

INTRODUCTION

1. Rv6:1-8. 4 hrsmn: part of spiritual conflict in wh/ *righteous live by faith*. History transpires w/ focus on the church [enmity of 2 seeds].
2. Church on earth [worship, witness, wait = warfare]. Church in heaven: Rv 6:9-11. Cries from altar ans'd w/ 6th seal: Rv 6:12-17

4. v16 = Hos 10:8
5. v16b - Rv 20:11
6. v17 *great day of their wrath has come* - R2:4-8 *their wrath* - gnash teeth

1st: Final Judgment: The Destruction of Men's Favorite Idol - v12-14

1. OT & NT vocab of FJ: 1] earthquake; 2] darkening or shaking of moon, stars, sun &/or heaven; 3] pouring out of blood.
2. Isa 34:1-5 - v4: decreation, reverses order of creation -> back to chaos: formless, empty, darkness. Mt 24:29; Mrk 13:25
3. Prophet's perspective: Jesus: destruction of Jeru [AD70]; Ptr in A2 - Joel 2. See future pressed against 2nd coming.
4. Judgment reverses, dismantles creation. Judgment on men for idolatry. Rm 1:25 - *worshiped & served the creature rather than the Creator*. Creation, man's idol, is judged.
5. Perceive judgment on demonic powers - deceive into worship creation. Falling stars - Lk 10:17-20; Col 1:16-18. Powers operate over/in creation.
6. Rejection of Creator -> idol of creation. Legal basis for FJ - Rv 20:11-12.
7. Dismantling of order of creation - 2Pt 3:10-12.
 - i. v1-6 - mockers as Noah's day. v7-9 - men mis-interp God's patience.
 - ii. 2Ptr 3:13 our inheritance is new res'd cosmos - R8:19-22
8. Why is creation dismantled? It is man's idol, false god.

Applic #1: Discern the Futility of Idolatry

1. Can your idols save? Jer 2:27-28. Can creation, already judged in the Fall & the Flood, save from Final Judgment?
2. Jer 7 - lip-service to *the temple* while living immorally & serving idols. Lord asks: Jer 8:19b - *"Why have they provoked Me w/ their idols?"* Jer 8:20 = people realize *Harvest is past, summer is ended & we are not saved*. Exile is inevitable. Harvest but no fruit - beware Mr. Thorny - Lk 8:14
3. Fallen creation & condemned powers cannot save in day of FJ.

Applic #2: Who is Able to Stand?

1. *Who is able to stand?* Question asked by men w/o hope entering courtroom of God in FJ. As 5:3 - *Who is worthy? Who is able to stand?*
2. Ps 130:3 If we come to FJ in our iniquities, we will not stand.
3. Ps 130:4 there is forgiveness -> *fear* God: worship.
4. *Who is able to stand?* Rv7:9 - Eph 1:7; Col 1:13-14.

2nd: Final Judgment: The Commencement of Eternal Despair - v15-17

1. v15a entire society - idolatrous. Rv 13:15-16
2. v15b = Isa 2:5-12
3. v15b = Isa 2:17-22