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The 6th Seal is the End of this Age

Revelation 6



Matthew 12:32



- And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, **either in this age or in the age to come.**

**Remember I am arguing that
Revelation must not be interpreted
apart from the rest of the Bible**

**And we must wear our 1st/2nd
century Christian “glasses” when
we read the letter written to us.**



Seal	Description	Significance
1	White Horse	Gospel (or Political) Conquest
2	Red Horse	Wars and rumors of war
3	Black Horse	Economic Disruptions/Famine
4	Pale Horse	Global Death from Plagues, National Disaster, and Beasts
5	Souls under the Altar	Persecution of Christians and Martyrdom

I am arguing that the 7 seals are not limited to 7 years of one particular tribulation.



**Look @ the question
in the 5th seal.**

v. 10



Revelation 6:10

- They cried out with a loud voice,
“O Sovereign Lord, holy and
true, how long before you will
judge and avenge our blood on
those who dwell on the
earth?”

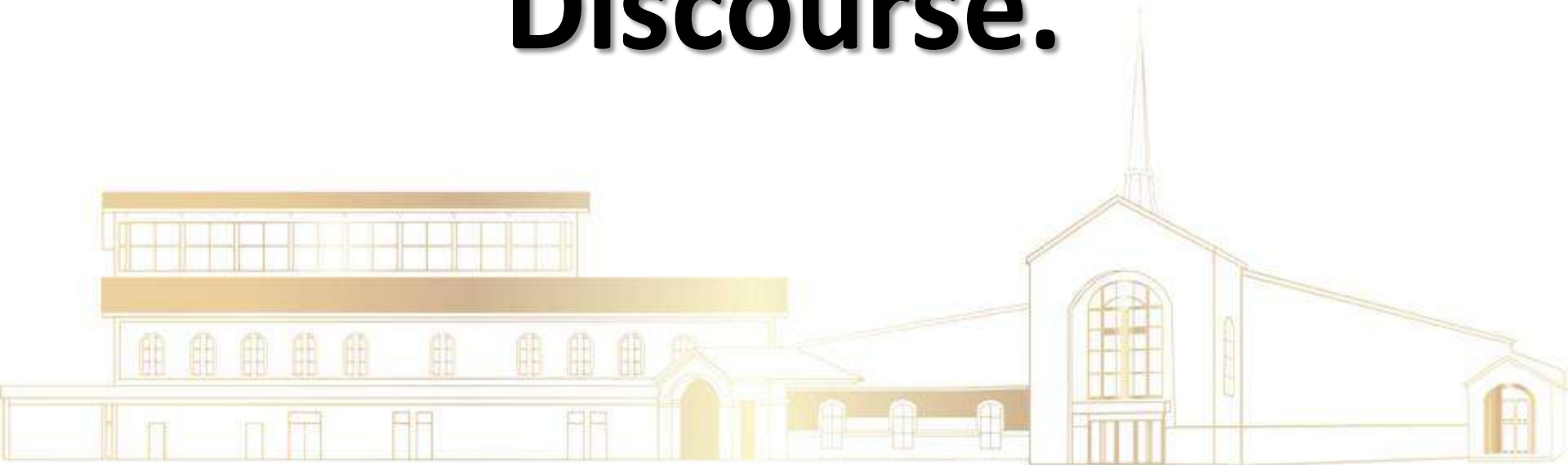


The 6th seal is the description of God judging and avenging the blood of the people of God to those who dwell on the earth in response to the question asked in the 5th seal.



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Jesus described the 6th Seal in the Olivet Discourse.



Matthew 24:3-4



- As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”
⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray.

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Turn to the Matthew 24:29-31

Jesus described the 6th Seal before
John saw it.



Matthew 24:29



- “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Matthew 24:30-31



- ³⁰ Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, 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. ³¹ And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.



Seal #6

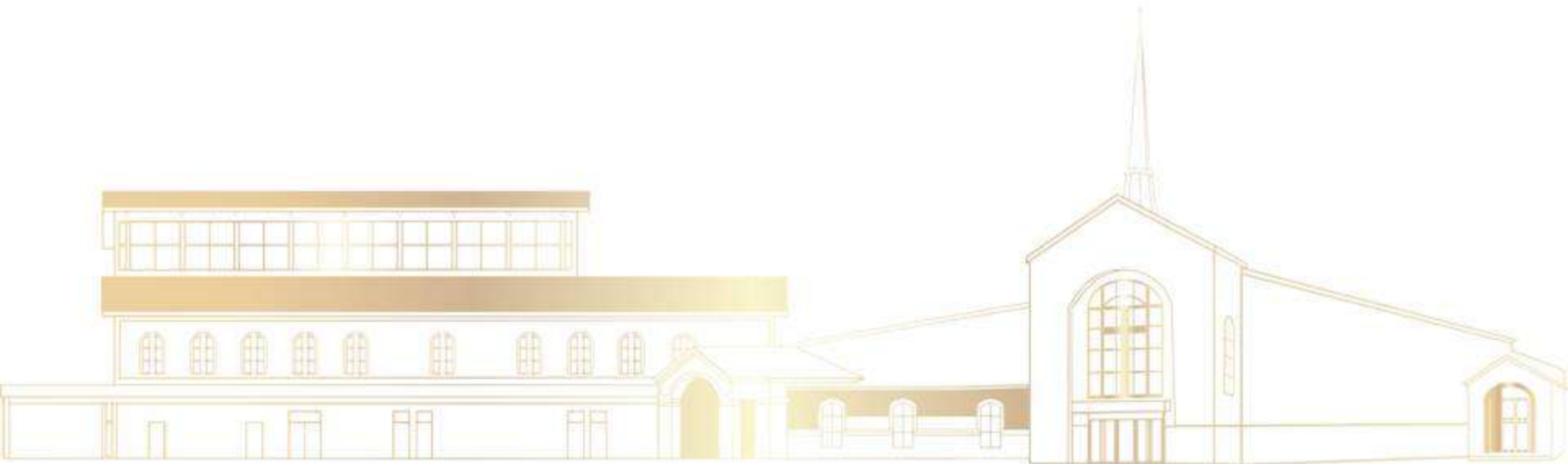
Revelation 6:12

- When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, **there was a great earthquake,** and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood,



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Turn to Revelation 16:15ff



Revelation 16:15-16

- (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”) ¹⁶ And they assembled them at the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.



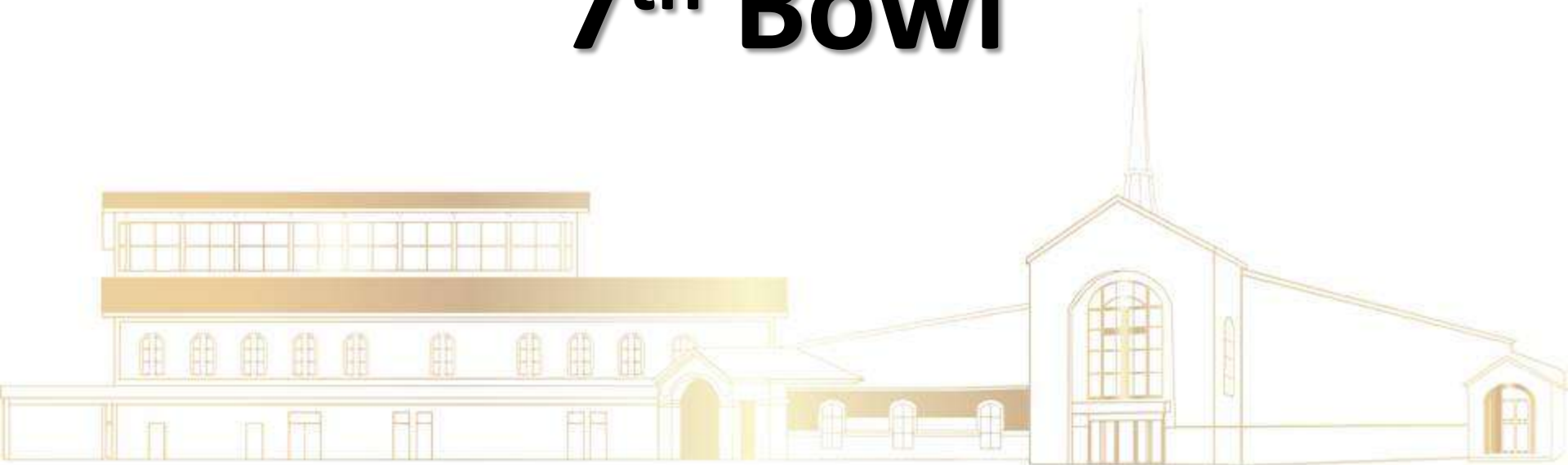
Revelation 16:17

- The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, **“It is done!”**



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Revelation 16:17 is describing the 7th Bowl



Seals

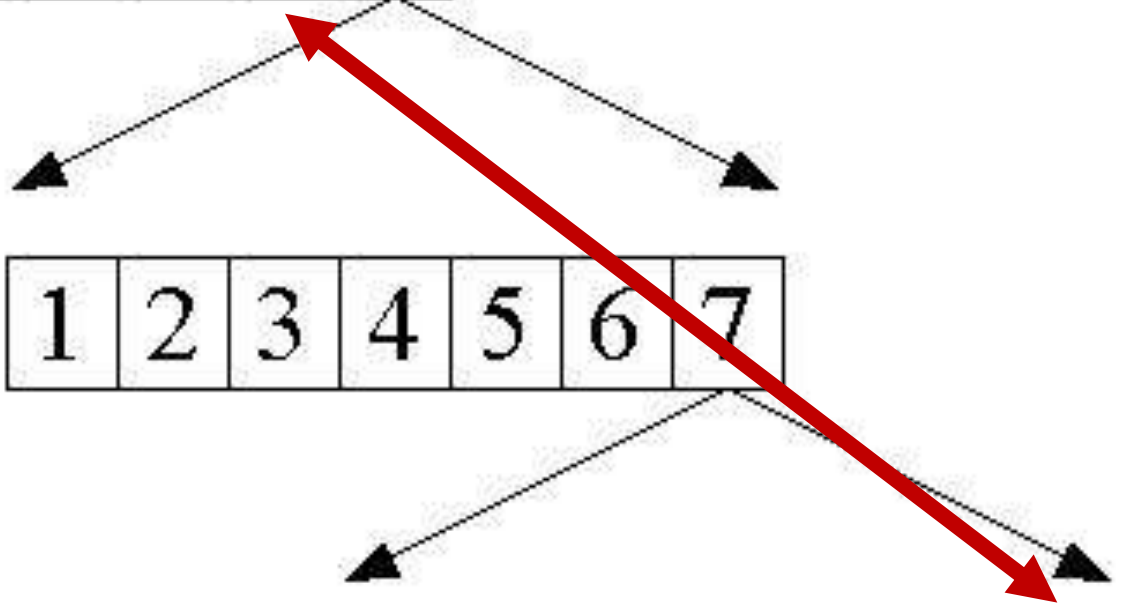
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Trumpets

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Bowls

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Revelation 16:18

- And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.



Revelation 16:19

- The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the **cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.**



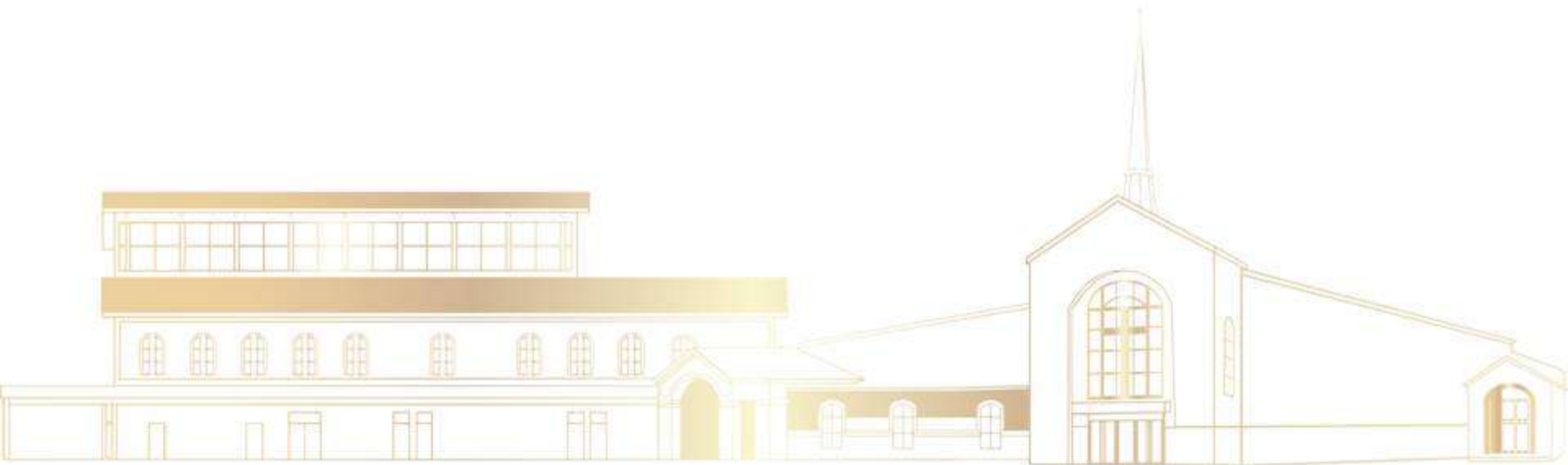
Revelation 16:20-21

- And every island fled away, and **no mountains were to be found.** ²¹
And great hailstones, about one hundred pounds each, fell from heaven on people; and they cursed God for the plague of the hail, because the plague was so severe.



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Back to chapter 6



Revelation 6:13

- and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.



Revelation 6:14

- The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.



Isaiah 34:4 (NET)



- All the stars in the sky will fade away, the sky will roll up like a scroll; all its stars will wither, like a leaf withers and falls from a vine or a fig withers and falls from a tree.

Hebrews 1:10-13



- And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; ¹¹ they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, ¹² like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Revelation 6:14

- and every mountain and island was removed from its place.



Matthew 24

Revelation 6

Sun will be darkened

Sun became black

**Moon will not give its
light**

**Full moon became like
blood**

**Stars will fall from
heaven**

Stars of the sky fell

Son of Man appears

**Wrath of the Lamb of
God**

All the tribes mourn

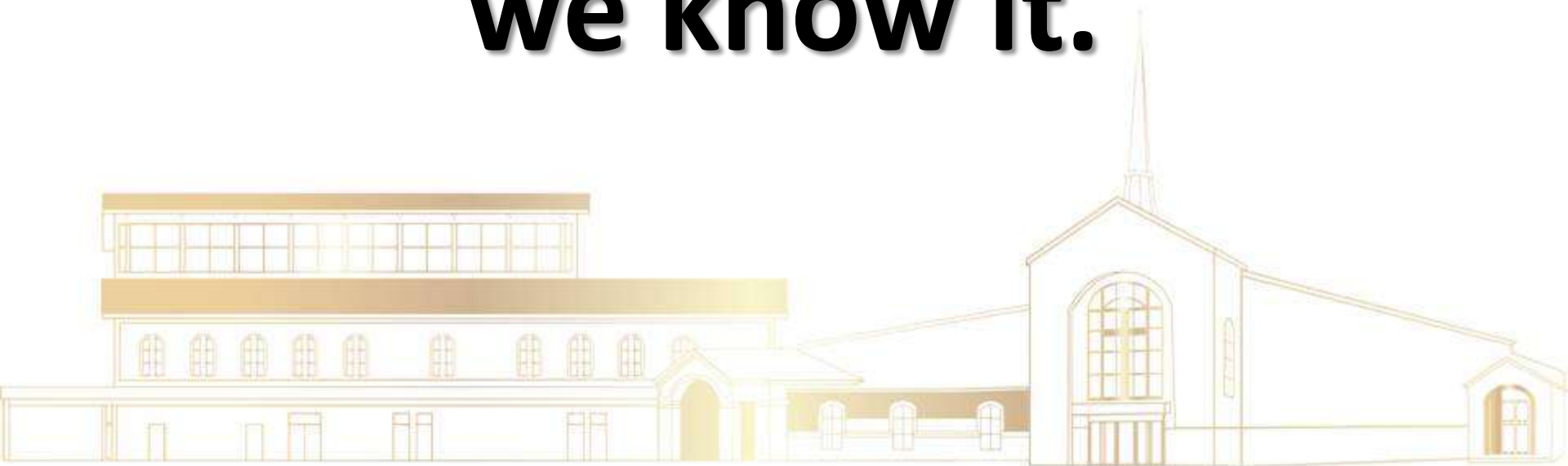
**Mountains
'fall on us'**

**Heaven and earth will
pass away**

The sky vanished

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**This is the Eschaton—
the end of the world as
we know it.**



Isaiah 54:10



- For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

Revelation 6:15

- Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,



John lists seven classes of individuals

- 1. Kings of the earth**
- 2. Great ones**
- 3. Generals**
- 4. Rich**
- 5. Powerful**
- 6. Free**
- 7. Slave**

**The point is no
class is exempt
from the
judgment of God.**



Revelation 6:16

- calling to the mountains and rocks, **“Fall on us and hide us**

What are they hiding from?



This verbiage is nearly identical to the words of Christ from the cross in Luke 23:30 where Jesus quotes from Hosea 10:8.

Luke 23:30

Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.'



**What are they
afraid of?**

**What evokes
such terror?**



Revelation 6:16-17

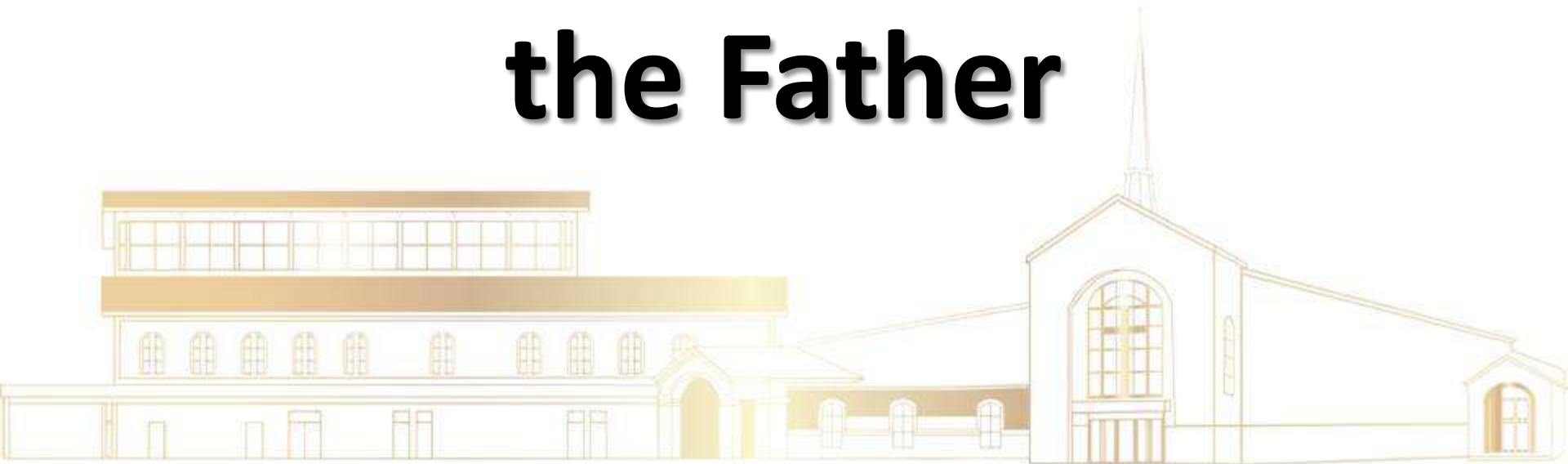
- calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”



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Notice

**wrath proceeds from
both the Lamb and God
the Father**



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Notice
the great day
of their wrath
has come



Revelation 6:17

- for the great day of their wrath has come,
- and who can stand?”



1st

**Chapter 7 answers the
question “who can stand?”
so we will deal with that
next week.**



But

**Where is the
wrath in the
Olivet Discourse?**



Matthew 24:46-51



- **Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. ⁴⁷ Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. ⁴⁸ But if that wicked servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed,' ⁴⁹ and begins to beat his fellow servants and eats and drinks with drunkards, ⁵⁰ the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know ⁵¹ and will cut him in pieces and put him with the hypocrites. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

2nd

**Notice the particular
reference to 'great day.'
The OT prophets, Jesus,
John, Paul, Peter all wrote
about this day.**



Isaiah
Ezekiel
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Zephaniah
Zechariah
Malachi

All write about a future Day of the Lord.



The Great Day of the Lord



8 Aspects

- Culmination of Present Age
- Manifestation of God's Wrath
- Revelation of the Lamb of God
- Vindication the Saints of God

The Great Day of the Lord

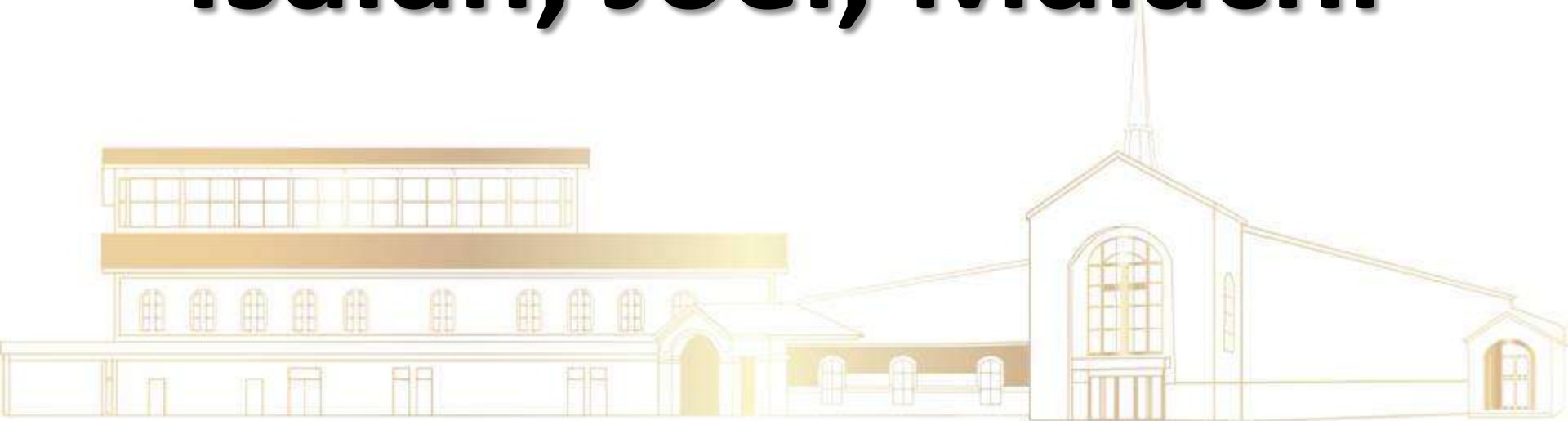


8 Aspects

- **Adjudication of the Eternal Fate of All**
- **Destruction of the Earth**
- **Salvation of the Elect of God**
- **Eradication of the devil, his demons, death and sin**

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**Of the 8 prophets,
we are going to look @
Isaiah, Joel, Malachi**



Isaiah 13:9



- Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger,
- to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it.

Joel 2:31



- The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.

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Turn to

Malachi 4:1-5



¹ “For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ² But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³ And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴ “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵ “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes.



**Jesus, John, Peter, and
Paul all speak about the
great day of judgment
and wrath of the Lord
Jesus Christ and God
Almighty.**



Day of the LORD in the New Testament

day of judgment	Mt. 10:15, 11:22-24, 12:36 2 Peter 2:9; 3:7,1 John 4:17
day of the Lord	Acts 2:14-20
day of wrath	Romans 2:5
the day of our Lord Jesus Christ	1 Corinthians 1:8; 5:5
in the day of the Lord Jesus	2 Corinthians 1:14
day of Christ	Phil 1:6,10; 2:16
day of the Lord	1 Thessalonians 5:2,4,5,8
day of Christ	2 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:2-3
that day	Mt. 24:36, 2 Tim 1:12, 18; 4:8
day of the Lord; day of God	2 Peter 3:10, 12
day of his wrath	Revelation 6:17
day of God Almighty	Revelation 16:14

Romans 2:5



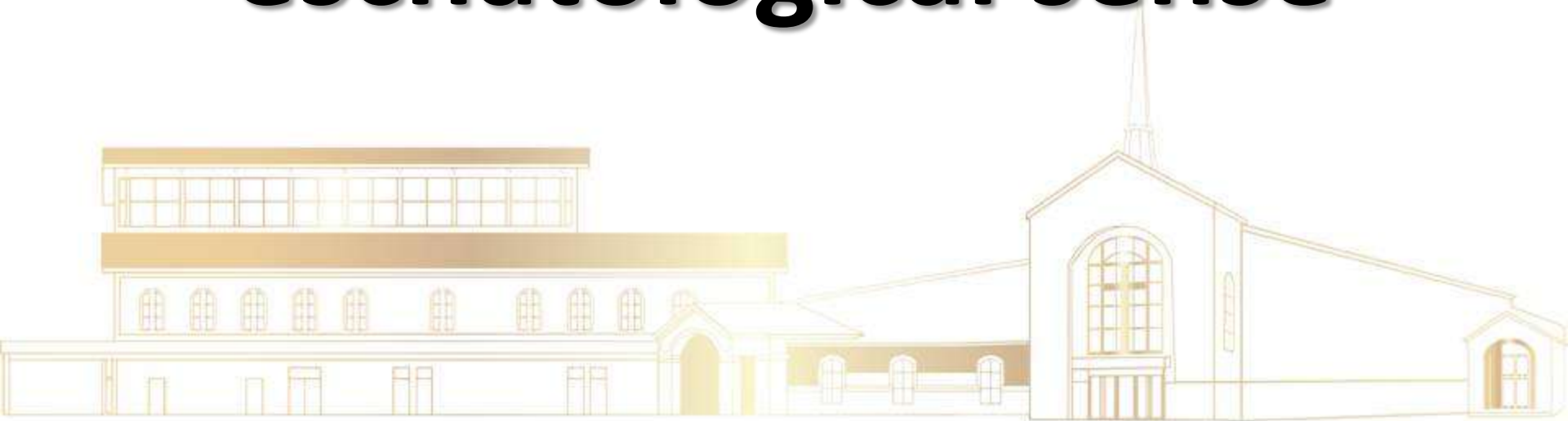
- But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself **on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.**

1 Thess 5:2 & 2 Thess 2:2



- For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
- not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

**There are 4 references
to “thief” in an
eschatological sense**



Matthew 24:43

But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part **of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake** and would not have let his house be broken into.

1 Thessalonians 5:2 & 4

For you yourselves are fully aware that **the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.**

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.

2 Peter 3:10

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Revelation 16:15

(“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

2 Peter 3:10-11



- But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

2 Peter 3:12-13



- ¹² waiting for and hastening the **coming of the day of God,** because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! ¹³ But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

**Should you be
concerned about
experiencing the
wrath of God?**



1 Thessalonians 1:10



- and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **Jesus who delivers**

US from the wrath to come.

1 Thessalonians 5:9



- **For God has not destined**

US for wrath, but to

**obtain salvation through our Lord
Jesus Christ,**

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