



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 6:9-17

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Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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Mt. 24:8 All these *are* **the beginning of sorrows.**

Mark 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: **these are the beginnings of sorrows.**

The "beginning of sorrows" (Matt. 24:8; Mark 13:8)

The first half of the Tribulation

Matt. 24:4-5	Mark 13:6	Luke 21:8	Antichrists	Rev. 6:1-2	First seal
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The "abomination of desolation" (Matt. 24:15; Mark 13:14)

The middle of the Tribulation

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- The passage indicates that souls have voices, memories, and bodies that can wear the white robes.
- A simple observation is that souls are a “carbon copy” of our bodies.
- The rich man in hell, Luke 16, did not have a physical body, but he had the “five senses.”
- The rich man’s corpse was in the grave – his soul was in hell.

Gen. 35:18 And it came to pass, **as her soul was in departing**, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.

Phil. 1:23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, **having a desire to depart**, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

2 Tim. 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and **the time of my departure** is at hand.

Mt. 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Luke 21:12 But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.

Rev. 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* **the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark** upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and **they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

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Original Word: δεσπότης

Transliteration: despotés

Usage: a lord, master, or prince.

despótēs – **properly, an authority figure ("master") who exercises complete jurisdiction (wields unrestricted power).**

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1203.htm>

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Isa. 13:9 Behold, **the day of the LORD** cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

Isa. 34:4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together **as a scroll**: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig tree.

Ezek. 32:7 And when I shall put thee out, **I will** cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; **I will** cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

Hos. 10:8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and **they shall say to the mountains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us.**

Psa. 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and **God is angry with the wicked every day.**

Jn. 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

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"What sinners dread most is not death, but having to stand before a holy and righteous God." _Thomas, Robert L. *Revelation 1—7: An Exegetical Commentary*. Chicago: Moody Press, 1992. .p. 456.

Rev. 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Isa. 2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. ...

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Luke 23:30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

Joel 2:10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it? ...

30 And I will shew 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 great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

Isa. 2:10 Enter into the rock, and **hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.**

11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. ...

19 And **they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.**

20 In **that day** a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, **for fear of the LORD**, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Isa. 13:8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces *shall be as flames*.

9 **Behold, the day of the LORD cometh**, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For **the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light**: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 **Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.**

Isa. 34:8 For *it is* **the day of the LORD'S vengeance**, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

Ezek. 32:7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

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1 Thess. 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; **then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.**



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Conclusion

2 Pet. 3:10 But **the day of the Lord** will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

11 *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,**

12 Looking for and hasting unto **the coming of the day of God**, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 **Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**