

War and Wrath

Revelation 8-18

“And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.” Joel 2:30-31

The Day of the Lord = Justice. Finally. (Rev. 16:5-6)

Stages of the Final Judgment:

1. The Sin of Man **Unrestrained** (Matt. 24:7)
 - To prove the **Depravity** of man (Rev. 6:4)
2. The **Wrath** of God poured out (Rev. 8:7)
 - To prove the **Supremacy** of God (Rev. 16:3,10)
3. The **Enemies** of God unleashed (Rev. 9:1-3)
 - To prove the **Cruelty** of the devil (Rev. 9:4,20)
4. The whole World **Unmade** (Rev. 16:17-20)
 - To prove the **Futility** of idolatry (Rev. 18:1-2)

Reality of the Final Division (Rev. 11:18)

<u>Saints</u>	<u>Sinners</u>
Martyrs with white robes, praying; 144,000 servants of God sealed; A multicultural multitude in white robes, worshiping around heavenly throne; Bold witnesses who testify and die (but rise again)	Those who dwell on earth, wearing the 666 mark of the beast, who refuse to repent or stop worshiping idols, cursing God from the smoking ruins of the earth, deceived by the devil and devoted to the antichrist, fighting against the people of God

“We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, ‘In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

Opening Questions

1. Why is it important to study the book of Revelations?
2. What is your favorite war movie?

Pray: Pray for protection over everyone, and pray for guidance throughout the conversation.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the number 7 is the symbol for completeness?
2. Why is it important to understand that everything that happened up until this point was God-directed? Would it have been different if it wasn't?
3. Why do you think all of this has to happen when Jesus returns instead of Jesus just coming back and destroying Satan and creating the New Heaven and the New Earth?
4. Why do you think the people who survived the plagues did not repent?
5. When Pastor Darin said, "Everything that people loved that was not of God is gone." What does that say about who God is? How can we know that we aren't falling into the trap of prioritizing other things above God?
6. Why do you think little to no people repent (Revelation 11) during this whole time?

Application Questions

1. While thinking of the mental/spiritual war you have sinned, what are some ways you can fight that battle?
2. Who do you have in your life that you can go to for accountability and community when you're struggling with this spiritual war?

Prayer:

Personal: Pray we will allow the Bible to guide our faith and practice to keep us from being deceived by the spirit of the Antichrist.

Ministry: Brett and Leanne Pruden serving with MissioSERVE Alliance: pray God would grow their team of supporters, for the Lord's guidance for Brett who is involved with media projects, purchasing, and updating and maintaining the mission website; pray for Leanne to adapt to working as a lab technician in a local hospital, and for the family to adjust to her 4 am-12:30 pm work schedule.