

REVELATION 6

1. What will happen when the Lord Jesus opens the seventh seal?

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

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

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

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

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

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

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. What are these locusts?

-They are a picture of Satan's demons.

12. What will these demons do?

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

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

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

14. How do we know that these four angels are demons?
-Because good angels are never bound, nor are they ever used to kill people.

15. Why did God keep these four evil angels bound?
-To keep them from doing evil until God's time.

16. 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.

17. Why will there be great rejoicing in heaven at the seventh trumpet?

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

-As we learned in the last lesson in Revelation 11:15, the seventh angel will sound his trumpet.

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."

-The judgments of the seventh trumpet, however, will not

come until Revelation chapter 15.

-Before the judgments of the seventh trumpet, we will study chapters 12-13 and learn more of the story of Satan during the tribulation.

-At the beginning of Revelation chapter 12, we read how Satan will continue to try to destroy Israel and all other people.

Let's read Revelation 12:1-2

1-A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.

2-She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth.

-The woman clothed with the sun, the moon under her feet, and a crown of twelve stars is a picture of whom?

-Israel.

-The sun, moon, and twelve stars teach us that this is a picture of Israel and the dream that God gave to Joseph.

-As a pregnant woman is in pain as she is waiting to give birth, so Israel has been in pain waiting for the birth of the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Let's read Revelation 12:3-4

3-Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads.

4-Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born.

-The red dragon with seven heads, ten horns, and seven crowns is a picture of whom?

-Satan.

-What are the seven heads with the seven crowns a picture of?

-Seven world kingdoms ruled by Satan.

-These are six previous world kingdoms ruled by Satan and the future world kingdom to be ruled by Satan and the final Antichrist.

-These six previous world kingdoms include the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, and Romans.

-What are the ten horns a picture of?

-Ten kings who will rule with Satan in the final world kingdom before Christ returns.

-What is the picture of a third of the stars flung to earth?

-These are angels who followed Satan and became demons many years ago when Satan rebelled against God.

-What is the picture of the dragon standing in front of the woman who was waiting to give birth?

-This is a picture of Satan who tried to kill Christ when He was born in the land of Israel.

Let's read Revelation 12:5-6

5-She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter." And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne.

6-The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

-Satan was not able to stop the birth of Christ on the earth.

-Nor was Satan able to stop the Lord Jesus from rising from the dead and ascending to His throne in heaven.

-Although Jesus has already defeated Satan by freeing those who believe in Christ, Satan continues to try to destroy as many people as possible.

-In the tribulation, Satan will try once more to destroy Israel and all other people.

-Jesus warned Israel that the coming tribulation would be a time of persecution like never before.

Let's read Matthew 24:16-22

16-"Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

17-Let no one on the housetop go down to take anything out of the house.

18-Let no one in the field go back to get their cloak.

19-How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers!

20-Pray that your flight will not take place in winter or on the Sabbath.

21-For then there will be great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again.

22-If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened."

-Although Israel will suffer greatly during the tribulation, Satan will not be able to destroy Israel completely.

-This is because God will protect them.

-God will provide for Israel a place in the wilderness

where she will be taken care of for 1,260 days or the last half of the tribulation.

-In chapter 13, the Bible teaches us about the beast coming out of the sea.

Let's read Revelation 13:1

1-The dragon stood on the shore of the sea. And I saw a beast coming out of the sea. It had ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on its horns, and on each head a blasphemous name.

-In chapter 12, we learned that the dragon is Satan.

-In chapter 13, who is the beast coming out of the sea?

-This will be the final Antichrist who is pictured coming out of a sea of evil or the Abyss, the bottomless hole.

-Will this beast be an animal or a demon or a man?

-A man.

-From 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, we know that the final Antichrist will be a man.

-Yet, this man will be indwelt by a powerful demon of the Abyss or bottomless hole.

-In Revelation 12:3, the dragon or Satan has seven heads and ten horns, and has seven crowns on its seven heads.

-In Revelation 13:1, the beast or final Antichrist also has seven heads and ten horns, yet has ten crowns on its ten horns.

-Why are the crowns no longer on the seven heads, but now on the ten horns?

-We have already learned that the seven heads are a picture of the six previous world kingdoms ruled by Satan and the future world kingdom to be ruled by Satan and the final Antichrist.

-We have also already learned that the ten horns are a picture of ten kings who will rule with Satan in the final world kingdom before Christ returns.

-The change of the crowns teaches us that Satan will no longer try to rule through kingdoms, but now will try to rule the world through a king who will be the final Antichrist.

-It has always been Satan's desire to rule the world.

-In the past, Satan has tried to rule the world through kingdoms.

-During the tribulation, Satan will try to rule the world through a king who will be the final Antichrist.

Let's read Revelation 13:2

2-The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

-Who will give power and authority and his throne to the beast, the final Antichrist?

-The dragon who is Satan.

-The beast or the final Antichrist will be completely controlled by Satan.

-All of the power and authority of the final Antichrist will be directly from Satan.

-The final Antichrist will be one with Satan.

-Because the final Antichrist will be one with Satan, no human power will be able to overcome him.

Let's read Revelation 13:3

3-One of the heads of the beast seemed to have had a fatal wound, but the fatal wound had been healed. The whole world was filled with wonder and followed the beast.

-Of the seven heads of the beast or final Antichrist, one of the heads had a fatal wound that had been healed.

-What is the meaning of one of the heads with a fatal wound that had been healed?

-Satan and the final Antichrist, wanting to be worshiped, will try to copy the death and resurrection of Christ.

-Even though God alone is more powerful than death, Satan will try to copy the death and resurrection of Christ by using a lie.

-The people of the world will believe the lie that the final Antichrist is like Christ who died and rose from the dead.

-The people of the world may also believe that the final Antichrist is the Lord Jesus Christ who has returned.

-This lie will fill the whole world with wonder, and will cause many to worship the dragon, Satan, and the beast, the final Antichrist.

Let's read Revelation 13:4

4-People worshiped the dragon because he had given authority to the beast, and they also worshiped the beast and asked, "Who is like the beast? Who can wage war against it?"

-During the tribulation, the people of the world will believe that the beast, the final Antichrist, is God, and will worship him.

-By worshiping the beast, the final Antichrist, the people of the world will also be worshiping Satan.

-In the last half of the tribulation, God will allow the beast or final Antichrist to have authority over all people.

Let's read Revelation 13:5-6

5-The beast was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies and to exercise its authority for forty-two months.

6-It opened its mouth to blaspheme God, and to slander his name and his dwelling place and those who live in heaven.

-In verse 5 above, we read that the beast "was given a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies."

-Who is it that will give the beast or final Antichrist a mouth to utter proud words and blasphemies?

-God alone.

-In the last half of the tribulation, God in His sovereignty will allow the beast or final Antichrist to blaspheme God, slander the name of God, and slander those who live in heaven.

-Who is it that will give the beast or final Antichrist to exercise authority for forty-two months?

-God alone.

-In the last half of the tribulation, God in His sovereignty will allow the beast or final Antichrist to exercise authority over all people.

-Why will God allow the beast or final Antichrist to blaspheme and slander Him and exercise authority over all people?

-Just like God has allowed sin in the world so that people can see how evil sin really is, God will also allow this evil so that people can see the evil and turn to Christ.

-God is perfect, and can do no evil, yet He does allow evil in the world so that people can turn to Him to be saved.

Let's read Revelation 13:7

7-It was given power to wage war against God's holy people and to conquer them. And it was given authority over every tribe, people, language and nation.

-Who is it that will give the beast or final Antichrist power to wage war against God's people on earth?

-God alone.

-In the last half of the tribulation, the beast or final Antichrist will try to kill all who believe in Christ.

-As it is written in Daniel 7:25, "The holy people will be delivered into his hands" in the last half of the tribulation.

-Why will God give the beast or final Antichrist power to wage war against God's holy people and conquer them?

-Just like God has allowed sin in the world so that people can see how evil sin really is, God will also allow this evil so that people can see the evil and turn to Christ.

-Even if someone is being killed and calls out to Christ to save his soul, the Lord Jesus will save him at the last moment of his life on earth.

-God is perfect, and can do no evil, yet He does allow evil in the world so that people can turn to Him to be saved.

-In 2 Thessalonians 2:3, we learn that the final Antichrist is called the man of lawlessness.

-He is the man to whom Satan will give power to rule the whole world during the last half of the tribulation.

-Satan will give the Antichrist power to rule the whole world to keep the Lord Jesus from returning to take His place to rule the world.

-In 2 Thessalonians 2:4, we learn this about the final Antichrist:

-He “will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.”

-The final Antichrist will try to take God’s place on the earth.

-The final Antichrist will claim that He alone should be worshiped.

-Who are the only people who will not worship the final Antichrist during the tribulation?

-Those who believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

-Even though the beast or final Antichrist will destroy the flesh of those who believe in God, will he be able to destroy their faith in Christ?

-No.

-True faith in Christ can never be destroyed.

-God will never allow anyone who believes in Christ to lose eternal life in heaven.

-As Romans 8:38-39 teaches us:

38-For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,

39-neither height nor depth, nor anything else in

all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-If you believe in Christ, there is nothing that can separate you from Him.

-Not even the death of your own flesh can separate you from Christ.

Let’s read Revelation 13:8

8-All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast—all whose names have not been written in the Lamb’s book of life, the Lamb who was slain from the creation of the world.

-In the last half of the tribulation, everyone will worship the beast or final Antichrist except for those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

-What is the Lamb’s book of life?

-This is the book of Christ that has the names of all who believe in Him whom God has chosen to believe from before the foundation of the world.

-If you believe in Christ alone as your Savior, your name is already written in the Lamb’s book of life.

-After the first beast, the Word of God teaches us about a second beast:

Let's read Revelation 13:11

11-Then I saw a second beast, coming out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb, but it spoke like a dragon.

-What is the second beast which speaks like a dragon a picture of?

-The final false prophet.

-Since the beginning of time, the world has been deceived and lied to by false prophets.

-Satan was a false prophet in the Garden of Eden, deceiving Eve and lying to her, telling her that she would not die if she ate the fruit that God forbid her to eat.

-When God brought Israel into the promised land, He taught them to put to death false prophets who cause people to turn away from God.

-In Matthew 7:15, Jesus warns us about false prophets:

-“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.”

-Speaking of the end times, in Matthew 24:24, Jesus said this:

-“For false christs and false prophets will arise and

perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.”

-Even today, the Word of God warns us about the many false prophets who have gone out into the world (1 John 4:1).

-Now, at the last half of the tribulation, Satan will bring the final false prophet into the world.

-With the first beast who is the final Antichrist, and the second beast who is the final false prophet, Satan will have his final government to try and take over the world.

-Just as God sent His Son into the world to represent the Father, Satan will send the final Antichrist to represent Satan.

-Just as the Lord Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to represent Christ, Satan will send the final false prophet to represent the final Antichrist.

-It is Satan's hope that by copying the work of God, the world will finally become his world.

-What is the work that Satan will give to the final prophet?

Let's read Revelation 13:12-15

12-It exercised all the authority of the first beast on

its behalf, and made the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed.

13-And it performed great signs, even causing fire to come down from heaven to the earth in full view of the people.

14-Because of the signs it was given power to perform on behalf of the first beast, it deceived the inhabitants of the earth. It ordered them to set up an image in honor of the beast who was wounded by the sword and yet lived.

15-The second beast was given power to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image could speak and cause all who refused to worship the image to be killed.

-The final false prophet will deceive the world so that many people will worship the final Antichrist.

-There will also be another work that the final false prophet will do:

Let's read Revelation 13:16-18

16-It also forced all people, great and small, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads,

17-so that they could not buy or sell unless they had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of its name.

18-This calls for wisdom. Let the person who has insight calculate the number of the beast, for it is the

number of a man. That number is 666.

-What will the final false prophet also do?

-He will force all people to receive a mark on their right hands or on their foreheads.

-If someone does not have the mark, they will not be able to buy or sell food or anything else.

-This mark of the beast, the Antichrist is the number 666.

-This number of the beast, the final Antichrist is also the number of a man.

-Many people for many years have tried to understand who this man is, yet God has not made this known.

-When the time comes, God will make known to the world who this man is.

-Even though Satan will lie and deceive many people, God will destroy him in the end.