

Wrath of the Lamb! 1

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1 Corinthians 6:20 *You were bought at a price*
1 Corinthians 15:52 *In a split-second we will be*
Ezekiel 33:11 *I take no pleasure in the death of the*
1 John 4:1 *Believe not every spirit, because many*
2 Timothy 3:12 *All that will live godly in Christ*
Luke 16:28 *lest they also come into this place of*
Matthew 24:37 *as the days of Noah were, so also*
Matthew 24:43 *if the master had known what*
Galatians 5:22 *fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace*

*This Study: Revelation 6:9-17

1 A dreadful Tribulation is coming on a very sinful and evil world—a world that has rebelled against the God who loves them, and who rejected His Son who can save them.

2 The primary concern of every believer in Christ today—is how to escape the *Wrath of the Lamb!*

3 The Sixth Seal of the Tribulation brings a huge earthquake and other signs in the heavens causing much fear—NKJV **Revelation 6:15** “*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 that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb!*”

4 How long the Lord will wait until He gives the command for His Son to return to Rapture

believers is always on our mind. The horrible spiritual condition of the world today is clear evidence that we are in the *last* of the *last days*—the return of the Lord Jesus is closer than anyone thinks.

5 One thing we *know* for certain is that **1** Jesus *will* return; **2** Believers will be raptured; **3** The Tribulation will begin on earth; **4** Unbelievers will be judged; **5** Satan *will* be defeated; **6** And the Millennial Kingdom of Christ *will* be established.

6 Our attention must be on our *readiness to meet Jesus* and our *preparation to be raptured with Him* in a split-second—NKJV **1 Corinthians 15:52** “*In a moment, in the twinkling [the blink] of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*”

7 There are twenty-one serious judgments unleashed in the world during the seven-year Tribulation—*no one* will want to be here. Revelation tells of Seven *seals*; Seven *trumpets*; and Seven *bowls*. They are sequential—each judgment becoming worse and more severe than the one before it.

8 We know that God wants *no one* to perish through unbelief, but for all to be saved by *repentance* and believing *faith* on the atoning sacrifice of His Son. It is why He came to earth—to fulfill a plan whereby we can escape the *Wrath of the Lamb* and live forever in His kingdom.

9 AV **Ezekiel 33:11** “*As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*” God is loving and forgiving—but also righteous and just.

10 Because the world has rejected God’s *mercy and love*, it will have to face God’s *justice and wrath*. The Antichrist quickly begins to *enforce* his wicked agenda on earth. Following the black horse of *famine* is the pale horse of *sickness*. Some people will repent and *accept* Jesus at this time—they are willing to *give* their *life* rather than *deny* their *faith*.

11 AV **Revelation 6:9** “*And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*”

12 After God’s church of true believers is raptured to meet the Lord in the air, some on earth will realize what has taken place. They will know that those missing have been taken up to Heaven—and that this now is *their* opportunity to repent and accept Jesus as their Savior.

13 These new believers are now committed to follow God’s Word during their remaining time on earth. They now know that no one can be ashamed of their faith in Jesus, so they are willing to *testify* of this faith in God even at the cost of their life.

14 As we await the Lord’s return with great anticipation, we also are to be committed to follow His instructions, and with God’s help be a godly example and a Christlike influence on anyone around us—that is *our* testimony. It is also our Christian duty to the God who paid for our salvation. NKJV **1 Corinthians 6:20** “*You were bought at a price.*”

15 Due to so many *false* religious messages in these end times, the apostle warned—AV **1 John 4:1**

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

16 The true Gospel of Christ is to have faith in Him for real life issues—it is showing spiritual fruit and learning how to trust Him in all situations. It is learning how to treat people as Jesus said we must—with kindness, respect, love, and forgiveness. *That is what it means to be growing and learning while reading the Bible and living by its instructions.*

17 NKJV 1 John 4:2 *“By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”*

18 Being persecuted because of our faith in Christ is to be expected—NKJV 2 Timothy 3:12 *“Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them.”*

19 Life can seem difficult at times, but God is in control, and He is ready to give us the strength and ability to stay the course of the Christian race. We just ask Him in faith for the ability to act, talk, and respond like a true believer should.

20 It is evident that those in Heaven know what is happening on earth. Jesus told the story about the rich man and Lazarus Luke 16. Both men had passed on into eternity—Lazarus went to a place

of comfort with Abraham in Heaven, and the rich man to a place of torment with the devil in Hell.

21 It is a true account of two actual people who lived and died—and then went to one of two places for an eternity—real people in real places. The rich man obviously did not trust God for things while on earth and was preoccupied with accumulating wealth for himself. He showed no compassion for others, no interest in God, and no faith in Jesus.

22 In time, death came to both—the wealthy and the poor as death is no respecter—everyone eventually passes on to eternity. The rich man is tormented in flames and Lazarus is comforted in Heaven—it is a stark contrast!

23 From this we know that people in eternity are conscious of what happens on earth. The rich man sees Abraham in Heaven and recognizes him from Hell. AV Luke 16:27 *“I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.”*

24 It seems that in eternity we are the same people with the same memories. The man in Hell remembered his five brothers on earth who he knew needed to repent. AV Luke 16:29 *“Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.”*

25 Today we have the Bible and can hear what God is saying to us through Scripture. The man's brothers could have read Genesis, Exodus, or Leviticus—as well as Isaiah or Jeremiah if they wanted to know more on God's plan of living by faith in Him.

26 AV Luke 16:30 *“And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”*

27 There are many in the Bible who lived in sin for some time, but later repented, turned back to God, and put their faith in Christ.

28 To escape the *Wrath of the Lamb*, we must live the true Christian life of faith in God; we have to show a godly attitude toward all people; we must grow in our knowledge of the Bible; and will have to bear spiritual fruit of righteousness by having the Holy Spirit within.

29 NIV Galatians 5:22 *“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.”*

30 As we approach the end of the end times, we need to be alert and aware of world conditions—how it is all leading up to the return of Christ for His true church. NKJV Matthew 24:37 *“But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”*

31 Are you ready? We do not have to experience the *Wrath of the Lamb!*

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