

REVELATION 5

1. Why is God angry with sin and evil?

-Because God did not create the world to be destroyed by sin and evil.

-Because God did not create people to be destroyed by sin and evil.

2. After the sixth seal, before the tribulation continues, what will God command His angels to do?

-To hold back the winds of God's judgment upon the earth.

3. Why are the angels to hold back the winds of God's judgment?

-So that a seal could be placed on the foreheads of the servants of God who will be saved out of the tribulation.

4. What is the reason for the seal on their foreheads?

-This is the mercy of God.

-They will be protected by God during the tribulation.

5. Who are these who will have a seal on their foreheads and be saved out of the tribulation?

-They are 144,000 Israelites from the tribes of Israel who will believe in the Lord Jesus as their Savior during the tribulation.

6. After seeing the 144,000 Jewish believers in Christ, who did John see standing before the throne and before the Lamb?

-People from every nation, tribe, people, and language.

7. How many people were standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

-More than anyone could count.

8. What is the meaning of the palm branches which they were holding?

-The palm branches are a picture of victory and joy.

9. Who are all of these people from every nation, tribe, people, and language who were standing before the throne of God?

-They are those who will come out of the tribulation having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

10. What does it mean to have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb?

-This is a picture of salvation for all people, for all Christians have been made white in the blood of the Lamb.

-In the vision that God gave to the apostle John, the Lord Jesus will first open six seals that will bring war and famine and death to the earth.

-After the sixth seal, God will command the angels to hold back the winds of judgment to place a seal on the foreheads of the servants of God.

-Many people from every nation, tribe, people, and language as well as 144,000 Israelites will believe in Christ and be saved during the tribulation.

-After this, the Lord Jesus will open the seventh seal.

Let's read Revelation 8:1

1-When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

-What will happen when the Lord Jesus opens the seventh seal?

-There will be silence in heaven for about half an hour.

-Why will there be silence in heaven for half an hour?

-Because everyone in heaven knows that the remaining punishments that God will give to sin and evil will be the greatest punishments that anyone has ever seen.

-After the half hour of silence in heaven, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 8:2 & 6

2-And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

6-Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

-After the Lord Jesus opens the seventh seal, and there will be silence in heaven, what will happen?

-Seven angels who stand before God will be given seven trumpets.

-What is the seventh seal that the Lord Jesus will open?

-The seventh seal will be seven trumpet judgments to punish sin and evil and all who do not believe in Christ.

-When the first angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 8:7

7-The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down on the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

-At the first trumpet, a third of the earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grass will be burned up.

-When the second angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 8:8-9

8-The second angel sounded his trumpet, and

something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,

9-a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

-At the second trumpet, a third of the sea will turn into blood, a third of the creatures in the sea will die, and a third of the ships will be destroyed.

-When the third angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 8:10-11

10-The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water—

11-the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

-Wormwood in the Bible can mean poison.

-At the third trumpet, a great star will fall from the sky, a third of the waters will become poison, and many people will die from the water.

-When the fourth angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 8:12

12-The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

-At the fourth trumpet, a third of the sun, moon, and stars will be turned dark.

-There will no light for a third of the day and a third of the night.

-For the first four trumpets, what is important to know?

-That God will be sending judgment to the earth and to the sky.

-At the first trumpet, the land will suffer.

-At the second trumpet, the sea will suffer.

-At the third trumpet, the lakes and rivers will suffer.

-At the fourth trumpet, the sun, moon, and stars will suffer.

-Why will God be sending judgment to the earth and to the sky?

-Because people will continue to refuse to believe in God.

-God created the earth, and has given the earth as a gift to all people.

-Yet, people will continue to refuse to believe in God.

-A third of the earth will be burned up, and a third of the sea will be turned into blood, but people will continue to refuse to believe in God.

-A third of the lakes and rivers will become poison, and a third of the sun, moon, and stars will become dark, but people will continue to refuse to believe in God.

-Instead of worshiping God, people worship land, the sea, lakes and rivers, and the sun, moon, and stars.

-When God will send judgment on the land, the sea, lakes and rivers, and the sun, moon, and stars, what should people understand?

-That we should not worship the earth or the sky, but God alone.

-At the end of the fourth trumpet, John will hear an eagle flying in midair, and calling out in a loud voice.

Let's read Revelation 8:13

13-As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

-As the eagle will call out, there will be three more

trumpet judgments which will be much worse than the first four trumpets.

-When the fifth angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 9:1

9-The fifth angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss.

-The fifth angel will sound his trumpet, and a star that will fall from the sky to the earth will be given a key.

-At the fifth trumpet, who is this star that will fall from the sky to the earth?

-Satan.

-When God created Lucifer and made him chief of the angels, he was called the brightest star in the sky.

-Lucifer, however, became proud and jealous of God's power.

-Therefore, God removed Satan as a leader of the angels which we read in Isaiah 14:12:

-“How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations!”

-Satan was like a star which fell from the sky to the earth.

-At the fifth trumpet, Satan will be given a key to the Abyss.

-What is the Abyss?

-The Abyss is the name for a bottomless hole where God has imprisoned some of the demons.

-Who will give to Satan the key to the bottomless hole?

-Jesus.

-It is Jesus who holds and controls the keys of death as He says in Revelation 1:18:

-“I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”

-What do we learn from the truth that Jesus holds and controls the keys of death?

-That Satan can do nothing unless the Lord Jesus allows him.

-The Lord Jesus will give the key to Satan so that Satan can open the bottomless hole.

Let's read Revelation 9:2-6

2-When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it

like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss.

3-And out of the smoke locusts came down on the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth.

4-They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

5-They were not allowed to kill them but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes.

6-During those days people will seek death but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

-What will happen when Satan opens the bottomless hole?

-Smoke will rise like from a furnace, the sun and sky will be darkened by the smoke, and out of the smoke will come locusts.

-What are these locusts?

-They are a picture of Satan's demons.

-How do we know that these locusts are a picture of Satan's demons?

-Locusts eat grass and do not have a tail of a scorpion.

-These locusts are not eating grass, but rather causing pain to people.

-As locusts swarm together and cause much destruction, these demons will be like locusts.

-As scorpions sting people and people suffer much pain, these demons will be like scorpions.

-What will these demons do?

-For five months, these demons will torture and cause much pain to all who do not believe in God.

-The pain will be so great that these people will try to kill themselves, but will not be able to.

-These demons will only torture those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads, but still these people will refuse to repent.

-When the sixth angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let's read Revelation 9:13-15

13-The sixth angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the four horns of the golden altar that is before God.

14-It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river

Euphrates."

15-And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind.

-At the sixth trumpet, four angels will be released to kill a third of all of the people on the earth.

-Who are these four angels who are bound at the Euphrates river?

-Demons.

-How do we know that these four angels are demons?

-Because good angels are never bound, nor are they ever used to kill people.

-Why did God keep these four evil angels bound?

-To keep them from doing evil until God's time.

-Satan and his demons can only do what God allows them to do.

-At the fifth trumpet, God will not allow the demons that were released from the bottomless hole to kill anyone.

-At the sixth trumpet, however, God will allow the demons to kill, and they will kill a third of all people on earth.

-When these four demons will kill one third of all people on earth, what will happen to those who are not killed?

Let's read Revelation 9:20-21

20-The rest of mankind who were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

21-Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

-Even though these demons will kill a third of all of the people on earth, will the people who are left on earth repent?

-No.

-At the sixth trumpet, even after one third of all of the people on earth will die, the rest of the people on earth will still not repent.

-What does this teach us about evil and people?

-That evil is so strong that people cannot see its evil.

-That evil is so strong that people cannot see the truth.

-As we learned in the last lesson, after Christ opens the sixth seal, yet before He opens the seventh seal, there will be a time of rest on the earth.

-Here, after the sixth trumpet, yet before the seventh trumpet, there will also be a time of rest on the earth.

-It is God who will give His people a time of rest before He sends more judgments to the earth.

-God will give His people a time of rest in order to encourage them in the middle of all of the evil and destruction.

-God will give His people a time of rest to show them that He has not forgotten them and will protect them.

-God will give His people a time of rest to show them that He is still in control of everything.

-At the time of rest before the seventh trumpet, John will see another mighty angel holding a little scroll.

Let's read Revelation 10:1a & 2a

1-Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven.

2-He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand.

-Then, John heard a voice telling him to eat the scroll.

Let's read Revelation 10:8 & 10

8-Then the voice that I had heard from heaven

spoke to me once more: “Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land.”

10-I took the little scroll from the angel’s hand and ate it. It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour.

-The little scroll is a picture of the remaining punishment that God will give to the people of the earth.

-The little scroll tasted sweet which is a picture of Christ returning to the earth to finally put an end to all sin and evil and reign as king of the earth.

-The little scroll also turned sour, as the remaining punishment of those who refuse to believe in Christ will be very sour.

-Also in the time of rest before the seventh trumpet, God will send two witnesses to earth.

Let’s read Revelation 11:3

3-And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”

-These two witnesses will teach during the last three and half years of the tribulation.

-These two witnesses will teach Israel so that many will believe and be saved.

-After the time of rest, the seventh angel will sound his trumpet.

-When the seventh angel sounds his trumpet, what will happen?

Let’s read Revelation 11:15

15-The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

-With the seventh trumpet, why will there be great rejoicing in heaven?

-Because the final judgment of sin and evil will be coming, and the reign of Christ on earth will begin.

-What will the loud voices in heaven say?

-“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

-The kingdom of Satan will become the kingdom of our Lord and Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ.

-And finally, there will never again be sin and death and evil.