

OVERVIEW OF COMING JUDGMENTS (Revelation 6:1 – 19:10)

- I. The RAPTURE Has Occurred (Rev. 4:1)
 - A. The Church is ABSENT from this prophecy
 - 1. PROMINENT in Chapters 2 and 3
 - 2. Mentioned as the BRIDE of the LAMB in 21:9
 - 3. Mentioned in CONCLUSION in 22:16
 - B. The Church is not seen STRUGGLING in TRIBULATION
 - C. The Church's hope of a RAPTURE, promised to Thyatira (2:25) and Philadelphia (3:10-12) is not part of this PROGRAM
 - D. The Church is promised deliverance from the WRATH of GOD (1 Thes. 1:10; 5:9)

- II. The JUDGMENTS Cover Seven Years
 - A. Coinciding with the SEVENTIETH WEEK of Daniel 9:27
 - 1. Some assume a panoramic overview of ENTIRE period
 - 2. Others see a concentration on the LAST 3 ½ YEARS
 - B. Chronology is CHALLENGING and UNCERTAIN

- III. The Intensity ESCALATES
 - A. Judgments come in sets of SEVEN, grouped as FOUR plus THREE
 - B. Judgments are described in SYMBOLIC LANGUAGE
 - C. Judgments are INTERRUPTED by parenthetical material
 - D. Judgments are ADMINISTERED by CHRIST
 - 1. He alone can OPEN the SEALS (3:7; 5:5-7)
 - 2. He alone sends forth the ANGELS
 - 3. He alone can defeat the BEAST and FALSE PROPHET
 - 4. He returns to JUDGE the earth and establish His KINGDOM

- IV. An Outline of the Judgments Section
 - A. Opening the first SIX SEALS (Rev. 6:1-17; cf. Matt. 24:4-31): Four HORSEMEN plus two more JUDGMENTS
 - B. *First Parenthesis* (Rev. 7:1-17)
 - 1. *Sealing the 144,000 WITNESSES*
 - 2. *Hearing the cries of the MARTYRS*
 - C. Opening the SEVENTH SEAL (Rev. 8:1-5ff)
 - D. Sounding the first SIX TRUMPETS (Rev. 8:6-9:21): Four JUDGMENTS followed by the first and second WOES
 - E. *Second Parenthesis* (Rev. 10:1-11:14)
 - 1. *The voice of the SEVEN THUNDERS: message UNRECORDED*
 - 2. *The testimony of the TWO WITNESSES in Jerusalem*
 - F. Sounding the SEVENTH TRUMPET (11:15-12:17)
 - 1. Another glimpse of HEAVEN'S THRONE ROOM
 - 2. Beginning of the THIRD WOE
 - a. SATAN cast from HEAVEN
 - b. ISRAEL persecuted on EARTH
 - G. *Third Parenthesis* (Rev. 13:1-14:13)
 - 1. *Revelation of the BEAST and FALSE PROPHET*
 - 2. *Revelation of the VICTORY of the LAMB*
 - H. Pouring out the seven BOWLS (Rev. 14:14-16:21)
 - 1. Containing the WRATH of GOD
 - 2. Resulting in PLAGUES on the EARTH
 - I. Judgment on the apostate RELIGION of the Tribulation (Rev. 17:1-18)
 - J. Judgment on NEW BABYLON (Rev. 18:1-24)
 - K. Rejoicing of the SAINTS in HEAVEN (Rev. 19:1-10)
- V. The RETURN of the KING (Rev. 19:11ff)