Revelation: The Time is Near

Great Power

Revelation 11:15-19

Revelation Review:

- John on Patmos, revealed Jesus in glory
- The end of the world (as we know it) The Great Tribulation
- Judgment on the nations and those who follow satan
- A last ditch effort to get the world to repent
- As bad as this is, hell is worse. This is 7 years, hell is forever.

Previously:

- The Two Witnesses (Elijah & Moses)
- Plagues, Fire from mouth
- Beast Wages War
- Death & Resurrection

Trumpets

- Last time we saw a trumpet, ch 9 #5&6
- 1 hail and fire mixed w blood
- 2 great mountain burning w fire thrown into the sea
- 3 great star falling from heaven, wormwood
- 4 ⅓ sun, moon, stars dimmed
- 5 star fallen from heaven, key, pit opened, "locusts", torment, "king of locusts name is Destroyer"
- 6 Four Angels Released from Euphrates, ⅓ mankind killed 200m Horsemen fire, smoke brimstone
- Still did not repent
- Ch 10 + 11 an interim before the 7th trumpet (commentary mentions more time to repent)

Current Events

Inflation stings most if you earn less than \$300K. Here's how to deal:

Take the bus

Don't buy in bulk

Try lentils instead of meat

Nobody said this would be fun https://t.co/HGJEoXL5ZZ

— Bloomberg Opinion (@bopinion) March 19, 2022

"Meat prices have increased about 14% from February 2021 and will go up even more. Though your palate may not be used to it, tasty meat substitutes include vegetables (where prices are up a little over 4%, or lentils and beans, which are up about 9%). Plan to cut out the middle creature and consume plants directly. It's a more efficient, healthier and cheaper way to get calories." the Bloomberg author wrote.

If you listened to the talk about the WEF I mentioned last week with Pastor Jack Hibbs, this will make more sense to you.

Additionally, I know this piece is just opinion, but I think it espouses the sentiment, what the whole world is under the sway of (the spirit of the antichrist). I think it, in some way, accidentally reveals the income level target - \$300k. Those under will be a part of the dependent class. Those above a part of the ruling class.

Remember the Famine Rider

[Rev 6:5-6 NKJV] 5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

I could go on with limitless other current events, but we're here for what's truly important - the Words of the Lord in the scripture.

[Pray]

As we dive back in, remember, this is actually heaven we get to see here.

Revelation 11:15

Seventh angel sounds the trumpet - just think of a lineup, a military procession, one by one firing off the heavenly cannon

"The kingdoms[fn] of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

A heavenly takeover

A commentator points out that the words "have become" are this definite sense It is happening. It is about to happen. It will happen. There is no doubt about it.

It's not a false proclamation of victory before it's done. It's fact. There's no stopping it.

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord

Satan offered the kingdoms of the world to Jesus on the temple mount during his temptation. Satan was trying to take the throne of heaven there.

But now, God is rightfully taking back what is his. What was proven at the cross.

What he had been holding back for millenia

God could have taken over at any time. But now he is.

Revelation is not just about wrath, it's about God revealing all of his holy and righteous authority.

The Tribulation is not some first-strike to weaken the defenses of earth to ensure victory It is his wrath poured out on the wicked nations to punish them as nations don't go through eternity

It is also a rallying cry for the remaining Jews and Gentiles to repent.

His final takeover will be swift and mighty and there will be no contest. It will be eternal. Final.

:16-18

Remember the 24 Elders, we see them again

- They bow in reverence, in holy fear talked about this with kids the other night
- They worship
- They give thanks

This is not some version of Stockholm syndrome, it is out of holy love for a holy God The rightful owner and creator of everything

Satan has stolen and lied and destroyed from the beginning.

He is false.

His kingdom is false.

His words are false.

His followers are deceived.

Not so for the living God.

[Jhn 10:10-11 NKJV] 10 "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have [it] more abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Who is was and who is to come Love this, eternal, echos I AM

Why are the 24 Elders worshiping in this way now?

They say it.

- Because You have taken Your great power [to yourself] and begun to reign

To thyself - lambanō (the lamb!)

to take what is one's own, to take to one's self, to make one's own to take a thing due, to collect, gather (tribute) to receive a person, give him access to one's self,

Power - basileuō (Pastor John Basilio!)

to be king, to exercise kingly power, to reign Millennial reign metaph. to exercise the highest influence, to control

There was, in some sense, a separation of power and authority from Himself that God has laid down for a time. Not given up. Not loss. But exercised his authority to do so for a time to allow things to play out to his plan.

[Phl 2:5-11 NKJV] 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, [and] coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

And God is now letting there be no misconception anymore. No separation between himself and his rightful power anymore. His is taking it all back. The world will no longer be in subjection to the enemy, a false prince.

V18 - the nations were angry

Are not the nations angry at anything that would usurp their power, their influence?

- Lockdown resistance
- Mandate rebellions
- Russia mad at the West
- West mad at Russia
- China getting ready

Mad at their people. Mad at other nations.

But most of all - mad at morality. Mad at those WEF "Western Values" - which are the Biblical values. Which is...God's Word.

THEY HATE GOD. THEY HATE HIS WORD. AND THEY HATE YOU. Do they not sound like their leader?

But God laughs!

[Psa 2:1-12 NKJV] 1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD and against His Anointed, [saying], 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, 'You [are] My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give [You] The nations [for] Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth [for] Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish [in] the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed [are] all those who put their trust in Him.

They have zero power before Him.

They will resist. They will fight until the very end. They will attempt to destroy Jesus at his return. But spoiler .. they lose big. They lose immediately. And the blood fills the valley.

Your wrath has come

What God was holding back in not taking up his power was his wrath He was holding it back out of mercy. Out of grace. Out of truth. Out of Love.

[Jhn 3:36 NKJV] 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."

[1Th 5:9 NKJV] 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

[Rom 2:4-11 NKJV] 4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, 6 who "will render to each one according to his deeds": 7 eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; 8 but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness--indignation and wrath, 9 tribulation and anguish, on every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of

the Greek; 10 but glory, honor, and peace to everyone who works what is good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 11 For there is no partiality with God.

The Time Has Come for the Dead to be Judged

The day of Judgment is upon the world.

There's still 11 more chapters Bowl judgments Signs and more

But the Elders get the privilege of announcing what all of history has been waiting for: ABSOLUTE JUSTICE

Rewards for the godly and the evil Every last person who ever lived

Destroy those who destroy the earth

The satanic message today is to destroy those who supposedly destroy the climate, even having kids isn't good for the climate, have less they say. Look it up. Hating children is satanic. Having multiple is God's command.

God will destroy those who truly destroyed the earth - with unrepentant sin and killing those who love God.

Temple of God opened in heaven

Remember the Tabernacle and earthly temples? They were shadows, pictures of this temple. Interesting to think about. Especially because in the new heaven and earth it's not needed.

Ark of His Covenant

Atonement for sin, ten commandments, manna, rod that budded

Lightning, noises, thundering, an earthquake and great hail

Again a big deal. Heaven and earth's events inextricably linked A powerful event that shakes the whole of creation.

"We give You thanks, O Lord, God Almighty"