

# *Olivet Discourse*

## (10) Q & A, GOD'S Wrath

Rev 6:12-17

12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" NASU

The following has been transcribed from the 4/22/2012 class. This class was focused on the GOD'S WRATH element of the "End Times Chart". Please refer to "Lesson 10" in the "Olivet Discourse" study for more details. All of the written notes and charts as well as the recorded lesson can be found at [www.timelesstruthfortoday.com](http://www.timelesstruthfortoday.com).

Tracing the tribulation through the book of the Revelation we find that chapter 6 begins the opening of the 7 seals. Then chapter 8 begins the 7 trumpets, with the last 3 trumpets specially identified as the 3 'woes'. Then chapter 15 begins the pouring out of the 7 bowls (plagues) in which the wrath of God is finished.

- Is there any significance that the rider (Rev.6:1-2) has a bow but no arrows?
  - *Very likely. The antichrist begins his 'reign' as a deceitful peacemaker. He has a crown given to him and he conquers by deceit. The first evidence of this is that he is able to make a 7 year treaty with Israel.*
- Are we (believers) going to go through this 7 year tribulation?
  - *No, the church is 'raptured' to heaven before the tribulation begins. Refer back to Lesson 9 for more details.*
- Do those who get saved during the tribulation suffer the same 'fate' as those who don't? Things like earthquakes, plagues, etc.
  - *Yes, for the most part. God preserves some believers (physically), Rev.9:4, especially from the wrath of Satan (Rev.12:13-17), but many believers will give their lives (Rev.7:9-17) during this time.*
- Won't tribulation believers be persecuted even more because they *don't* have the mark of the beast?
  - *Yes, Satan via the antichrist, attempts to slay all who do not have this mark. Rev.13:7-18.*
  - *The corollary of this is that God pours out incredible wrath on those who do receive the mark of the beast. Rev.14:9; 16:2.*
- Is everyone in heaven going to be able to see the events on earth during the tribulation?
  - *There does not seem to be any direct answer to this. Some would hold that Heb.12:1 indicates that heavenly saints can watch and others believe that*

*passage is metaphorical. I suspect we may be too busy with other things. For sure, the holy angels are watching (and participating).*

- There will be survivors (physically) of the tribulation, some saved and some unsaved. The saved (and ONLY the saved) will enter the Millennium, but what happens to those unsaved survivors?
  - *Jesus taught in the latter part of the Olivet Discourse about the sheep and the goats (Mt.25:31-46). He will separate the saved (sheep) from the unsaved (goats). The saved enter the Millennium (25:34) and the unsaved are cast into eternal punishment (25:46).*
  - *The sheep will be comprised of 1/3 of the nation of Israel (Zech.13:7-9) and a multitude of the nations, i.e. Gentiles.*
- Are the demons released from the bottomless pit (Rev.9:1-12), really locusts?
  - *Yes, they are described as locusts. This is likely their physical appearance and they sting like a scorpion. Men want to die, but won't be able to.*
- How does Satan handle all the wrath God pours out? Does he take credit for it?
  - *Probably, in some way. He's a liar and a deceiver, all the time.*
- How do we understand the statement that the 'temple was opened' since the temple has not been built yet?
  - *These are two different temples. The first is in heaven (Rev.11:19) and the other is the temple in Jerusalem (Mt.24:1). The latter does not exist today but will be rebuilt sometime before the mid-point of the tribulation. We know this because the antichrist sets up the abomination of desolation in that temple. Very likely that temple will be destroyed again during the last half of the tribulation.*
- It seems that God's wrath is poured out unequally in that the unrepentant sinners during the tribulation bear more than some today. Why is that?
  - *First, it is true. (Mt.23:29-33). Jesus condemns the Pharisees to 'fill up' the measure (of the guilt) of their fathers. Also Rev.18:4-6 demands to pay back double for her deeds. In this sense the wrath seems greater.*
  - *Second, however, when compared with eternity in the lake of fire, these seeming inequalities will quickly fade.*
- Doesn't it seem that times like the holocaust would have been seen by those at that time as though they were in the tribulation?
  - *Yes, I'm sure it would have seemed that way. However, the global nature of the true tribulation will eclipse even those tragedies (Mt.24:21).*
  - *The Jews, not accepting the New Testament, likely would not have seen the holocaust as the tribulation. However, the Old Testament does speak of intense judgment before the Millennium (Is.34:1-8).*

If anyone studying these passages has not accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, hear this...

**Rom 10:9**

*... that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...; NASU*