so bad'-surely thus says the Lord-'... ⁹I will deliver them to trouble into all the kingdoms of the earth, for their harm, to be a reproach and a byword, a taunt and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. ¹⁰And *I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence among them*, till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers''.

As late figs drop

NAH 3:11-12, You also will be drunk; You will be hidden; You also will seek refuge from the enemy. ¹²*All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, They fall* into the mouth of the eater.

Shaken by a strong wind

JER 4:9-14, it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord, "That the heart of the king shall perish, And the heart of the princes; The priests shall be astonished, And the prophets shall wonder." ¹⁰Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, Saying, 'You shall have peace,' Whereas the sword reaches to the heart." ¹¹At that time it will be said To this people and to Jerusalem, "A dry wind of the desolate heights blows in the wilderness Toward the daughter of My people-Not to fan or to cleanse. ¹²*A wind too strong for these will come for Me*; Now I will also speak judgment against them." ...

CONSIDER THIS —

Jesus spoke of these things to come. Are we expecting them?

LUKE 12:25-26, 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; ²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear and *the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth*, for the powers of heaven will be shaken.



REVELATION 6

14 And the heaven departed as a book folded up: and every mountain, and the islands were moved out of their places.

The sky receded like a scroll

AMOS 9:5-6, The Lord God of hosts, He who touches the earth and it melts, And all who dwell there mourn; All of it shall swell like the River, And subside like the River of Egypt. ⁶He who *builds His layers in the sky*, And has founded His strata in the earth; Who calls for the waters of the sea, And pours them out on the face of the earth-The Lord is His name; HEB 12:26-27, He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." ²⁷Now this, "Yet once more," *indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken*, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

A scroll rolling up

ISA 34:1-4, Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it. ²For the indignation of the Lord is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter. ³Also their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And *the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll*; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.

Every mountain... was removed from its place

EZE 38:18-20, ...¹⁹in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel, ²⁰so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. *The mountains shall be thrown down*, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground'.

Every... island was removed from its place

EZE 39:6-8, I will send fire on Magog and *on those who live in security in the coastlands*. Then they shall know that I am the Lord. ⁷"So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. ⁸"Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord God. "This is the day of which I have spoken.

CONSIDER THIS —

Notice the similar use of idioms:

ISA 34:2-4, the indignation of the Lord is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies;... ⁴*All the host of heaven shall be dissolved*, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree.



REVELATION 6

15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and tribunes, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of mountains:

Kings of the earth

PSM 33:13-17, The Lord looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. ¹⁴From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; ¹⁵He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. ¹⁶No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. ¹⁷A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength.

The princes*

MARK 6:21-25, Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles [μεγιστῶσιν], the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. ²²And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." ²³He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!"

* NOTE: μεγιστῶν = Megistanes, meg-is-tan'-es, Strong# 3175: 1. the grandees, magnates, nobles, chief men; 1a. of a city or a people; 1b. of the associates or courtiers of a king.

The generals*

JOHN 18:12-13, the detachment of troops and the captain [χιλίαρχος] and the officers of the Jews arrested Jesus and bound Him. ¹³And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas who was high priest that year.

* NOTE: χιλίαρχος = Chiliarchos, khil-ee'-ar-khos, Strong# 5506: 1. a chiliarch, the commander of a thousand soldiers; 2. the commander of a Roman cohort (a military tribunal); 3. any military commander.

The rich*

MATH 19:23, Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that *it is hard for a rich [πλούσιος] man to enter the kingdom of heaven.*

* NOTE: πλούσιος = Plousios, ploo'-see-os, Strong# 4145: 1. wealthy, abounding in material resources; 2. metaph. abounding, abundantly supplied; 2a. abounding (rich) in Christian virtues and eternal possessions.

The mighty*

LUKE 11:21-23, When a strong [ισχυρός] man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. ²²But when a stronger [ισχυρότερος] than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils. ²³He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

* NOTE: ἰσχυρός = Ischuros, is-khoo-ros', Strong# 2478: 1. strong, mighty; 1a. of living beings: strong either in body or in mind; of one who has strength of soul to sustain the attacks of Satan, strong and therefore exhibiting many excellences; 1b. on inanimate things: strong, violent, forcibly uttered, firm, sure.

Every slave

MATH 24:48-51, *if that evil servant [δοῦλος] says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,'* ⁴⁹and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, ⁵⁰the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, ⁵¹and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

CONSIDER THIS —

Who are the kings of the earth?

We've heard of those called the 'earth-dwellers', those whose lives are focused on this earth. REV 6:10, 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?*" Here, we find the plight of their leaders – the kings of the earth: they hide in caves (REV 6:15).

Every free man

MATH 17:25-26, From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" ²⁶Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then *the sons are free* [ἐλεύθεροί].

Hid in caves

AMOS 9:1-4, Strike the doorposts, that the thresholds may shake, And break them on the heads of them all. I will slay the last of them with the sword. He who flees from them shall not get away, And he who escapes from them shall not be delivered. ²"*Though they dig into hell, From there my hand shall take them*; Though they climb up to heaven, From there I will bring them down...;

JOB 30:3-8, ...⁶They had to live in the clefts of the valleys, *In caves of the earth and the rocks*. ⁷Among the bushes they brayed, Under the nettles they nestled. ⁸They were sons of fools, Yes, sons of vile men; They were scourged from the land.

Among the rocks of the mountains

ISA 22:15-19, Thus says the Lord God of hosts: "Go, proceed to this steward, To Shebna, who is over the house, and say: ¹⁶What have you here, and whom have you here, That you have hewn a sepulcher here, *As he who hews himself a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb for himself in a rock?* ¹⁷Indeed, the Lord will throw you away violently, O mighty man, And will surely seize you. ¹⁸He will surely turn violently and toss you like a ball Into a large country; There you shall die, and there your glorious chariots Shall be the shame of your master's house. ¹⁹So I will drive you out of your office, And from your position he will pull you down.





REVELATION 6

16 And they say to the mountains and the rocks: Fall upon us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth upon the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb:

They called to the mountains

LAM 4:17-19, Still our eyes failed us, Watching vainly for our help; In our watching we watched For a nation that could not save us. ¹⁸They tracked our steps So that we could not walk in our streets. Our end was near; Our days were over, For our end had come. ¹⁹Our pursuers were swifter Than the eagles of the heavens. *They pursued us on the mountains* And lay in wait for us in the wilderness.

They called to... the rocks

DEUT 32:37-38, He will say: 'Where are their gods, *The rock in which they sought refuge?* ³⁸Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, And be your refuge; ISA 2:18-22, ...¹⁹*They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, From the terror of the Lord And the glory of His majesty,* When He arises to shake the earth mightily. ²⁰In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver And his idols of gold, Which they made, each for himself to worship, To the moles and bats, ²¹To go into the clefts of the rocks, And into the crags of the rugged rocks, From the terror of the Lord And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily...

Fall on us

LUKE 23:20-31, Pilate, therefore, wishing to release Jesus, again called out to them. ²¹But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!"... ²⁷And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹"For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!' ³⁰"Then *they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"* ³¹"For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?"

Hide us

JOSH 10:12-18, Joshua spoke to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon." ¹³So the sun stood still, And the moon stopped, Till the people had revenge Upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down for about a whole day. ¹⁴And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that the Lord heeded the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel. ¹⁵Then Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp at Gilgal. ¹⁶But these five *kings had fled and hidden themselves* in a cave at Makkedah. ¹⁷And it was told Joshua, saying, "The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah." ¹⁸So Joshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.

CONSIDER THIS —

Wrath of the Lamb

JOHN 3:35-36, The Father loves the Son, and *has given all things into His hand.* ³⁶"He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

From the face of him

2COR 3:7-8, if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that *the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory* of his countenance, which glory was passing away, ⁸how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

Him who sits on the throne

MATH 23:22, he who swears by heaven, swears by *the throne of God and by Him who sits on it*;

EZRA 7:23, *Whatever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it diligently be done* for the house of the God of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons?

ROM 2:11-16, *there is no partiality with God.* ¹²For as many as have sinned without law will also perish without law, and as many as have sinned in the law will be judged by the law ¹³(for not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified; ¹⁴for when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do the things in the law, these, although not having the law, are a law to themselves, ¹⁵who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them) ¹⁶in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

The wrath of the Lamb

MATH 3:7-12, ...¹¹"I [John the baptist,] indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²"His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but *He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire*".





REVELATION 6

17 For the great day of their wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?

The great day of their wrath

NAH 1:2-11, *God is jealous, and the Lord avenges; The Lord avenges and is furious. The Lord will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies;* ³The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked. The Lord has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither, And the flower of Lebanon wilts. ⁵The mountains quake before Him, The hills melt, And the earth heaves at His presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. ⁶Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him...;

ZEPH 2:1-2, Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O undesirable nation, ²Before the decree is issued, Or the day passes like chaff, Before the Lord's fierce anger comes upon you, Before *the day of the Lord's anger comes upon you!*

PRO 14:35, The king's favor is toward a wise servant, But *his wrath is against him who causes shame.*

Has come

ZECH 14:1-3, Behold, *the day of the Lord is coming,* And your spoil will be divided in your midst. ²For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; The city shall be taken, The houses rifled, And the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, But the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³Then the Lord will go forth And fight against those nations, As He fights in the day of battle.

Who can stand?

JOEL 2:2-11, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations... ¹¹The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For *the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?*

EZE 22:14, *Can your heart endure, or can your hands remain strong,* in the days when I shall deal with you? I, the Lord, have spoken, and will do it;

1SAM 6:19-20, He struck the men of Beth Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Lord. He struck fifty thousand and seventy men of the people, and the people lamented because the Lord had struck the people with a great slaughter. ²⁰And the men of Beth Shemesh said, "*Who is able to stand before this holy Lord God? And to whom shall it go up from us?*"

CONSIDER THIS —

Can we imagine the wrath of the Lord? Who can endure the fierceness of His anger?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 6:9, 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.

⊕ **1a. When might have those been slain?**

(see also REV 6:1-8, & MATH 24:4-9)

REV 6:10-11, 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?" ...¹¹and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who *would be killed as they were*, was completed.

⊕ **1b. When might this number of slain be complete?**

(see REV 11:7, REV 13:15, & REV 20:4)

REV 6:10, 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?"

⊕ **2a. What is the duty of the avenger of blood?**

(see NUM 35:19, NUM 35:26-28, & 1THES 4:3-7)

⊕ **2b. Who is the avenger of blood?**

(see DEUT 32:35-37, ROM 12:19-21, & HEB 10:28-31)

REV 6:12-13, I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and *the sun became black as sackcloth of hair*, and the moon became like blood. ¹³And *the stars of heaven fell to the earth*, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

ISA 13:9-10, Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ¹⁰For *the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth*, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

⊕ **3. List some of the signs that mark the coming day of the Lord?**

(see also AMOS 8:9, JOEL 3:15, & MATH 24:29)

REV 6:15-17, the kings of the earth, ...hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶and 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?"

PSM 110:5, The Lord is at Your right hand; *He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath.*

⊕ **4. What are some consistent themes surrounding the day of the Lord's wrath?**

(see also JOB 21:30, PRO 11:4, ISA 13:13, EZE 7:12, EZE 38:19, ZEPH 1:15-18, & ROM 2:5)

NEXT SESSION —