

END TIME WRATH OF GOD

Have you ever wondered what it is going to be like at the end of this world as we know it? Well, if so, you can know. Starting in the 13th chapter of Revelation we can read all about it. This is the time period that God says the Gentile church of Philadelphia in Rev. 3:7-13 is told would escape, a time when the whole world will be tested. It comes to fruition in the following Gentile church of Laodicea because they are spiritually luke warm and God spews them out into his end time fiery trials of wrath. Rev. 3:14-22. If one is in the church of Philadelphia he will escape this end time horrifying time but he may be martyred by the wicked, for their faith in Christ. Even so, they will accomplish a lot of satisfaction leading many to God. And, they will be in the first resurrection shortly after that. So we will see what is to be: If you have read "Revelation Made Easy" in the list of studies you will see that this is after the sixth seal on down through the seven trumpets, and to the third woe where we find the seven vials of God's wrath in chapter 16.

But first we will look at the other side of the coin. Rev. 18: 9-19, 24 shows it will be a wonderful time to live, especially if you are a merchant, or in politics, such as leaders of nations, etc. Nations will profit by doing business with the powers that be. That means there will be lots of employment, lots of progress, and wealth for the majority. There will be an end to poverty and starvation. Everyone will be united in the same religious beliefs because there will be a one world religion, as well as a one world government. Life will never be better, that is IF you submit to the beast and take his mark. That means you accept him as your God. If you refuse, (as you must, to be faithful to the true God), you will be killed. The Gentile world will live in high glory until God becomes disgusted with their idolatrous lives, rebellion and cruelties to His people. Things suddenly change, on a world scale, when God retaliates in fury by pouring out His wrath on the seat of the beast and false prophet.

We will start by reading about this world power who is murdering God's saints.

Rev.13:4-8, 4 And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

5 And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

15-17 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

God's wrath begins.

Rev.16:1 Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

These "vials" are actually seven time periods of events unleashed by God, on a wicked world. He will try to get their attention and give them a chance to repent. We are not told how long these periods of time will last.

2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

We see this is happening during a one world rule by the beast power who requires any believer to denounce their faith and take his mark and worship his image.

3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.

4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

5 And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

This verse tells us that there will be a lot of killing of the faithful, during the Philadelphia church period, and possibly many others.

7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

The wicked are being Judged and found guilty, so God is inflicting their punishment.

8 ¶ And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

This shows us how stubborn and rebellious the world will become.

10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

Even after all of this the beast is still ruling in his powerful capacity of one world government. He is ruler of the whole world.

12 ¶ And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

13 And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

16 And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

17 ¶ And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

18 And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

The greatest earthquake in all of history will take place in the vicinity of where the beast has his throne.

19 And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

Babylon is a type of pagan and adulterous religions called idolatry. God hates idolatry with a passion, because it leads to the destruction of mankind.

20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

21 And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great.

Rev. 17:1 ¶ And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

This is in reference to any false religion that is contrary to God's word. The following verses tell us about this great false religion that is existing during the end of this age.

Jumping over a few verses we see that the woman represents idolatrous religions and God is so fed up with it He will use ten kings to destroy it.

12 And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.

14 ¶ These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Notice these are not saints, they are his trusted armies, coming to fight against the enemies of Christ.

15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.

16 And the ten horns (10 kings) which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, (religion power) and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.

17 For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.

18 And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

We see that this religious power controlled the kings of the earth but ten kings will rebel and destroy her.

1 ¶ And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

God is still pleading with those Laodicean church people. He wants them to denounce their attachment to this wealthy power.

5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Rev.20:11 ¶ And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

The King of Kings comes first to destroy his enemies, then he will call his resurrected martyrs, who are either dead or living, in the air to greet him.

12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

This is what the future of the end of this age can look forward to. Reading the last chapters from 17 through 19 we see the world has rejected their creator for false religions. The wealthy and powerful will murder the humble believer in Christ. They will think they will never have to suffer for their crimes but we see Christ and his faithful win in the end when his seven vials of wrath ends in the destruction of the whole world of wicked people.

Those who live during this time will be mostly Gentiles. Israelites will have vanished either from wars, diseases, or captivity. The saints are those Laodiceans who will repent and remain faithful, and martyred for holding out to the end.

I doubt that any of us will be alive at that time, but we are still being judged for our choices and our works. Just as those at the end time will be judged as to who they choose for their God, so are we being judged. If we accept the world's religions and do not choose God's we, too, will not be chosen. Read the study "Many Are Called but Few are Chosen", and "A Little Deceit." The best comes next, read the rest of Revelation for the wonderful ending.