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Revelation 28 Sixth seal/ Fear of Death! Revelation 6:12-14

Revelation 6:12-17, *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky ¹receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

The sixth seal opens another force.

There is a seven-sealed book or scroll that contains the information about Christ taking over the universe.

As each seal is broken, another scene develops.

These seven seals unfold in a seven-year period yet to come in the future that we know as the time of tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, Daniel's seventieth week.

During this period, the Lamb, the Son of God, is unrolling the scroll because he has both the authority to do so as the heir of everything and the power to do so as God.

The Lamb of God, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ here in this vision that John sees, is unrolling this scroll which describes the events as He takes over the universe from Satan and the demons and sinners who occupy it and control it.

Seal one introduced peace, which was quickly overshadowed by the appearance of a false peace.

Seal two brought war, setting the stage for global conflict.

Seal three released famine, creating widespread hunger and economic instability.

Seal four brought the pestilence, further exacerbated by war, famine, and the general breakdown of society.

The **fifth seal is vengeance**.

A vengeance driven by the prayers of the saints in heaven is what gives this seal its power.

Fifth force we saw was vengeance, which is articulated in the fifth seal as those, who have been martyred for the sake of Christ, pray that God would bring about vengeance.

The force being exemplified and described in the sixth seal is Fear.

Fear is a powerful emotion and powerful enough for people to begin the world's largest prayer meeting. Only they don't pray to God but pray to the mountains and the rocks.

They pray for the mountains and the rocks to fall on them.
A prayer for suicide!

A prayer for destruction. They are so afraid they would rather die than face the wrath of God, the wrath of the Lamb.

Fear is a powerful emotion.

Sometimes it is an overpowering feeling that takes control of the mind and makes one desire what is irrational. It takes control sometimes of the will and makes people behave in ways that are inexplicable.

Fear can create all kinds of responses.

- Everything from cowardice to heroism,
- From strength to weakness,
- Aggression to passivity,
- Reason to confusion,

- Clear thinking to total panic.

Fear can strengthen the heart and make it beat faster.

Fear can stop it dead.

Fear can lead a person to have a total change in what he thinks and feels and does.

Fear is certainly a part of the human factor. There are normal fears that all of us have, and God has given us the capacity to fear certain things for the sake of self-preservation and the protection of others.

Normal fears that everybody has, like the fear of disease, injury, loss of family or the loss of love, the loss of a job, the loss of money and fear of death.

The most dominant fear is the fear of public speaking.

Such common fears are usually handled somewhat adequately by most people. If a person can't handle normal fear, then we say that person has a phobia.

By phobia, we basically mean an abnormal response to a normal fear or the invention of an abnormal and bizarre fear.

A phobia is fear exaggerated.

It is fear that disables a person.

It is fear that is uncontrollable and unconquerable.

It is fear that totally takes control of a person so that they cannot function normally.

Such phobia leads to paranoia, panic attacks, and various kinds of deviant and antisocial behavior.

When you look at people and examine what they are afraid of, it is quite amazing.

There are very bizarre fears about falling into the toilet, the fear of certain colors, the fear of being buried alive, or the fear of calling someone by his given name.

The most common fears, are the following: animals, bees, being alone, being stared at, blood, blushing, cancer, cats, choking, corpses, crowds, darkness, death, deformity, demons, dirt, dogs, dreams, elevators, enclosed space, flying, germs, height, horses, illness, insanity, insects, lightning, mice, nakedness, noise, pain, poverty, pregnancy, robbers, school, sexual intercourse, sleep, smothering, snakes, spiders, strangers, surgical operations, syphilis, thunder, travel, vomiting, work, and worms.

This list is a list of fairly normal things, just stuff that's part of life. But it is amazing how people have phobias about normal things as well as inventing bizarre things like fearing certain colors and so forth.

People fear all kinds of things. They fear normal things abnormally, and they fear abnormal things. But rarely are they afraid of what they really ought to be afraid of. Rarely.

Hebrews 10:31, *It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

This is something people ought to be afraid of.

Hebrews 10:30, *For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."*

Cats and dogs and mice and lightning and noise and pain and pregnancy those are minimal. Those are the normal issues of life. If people are going to have a phobia, if they are going to have an uncontrollable, debilitating, disabling, exaggerated, unconquerable fear, let it be the fear of falling into the hands of the living God.

Luke 12:4-5, *"And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!*

Fear God. With all the phobias and all the fears that people have, here's one they rarely have, but should have.

If the church isn't busy today trying to make sure they don't have it, trying to make them feel that God is a benign grandfather who is this all-time ultimate, cosmic good person.

Jesus knew His Father well.

Jesus said, "Fear Him," because after He is killed, He has the authority to cast you into hell.

Revelation 6 - about a day when everybody will have that fear. They will have it to the phobia category.

It will be the ultimate paranoia.

It will be the universal panic attack.

There is coming a day when the world will all have the same debilitating, uncontrollable, disabling, unconquerable phobia. A fear so overpowering that they will be scared to death.

Luke 21:26, *men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.*

What it means?

To die.

To literally breathe out their last.

When that day comes, there will be such fear that people will be scared to death.

Some will die on the spot. They will die from sheer terror, because they will realize they have fallen into the hands of the living God.

It is His day of wrath, and that is so terrifying it will stop their hearts.

Those who survive the initial fear will cry for the rocks to crush them to death before they must face God as if that could be a means of escape.

What is it that could cause this level of panic?

The sixth seal being opened.

The dominant force you see here is fear.

Let us look at the reason for fear.

Why are they so afraid?

The reason for fear.

John is in a vision. God is revealing these things to him, and he sees visions that dramatize the future scenes.

V 12, I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

The Lamb who has the seven-sealed scroll.

Revelation chapters 4 and 5, when we were in heaven with John.

The scroll showed up in the Father's hand at the end of **chapter 5**.

Revelation 6:1, *Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."*

As each of the seals have been broken, we have seen what is to come.

Now, we have come to the sixth seal, God acts without men. We have come to a level of intervention by God that is holy and solely His own.

This paralyzing, terrifying act is inconceivable and devastating. Obviously, by this time, as we have learned in **chapter 6**, the world has been filled with ongoing violence. The world has been filled with disaster after disaster, with death everywhere since the false peace was shattered.

This thing is moving rapidly, more intense, with greater and greater holocausts as the birth pangs increase toward the big event.

All through this time, believers have been proclaiming the Word of God.

They have been telling the world, “What you are seeing and what you are experiencing is written in the Scripture. It is all in the Scripture.”

They have also been preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, because it was for the testimony of Christ and the Word of God, **verse 9** says, that they were killed in the first place.

So, as all these events are unfolding.

Those who believe are explaining to the world that this is in Scripture.

What does the world do?

It does everything it can to massacre the Christians and massacre the preachers and all who follow Christ, and the world follows Antichrist.

- They are deceived by Satan.
- They follow the deception.
- They disbelieve the Bible.
- They disbelieve the gospel.
- They believe the Antichrist.

Even though they have heard the testimony of the witnessing martyrs that they have killed, they will not believe. They will believe Antichrist.

Revelation 13:5, *And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months.*

The last **three-and-a-half years** of this time period Antichrist speaks blasphemes against God. He blasphemes even those who dwell in heaven.

Revelation 13:6-8, *Then he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, His tabernacle, and those who dwell in heaven. ⁷It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation. ⁸All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

The whole world follows this Antichrist.

They all go after him.

He has a partner too.

Revelation 13:11, *Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon.*

Revelation 13:13-14, *He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling*

those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.

Here comes one known as the false prophet, and he does these wondrous things and calls the whole world to worship the Antichrist.

They buy the deception. Despite what is going on all around them, the terrors, the judgments, they believe the Antichrist. They believe the false prophet, and they just carry on business as usual.

In fact, there are prophets running all over the place, even at the time all of this starts to happen. At the time of the war, famine, pestilence and death, persecution and slaughter is going on of believers and of Jews, and they are crying out the gospel. These people will be just going along life as usual.

How do we know that?

Because Jesus said it in Matthew chapter 24.

Matthew 24:37-39, *But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.*

Until the day Noah entered the ark, and they didn't understand.
Until the flood came and took them all away.
So, it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Just like the days of **Noah**, no matter what Noah preached righteousness for **120 years**, how many warnings he gave them, what he told them, they just went on eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, like life as usual. They didn't know until it hit, and they drowned.

That is how it's going to be at the coming of the Son of Man. Despite all of this, the world is going to be deceived. They are not going to believe what Christians are saying. The deception will carry right to the end.

Deception is going to be an excess of false prophets and false christs.

Jesus said they will say I am here and there. They will be all over, giving answers and telling what's happening and explaining it and giving their opinions. Their message is going to be pretty the same.

1 Thessalonians 5:3, *For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.*

The final birth pains will come excruciating and sudden.

When it hits, for the first time, the world knows the Christians were right.

V 16, and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!"

What does that tell us?

The whole world has been told that the wrath of God and the wrath of the Lamb is coming. They have heard it.

They have heard the gospel, because it will be preached to the ends of the earth.

Everlasting angel will make sure everybody hears as he flies through the sky. But not until the sixth seal, after they have tried to silence all the Christians by massacring them. They will suddenly wake up to the fact that what those Christians were saying was true.

What hits is unavoidably attributable only to God. A morning frightening scene and realization couldn't even be imagined.

This sequence in **Revelation 6** also fits exactly with the sequence in **Matthew 24**, because it follows the same chronology.

Matthew 24:29-30, *“Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

The same event.

The phenomena described in **Revelation 6** about the sky is similar to the phenomena Jesus spoke of in **Matthew 24**.

Matthew 24:24, *For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.*

They will be promising the utopia if we can just continue to get rid of the believers and, along with them, the Jews.

Luke 21 follows the same pattern, the same sequence.

Luke 21:25-27, *“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; ²⁶ men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.*

Same pattern.

Joel the prophet saw it. Study Joel chapter 2.

Joel 2:2, *A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, Like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, The like of whom has never been; Nor will there ever be any such after them, Even for many successive generations.*

Joel 2:10, *The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness.*

Joel 2:30-31, *“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.*

Same event Joel saw it.

Isaiah saw it.

Isaiah 29:6, *You will be punished by the Lord of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise, With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire.*

This particular scene really cannot be described. We can make an attempt at it.

Because the Scripture outlines six frightening features. The detail here is given by the Lord in order that we might understand something of the horror of this day.

V 12, *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

1. An earthquake.

There have always been earthquakes.

They come now and then, here and there. Even in the first half of this time of tribulation, the time known as the beginning of birth pangs.

Matthew 24:7, *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places.*

They have experienced some earthquakes more than they would be used to.

But this isn't really talking about just an earthquake.

Probably there is no equal English translation we can get so they have translated as earthquake.

The cataclysm that comes here as the great tribulation has begun in the second half is more powerful and more intense

and more destructive than all the earthquakes of all time put together.

It is a single, massive, final event. God's wrath at full operation.

- ✓ God, at His own discretion, likes to shake the world now and then.
- ✓ God shook it at Sinai when He gave the Law.
- ✓ God shook it when Elijah called on Him.
- ✓ God shook it when Jesus, His Son, was murdered before Him.
- ✓ God shook it when He wanted to release Paul and Silas from jail.
- ✓ God shakes it now and then, through history, for His own purposes.

But this is more than any earthquake, like even any of those that God Himself did. This is something beyond that.

The Greek word is ***Seismos*** from which we get the English word seismograph, which is an instrument to measure shaking.

It means a quaking, a shaking, an agitating, but the word "earth" is not here. The word "earth" is not here. It would have been better to translate it, "And there was a great shaking."

Because, frankly, it isn't just the earth. The first thing he mentions is the sun, and then the moon, and then the stars

careening out of the sky, and then the sky splitting apart like a scroll, and only then does he say, “Every mountain and island start to move.” This is shaking more than an earthquake.

This is ***Seismos*** in the universe.

Matthew 8 translates the same word tempest, to describe what happened on the Sea of Galilee.

Joel 2 uses this same word in the Septuagint, which is the Greek version of the Old Testament, in the prophet **Haggai 2:6-7**, describe the same event.

Haggai 2:6-7, *“For thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; ⁷and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the Lord of hosts.*

Earthquakes frighten people.

They create phobias.

We have been told for years that one day we are going to shake right off into the ocean.

Our population fears that. Every time there’s a little shake, all the appointments in the psychological psychiatric offices go up, as people run there to deal with their phobias and their fears.

But whatever little shakings we experience are nothing to be compared with this.

This is more erratic shaking than anything imaginable.

But you must understand these people have already been through so much, this is going to really be a devastating thing. They have been dragged, in the last few years, through global wars, worldwide famine, worldwide plagues and pestilences, and some other natural disasters, including earthquakes, that have killed one-fourth of the population of the world. All happened just at the time they thought they had reached world peace.

Still the false prophets say peace and safety.

As soon as we get the Christians massacred, utopia will come. They are the problem.

Through this time period the restrainer is removed.

2 Thessalonians 2:7, *For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.*

Sin is unrestrained,

Immorality unrestrained,

Wickedness, vice, godlessness, christlessness rampant.

Satan is running the world. Antichrist is demanding that everybody worship him in his deceptive wickedness.

The world is plunged into deep sin, and all the time, while it's literally following all its lusts and impulses, being promised utopia to come out of the chaos that exists.

A great host of people are being saved (**Revelation 6:9-11**) They are under the altar praying for God's vengeance.

Revelation 7:9, *After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

So many of them converted during that time period they can't even be numbered.

There will be a great revival, a great host will be saved. But the rest of the world goes on in sin and deception, following Antichrist and killing the Christians.

Then, in a moment, while some sleep and others are awake, while some are driving their car, and some are flying in an airplane, and some are walking, and some are jogging, and some are at work, and some are reading the paper in their dens, and some are watching television, and some are playing tennis, and some are at home, and others are in a hotel, some are in an auditorium, some are at a sporting event, some are at school the whole universe starts to shake. A **seismos** from God that no seismograph could ever measure.

Such a frightening thing, because man always counts on the stable universe. He always counts on dawn and darkness, on the cycle of the rotation of the earth and the seasons as it moves in orbit.

Man demands uniformity in his world, and that's what evolution tells him.

2 Peter 3:4, and saying, *“Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”*

It all goes on the same way. In a moment, that theory is utterly exploded, and the **seismos** hits.

2. Sun will become black.

V 12, *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

A sackcloth was what people wore to a funeral. A Sackcloth was a rough garment that you wore when you wanted to mourn somebody. You had put it over you like a robe, and it went all the way to the floor so that none of you was seen.

You wouldn't want to draw attention to yourself while mourning the death of someone.

Black sackcloth of hair simply means that the sackcloth was woven most likely out of black goat's hair. It was very dark and that's how the sun would be. As black as a black mourner's robe woven out of black goat's hair.

The upheaval shakes everything, and the upheaval is so enormous that it blackens out the sun.

What does blacken out the sun?

Why does the sun go black?

The *seismos* described here is worldwide in scope for the first time in history. Seismologists and geophysicists, in recent years, have learned a great deal about the structure of the earth and about the cause and nature of earthquakes.

The earth's solid crust is traversed with a complex network of faults, with all resting on a plastic mantle whose structure is still largely unknown. Whether the crust consists of great moving plates is a current matter of controversy among geophysicists.

So, the ultimate cause of earthquakes is still not known. Likely, the entire complex of crustal instabilities is a remnant of the phenomena of the great flood, especially the breakup of the fountains of the great deep.

In any case, the vast network of unstable earthquake belts around the world suddenly begin to slip and fracture on a global basis, and a gigantic earthquake ensues.

This is evidently and naturally accompanied by tremendous volcanic eruptions spewing vast quantities of dust and steam and gases into the upper atmosphere. It is probably these that will cause the sun to be darkened and the moon to appear blood red.

That fits what the prophet said about fire and smoke.

Blackness and darkness is often associated with judgment.

- ✓ When God judged Egypt, He brought thick blackness.
- ✓ When God came to Mount Sinai to lay down the Law, it was shrouded in black smoke.
- ✓ When God judged His Son on the cross for our sins, from noon till 3 o'clock, the world went black.

Isaiah looked at this judgment time, and he saw this blackness.

Isaiah 13:9-13, *Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. ¹² I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. ¹³ Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will*

move out of her place, In the wrath of the Lord of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

A blackness, a darkness comes over the universe.

3. The moon becomes like blood.

V 12, *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.*

Joel 2:30-31, *“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.*

When this begins to happen, it affects everything. It affects daylight and darkness.

There will be no daylight.

It affects plant life.

It affects man.

It affects the animal world.

All the cycles by which animals' function, plants function, humans function thrown into total chaos.

4. Stars will fall.

Out of that blackness the stars of the sky fell to the earth.

V 13, *And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.*

The word “stars,” **Asteres** can refer to any celestial body, large or small, not limited to what we know as a star.

It could be a star that is millions of times larger than our sun as some are. It also could refer to an asteroid, a meteor. Perhaps that’s the best understanding of it here.

The earth is going to get showered by **asteres** plummeting out of the sky.

Obviously, if that meant star, it would burn us up long before it ever got here.

So, this is probably an asteroid shower or a meteor shower. Scientists have speculated for years what a massive asteroid/meteor shower hitting the earth would be like. The unbelievable destruction that it would create.

Certainly, the stars are involved as the whole universe shakes, and they begin to move out of their orbits, and they begin to

function in a random way, spinning and whirling around in space as the whole collapsing universe begins to disintegrate.

The earth then plummeted with fiery balls coming out of the sky.

To make it vivid, *“to a fig tree casting its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.”*

A fig tree can be covered with figs, and when the wind hits it, they just come down en masse.

Where are people going to go?

All over the globe. Where are they going to go?

No way they can escape.

Zechariah 14:6-7, *It shall come to pass in that day That there will be no light; The lights will diminish. ⁷It shall be one day Which is known to the Lord— Neither day nor night. But at evening time it shall happen That it will be light.*

Then in terms that John can't even describe.

V 14, *Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.*

A scroll is that as it's unrolled and rolled, repeatedly it wears and ages. As it sits, it dries out.

When you unroll a scroll, and you get it out at its tension point, because it's been rolled up so long and dried in that position, it'll crack.

John says it would be like rolling out a scroll and having it just rip in the middle and then roll up in two separate places.

5. The sky was split apart.

In John's vision, literally ripped apart.

It pictures the whole of the sky like a scroll held open at tension, and suddenly, it's just ripped down the middle, and the whole sky disappears. It's all gone.

The stars are flying all over the place, careening.

The whole universe is shaking.

No sun, no moon, and the earth is being blasted with asteroids, meteorites plummeting out of the sky as the universe breaks up.

The heaven that was so familiar to us is ripped to pieces.

Certainly, Isaiah again had it in mind.

Isaiah 34:2-5, *For the indignation of the Lord is against all nations, And His fury against all their armies; He has utterly destroyed them, He has given them over to the slaughter.* ³ Also

their slain shall be thrown out; Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴All the host of heaven shall be dissolved, And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls from the vine, And as fruit falling from a fig tree. ⁵“For My sword shall be bathed in heaven; Indeed it shall come down on Edom, And on the people of My curse, for judgment.

This kind of quaking isn't just the earth.

6. Mountains and Island moved out.

V 14, *Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.*

This is hard to conceive.

Every mountain and island. The whole unstable crust of the earth begins to move and shift, and the faults split, and the volcanic gases come out.

The earth's crust, highly unstable ever since the great flood, will be so disturbed by the impacting asteroids, the volcanic explosions, and the earthquakes that great segments of it will begin to slip and slide over the earth's deep plastic mantle.

Everything was shaking.

Can give a word to the environmentalists?

If you think man has messed up this earth, wait till you see what God does to it.

This is a disposable planet.

It was made disposable by sin.

Wait to see what its Creator does to it.

God made it and sin devastated it, and God will destroy it.

It's a throwaway universe.

The cosmos that came out of the chaos is going back to chaos.

Out of the chaos will come a new ***kosmos***, the new heavens and the new earth.

Jesus summed all of this up that we have just seen in those verses.

Luke 21:11, *And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.*

People will die of fright. They will be scared to death.

People are afraid of a lot of things.

They are afraid of a lot of things they shouldn't be afraid of.

They are not afraid of the One person they should be afraid of.

Romans 2:5, *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,

Sinners are accumulating sin that someday is going to feel the wrath of God.

Those who have never feared Him will fear Him then.

But we as Christians don't need to be afraid because we have escaped the wrath of God. We have been delivered from the wrath to come through Jesus Christ.

We are not looking for this wrath.

We are going to be caught up in being with the Lord before it ever hits. Amen!

If you put your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you will escape the wrath to come.

Fear Him who, after He has killed, has the authority to cast you into hell. "Yes, I say, fear Him!"