

Jesus Opens The Seals

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Scripture: Job 23:12, Psalm 91:1, 2 Corinthians 10:4, Jeremiah 8:22, Mark 9:43, Psalm 23:4

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Transcript

Disclaimer about Revelation and just to remind you I don't have all the answers. I don't have all the answers I'm not the final authority as we go through the book of Revelation we need to search the scriptures and let humility and truth guide us and The reason I show different views is so people aren't caught off guard Because a lot of us were raised in a certain setting in a certain belief system and so that's kind of how we believe the book of Revelation unfolds, but then there's others who believe a little bit differently and The reason is is because it's not crystal clear It has different the there's a lot of allegory. There's a lot of similes.

There's a lot of metaphors Analogies and then there's a lot of things that are literal and it's a hard book to interpret And I don't want to be one of those people that say well This is exactly how it's going to unfold because no one truly knows exactly how it's going to unfold other than we know Jesus is coming again and Are we to be ready and prepared? He's gonna rule he's gonna reign and so I'm gonna look at Revelation 6 But I want to show you that there are there's actually a few different views I know there's a probably about six or so but the four main prevalent views of the book of Revelation and If you go back, you can listen to me talk about some of these all Millennialism is people like Sam storm a lot of the

Reformers We're all millennial. They would believe there's no literal open Visible 1,000 year reign of Christ on earth now all Millennials a little misleading because it's they don't believe in a millennium They believe that we're actually in the millennial type of kingdom now again You can do a lot of research and read more about how they come up with this conclusion And then there's historic pre-millennialism historic pre-millennialism that Christ will return physically and visibly to usher in the millennial reign and Then there's post millennialism. I Kind of like this one, even though I don't really I have some doubts about it, but they believe things are going to get better Oh, wouldn't that be good? The ever-expanding progress of the gospel until the world becomes markedly markedly Christian then Christ returns So what happens though is it's easy to poke fun at different things when we live where we live now like oh How could things get get better? But if you go back? 1,500 years or even the Dark Ages or when the Roman Empire Emperor Empire and the Emperors around 2,000 years ago.

It was barbaric the things they did it was it was Incredible. So on one hand you can see how now that the Gospels here in the Middle East and China and the different areas And here how a lot of things are getting better but then we see it we're like Things are getting worse from our perspective But that is the the post millennial that's why post means Jesus is coming later and then also Dispensationalism the bottom right hand corner is what probably many of you would believe I would probably that's where I would lean because I was raised with that teaching That would be the Calvary chapels and a lot of the dispensationalism Mir safar to you watch him Jack Hibbs, of course and and all the the Calvary guys It's the millennial reign of Christ will begin After his return at the end of a distinct seven-year period known as a tribulation so what they teach is there is a rapture and then the tribulation comes and then Christ returns where others like the post tribulation believe believers go through the tribulation and Then Christ returns and you can see and then we can get into preterism which believes all the the prophecies have been fulfilled which that's hard to believe you know, and then there's partial preterism and the reason there's different views is because Scripture is not crystal clear on how these things because for example There's no verse at all that says we're out of here before the tribulation. There's not a verse So what we do is we pull in certain things We're not to we're not to receive the wrath of God and the church has to be removed So God can have his plan with Israel and we pull in, you know, Matthew 24 and let's go get Daniel Talking about the 70 weeks of Daniel and let's bring in some Ezekiel and and let's put this here And and this is this is our view and then another group would say well No, I think this is our view and you can listen to my podcast I did a podcast on my youtube channel with Sam storm on all millennialism.

I did one. I think we did one with on post What tribulation where we're going to go through the tribulation and there's books I've recommended on all sides and the reason is Because great men of God are divided and I just want to equip people with what? What not only the Bible teaches but what are the different views out there and I don't think it's being wishy-washy I think it's being sincere and genuine and honest because we truly don't know how it's going to pan out That's why there is a view known as pan trip. I'm gonna see how it all pans out and it's a healthy view because I See all points to me have some a pretty good Grip on what is going on and they they just they look at things differently And they view things differently and so people have strong opinions on it, which is okay That's why it gives us a great opportunity to practice unity and realize that revelation is relevant for every generation it's relevant for every generation and personally, I like the the view where we're gonna be out of here before there's a tribulation and I like the view and it's getting better things are getting better.

I wasn't that good, you know But what's actually gonna play out and only God knows and we can definitely see things moving toward a one-world system We can definitely see things moving toward a mark where

you don't buy or sell that that's pretty close I mean kovat almost took us there. Do you remember the talk? Do you remember what they're saying without the jab passport? You might not be able to travel very far restaurants wouldn't serve you I mean, it's it's really close and then we can see how they're wanting to shut the the mouth of truth And if you say hate speech if you say this and you can't tell kids That they can't switch their gender, especially in California parents can be punished. I mean we have clearly lost our mind we have delved into the waters of insanity and So we can clearly see how all this can happen We can see that there will be looking for that one leader who will tell us that there will be peace and then when you get into how the theologians break apart Daniel the 70 weeks of Daniel and different things and and It's it's it gets it gets a little convoluted because there's so much information and we'd like to know the when the why the how the where and we want to try to Pinpoint all these these areas of prophecy and it gets a little challenging Now here's why this is so important when Revelation when the book of Revelation was written this plays a critical role in our in our understanding of Revelation and especially Revelation 6 when the book was written plays an incredible role and If you don't know why let me tell you why briefly in 70 AD No matter what side of the debate you're on we all can agree on this I believe in 70 AD a monument a monumentous important critical event took place that even Jesus spoke about What happened in 70 AD? Jerusalem's destruction finally came not one stone was left upon another stone Do you remember Jesus talking about that as they're looking here at this great temple? He says hey the time is coming.

We're not one stone will be left upon another it will be decimated and That came about 40 years later after Jesus said that in 70 AD Titus the Roman general came in and conquered the city Just completely destroyed it Now where people get? Divided is after that when the disciples said and when is the age of your coming? And when is going to be the end of the age or when is the time of your coming when is going to be the end? Of the age so some people put that in in a three-part series You know, we have 70 AD and then we have future events where others who would say it all happened at one time Because Jesus said I tell you the truth this generation will not pass away until all these things are Taken have taken place and fulfilled and so what happened in 80 70 is This cataclysmic event on Jerusalem and There were Jews a million Jews were wiped out and if we have time I'm hoping to get into Matthew 24 and we can kind of shed a little bit more light on this So here's where I'm going with all of this Some would say that what I'm about to read to you has already taken place It's already taken place Because Jesus spoke about it and These still judgments and the bowl judgments everything up the bowl, but we're going to talk about the still judgments Were upon the nation of Israel in 70 AD now if the book was written if Revelation was written in 70 AD or let's say prior to 70 AD Then John was writing to the Jews about all these events that are going to come upon the Jewish people not us Now if the book of Revelation was written say 90 95 AD well game over That that that doesn't work because 70 AD already happened and John is writing 25 years later about these cataclysmic Events obviously are going to happen to us So you can see why they did why the debate on when the book of Revelation was written is pretty heated Because it really if it was written prior to 70 AD then John could be talking about Things that happened to the nation of Israel But if it was written later, and so how do we know because we don't know when the book was written It doesn't say when the book was written So what we do is what some people do is they look to early church fathers Irenaeus. He actually lived within a few decades of John and Then you have Eusebius Victorinus and Jerome They all indicate that the vision given John occurred during his incarceration on Patmos at the hand of Domitia Domitia think I'm pronouncing that right and places it approximately 95 AD Okay, so early church fathers say that John was on this island and they place it around 95 AD However others say it's possible that Irenaeus is referring to John himself So John was on the island for a long period of time all the way until 95 AD However, that doesn't mean he didn't have his vision of Revelation earlier on around 69 say AD and this is going to talk about the destruction of the Jewish nation and Also in John Wesley's commentary John

Wesley when he lived the 1700s he said that Josephus is history of the Jewish war is the best commentary on the chapter of Revelation in other words. He's saying what Josephus wrote Around that time is actually talking about what happened to the Jewish Jewish people when Jewish when Jerusalem was ransacked and destroyed Gets confusing doesn't it? But that's why there are different views so I'm going to put up a image up there from pursuing truth Pursuing truth and so here's why this is interesting John what we're going to read here shortly in Revelation 6 for talks about the seven seal Well in Josephus's work, he was a Jewish historian and all those references He writes about things that that could have taken place and they actually talk about the seven second seal and The trumpets and the other trumpets and the bold judgments.

So all these judgments are not for us They would say they already took place and Josephus References them in his works written around 75 AD and this is what his works look like Josephus's works right here. You can read it from 2,000 years ago So he says this is what happened to the Jewish people a lot of dust came out. So this is what happened to the Jewish people And it lines up with the bold judgment some of the bold judgment some of the seals being open and some of the trumpets So this being poured out Happened in 80 70 it's not for us today And that's what a lot of people believe and then others believe that this is Going to happen to us Well, then others would say it's not because we're out of here based on the rapture.

This is going to happen to future generations or coming up shortly once the church is lifted out of here and Again, I've went into more detail. You can go listen to the sermon series on Revelation from the months prior But let's talk about now Revelation 6 and Revelation 5 last week Jesus is given this scroll to open so he's got this scroll to open and it has seven Seals that are sealing the scroll now was Jesus given a literal big scroll With with you know these these seals on its seals would be made out of of Wax and melted and or is that is that an imagery? is that is that a metaphor or or is it giving an analogy because the the scroll could be The deed to the earth many say and the deed to the earth and he's the rightful king again He's gonna open the seals and pronounce these judgments. So is it a literal scroll? That's what John saw But we know it could be more spiritual and have spiritual ramifications and so that's what Revelation 5 is Jesus is given this scroll he's going because he's worthy.

He's the only one worthy to undo these seals and Pronounce the judgment on a world that is Christ rejecting God Rejecting culture and that could be us today is what some would say. So the throne room of heaven bows down To Jesus in chapter 5 and they worship this conquering King who will reclaim his rightful spot and so we go into chapter 6 and the first seal is opened and he said now I saw when the lamb Opened one of the seals so he opens the seal Who knows how if you can picture a baby ever seen a scroll? The seal is probably it's got to be ripped off of the parchment and as he opens this He hears this loud thundering voice John come and see and I looked and what did I see? I saw a white horse Now these horses that we're going to talk about four horses. They're often called the four horsemen of the Apocalypse you've heard that term before.

Okay, and that's where it comes from. So this white horse Has a rider and what is in the riders hand a bow to shoot? And he was given a crown. So this this conquering person and he went out conquering and to conquer so back to the different views Some would say that and right this is this is just truth.

Okay. I'm not not speculating Roman generals often Rode on white horses, so you could see how some people say this is Titus coming in. He's conquering he's got a bow, which is which is military and That's what this represents One view now, obviously I can't say that because it doesn't say it and a friend of mine

who actually wrote a P He has a PhD I think he wrote his dissertation on the book of Revelation and he sent me his book and I might have him on the podcast At some point and he even told me he goes I we you know We don't know exactly how all this is gonna pan out But here's you know my thoughts on it and he actually said that in his book.

I read it last night the white horse That is coming and has a bow and a crown. That is the Antichrist And he goes out on to make a point about it and for the life of me. I Don't know how in the world he came up with that one I'm not saying it's a Roman general representing Titus either, but I'm sure not saying it's the Antichrist How in the world do you come up with this stuff? And so that's my that's my beef about the book of Revelation.

We can just kind of say hey, this is You can't say that Now you can say here's how it could be and here's how it could unfold and here's what it could mean But there's nowhere else in Scripture. I cross-referenced. I look I did these things I mean Jesus comes back actually Riding a white horse and on his head are many crowns and the armies of the heaven followed after him and out of his mouth Goes a sword that he will rule the nations and judge them now You could say more clearly that this could be Jesus coming and so she see that's why there's there's different views and then what happens is people like to argue and get in debates and show how much they know and That's where pride can come in and all we know here is there is going to be a white horse Could have been past tense could be future tense and he had a bow and on it and his crown and he went out conquering And to conquer that's all it says That's the first horse the second one when he opened the second seal I heard the second living creature say come and see and now here's another horse He's fiery red He went out and was granted to to him who said on it to take peace from the earth That people should kill one another and there was given to him a great sword So if that's for us today What does that represent could it be that the Holy Spirit is removed as some say I personally don't believe the Holy Spirit will ever Be removed no matter where the eschatology light lies I believe that the Holy Spirit is not the restrainer and Thessalonians.

I'll get into that later now It could be I'm just saying my view I believe the Holy Spirit is always acting because people come to saving faith even during the tribulation and we're going to read about the martyrs and different things now you could argue different things on that but Something was peace was removed It looks like and what happened as a result people began to kill themselves or kill one another now, of course as my mind thinks and sure many of you well, that's People always kill people Stalin Hitler I mean look around it's happening a lot. So that this had to be significant So it's either for us again future Futuristic view or if you read into this that this happened already in 70 AD with Titus conquering Jerusalem, what would you do? Well, what did Josephus say well, this is actually pretty interesting. He wrote this about the civil war among the Jews There were beside disorders and civil wars in every city and all those That were quiet from the Romans turned their hands against one another It was as if peace left at first this quarrelsome temper caught hold of private families who are against each other and then it got into Barbaric there being barbaric and iniquity and sin of the same nation It didn't even differ from the way the Romans slew them and it seemed to be much a lighter thing to be ruined by the Romans than by themselves So there was great civil war there was unrest people were killing each other So if Josephus is talking about what happened to the Jews and it did happen this this is all historical fact nobody can deny this what we argue about is where the application is and So this is either a future event of peace being taken from the earth or It has to do with what Josephus actually wrote about So then this third seal the third seal is scarcity on the earth now I should remind you that in prophecy and in things like this.

There's always seasons where things repeat themselves There's been famines and wars and leaders rising up And so there's a continual pattern that will always see these types of things But this seal judgment being unleashed seems to be more intense and so when he opened the third seal I heard the living creature say come and see and behold a black horse and Who sent on the black horse? He had a pair of scales in his hand And so what were the scales it said I heard a voice in the midst of the four Living creatures saying a quart of wheat for a denarius that's a loaf of bread for a day's work and Three quarts of barley for a denarius and do not harm the oil and the wine So there's coming again a futuristic view there's coming a time of severe scarcity and What's challenging is millions of people are already facing this in Africa in different places North Korea the starvation is incredible of what that leader does and and so but we could see it could be a time of Unparalleled unparalleled scarcity And I'm surprised it's not getting worse based on the food shortage you remember seeing all those all the all the the food plants that were the chickens and the cows and the food processing plants and and Scarcity and and Bill Gates buying up all this farmland. I think he's the number one owner of farmland now and And so you just see what interesting for sure And so you can see how there could be a time where just you have to work all day just to get a basic basic meal And of course do not harm the oil and the wine is a reminder many would agree that there is going to always be a Very rich upper-class controlling a lot of what goes down below And I didn't want to put it on here because I don't want to I don't want to what I don't want to do is say I'm Supporting one view and I'm really trying to push this view I would tell you what I believe in what I what I don't and that's what I'm trying to do I can see a lot of a lot of good points on all sides. So what I try to do just stick to the word Let's see what the word says.

Let's see how things all pan out. Let's be prepared. Let's be ready for these types of things So I would never tell oh, yeah all this all this stuff already happened.

Don't worry about it Because here it does horses could come and we are not prepared if we think that it has already happened However, and I didn't again I don't want to show it but Josephus actually talks about during that time where the price of wheat and everything got so Expensive and scarcity so when people say what they believe that this was already fulfilled. It's not they're not throwing caution to the wind They're not hanging up their brains at the door. There is a lot of information that supports Why they believe that and they've got some they've got some really good points on this issue So now here comes the fourth seal fourth seal and You remember in tombstone? He quoted this in Spanish, right? What did he say? What did he say? He's coming a pale horse and he who rides on it is death and hail falls after him After just shot the wedding People up and It's a it's a don't go see the movie.

I saw it when I was younger I don't remember if it was good or bad now, but Yeah, that's what this is the fourth seal when he opened the fourth seal I heard the voice and this is the One of the of all the seals. This is the most Often quoted, you know kind of cataclysmic The crescendo of these the the four horsemen of the apocalypse, I don't know if you ever seen any drawings of them But they're pretty cool You know, it's got the the horse the white horse and the guy with the bow and then this this pale horse It's not white. It's that death.

It's the look of death If you've ever if you've ever seen that look and I'll still never forget I think I've told many of you I saw my dad after he had died at AV Hospital. They pulled me in and He didn't survive his heart attack And they still have the tubes in his mouth. He's just laying there in that color.

I'll never forget that color And just began weeping and not having a final say He actually died. I'll be his age in September when he died young man, and that's his color the pale horse and The name on him who

sat on that horse. His name was death and hell followed after him We could break down Hades and Shaol and there's different names the place of the grave the place of the dead or Eternal punishment and I'll get through that when I get to the topic of hell but right now Hades death and Hades followed after him and Power was given to them over a fourth of the earth to kill with sword with hunger and with death and by the beast of the earth So some say a fourth of the entire population But again when I looked at the Greek structure of the words and it looks like a fourth of the earth not the whole earth the fourth of the earth and then within that fourth Some were killed with the sword and hunger and with death and the one that's challenging for me is About all these questions for 23 years.

It's not like I've just you know, I've studied I've studied Eschatology for 22 years I've read all the different views and and the nuances and and the preterist partial preterism all millennial and But one thing that's always This one is one of the things that has caught me if this is in the future A lot of people are going to die by the beasts of the earth now That doesn't happen much anymore. What but that did actually happen a lot in in Israel's day You'd see I mean David fought a bear and a lion One of the prophets was killed by a lion on the road You would be killed often by wild beast and when you would go and tame a land you would you would you would? you would push the beast back and the people would live and there was always this this very difficult time of Dealing with the beasts of the field and God would actually pronounce judgment on people by the sword and by the beast See the Lions the Tigers. Have you like I've seen those things.

I'm like I couldn't I would lose He's a big a bear claw. You know, you see those things are grizzly bears and a lion. It's like you're toast and So the beast so this is hard for me.

Okay, this is in the future Like are all the zoo doors gonna be open and or all that You know the grizzlies from Alaska gonna come over or the and if he was oh, no Shane It's not really well, that's how it reads the kilt the sword with hunger with death and the beasts of the earth It's like this God's restraining aspect is gonna be let loose now I'm not saying it's not possible. I'm just saying though this would go to support that section would go to support more of Something that would be in the past Now I want to talk about this for a minute I want to put the points we've already covered I think the top two This this one kind of drives me crazy sometimes why is America not mentioned in prophecy I hear this a lot Well, because we've been raptured the majority of us or we've been taken over by China and Russia which Seems more likely now with the current administration, correct? It's it's and and and they use that to to kind of base their eschatology on it But I'll you know, I've always thought Australia's not mentioned a prophecy neither South America Neither Canada neither Great Britain neither is Mexico why because often prophecy is centralized on Israel Syria Turkey China hundred man million army crossing Euphrates Russia. It's all right there.

That's prophecy So this thing that America is not mentioned Well, you've got to get rid of a lot of continents and aren't mentioned in is in in in prophecy and in times prophecy It could be that God still uses America to be that restraining force to a certain degree for a certain time or we could all fall underneath You see I definitely going towards that one world type of leadership Is it not and at that point we and I don't know I've maybe something tell me afterwards I've looked at I've tried to follow this a little bit and Reputable news sources came out where we recently July signed over our sovereignty to the World Health Organization For on the next plan Demick that they can now shut down all Countries that are part of it So if there's another major break out We're not our sovereignty is no longer in control the World Health Organization is in control of America and many many other nations that have signed over their sovereignty in case of a Global pandemic and that's why this topic is so fiery and you're seeing it in the news with with Kennedy

Robert Kennedy and that he's upset the Democratic Party's own party Because he's speaking the truth about Fauci and all the different things and and and and they used This this this I'm telling you I'm telling you I'll go on record if it was Obama in office and not Trump You would have not saw the lockdowns and do everything to the degree you did without a shadow of a doubt I've looked at the numbers. I've studied. I've listened to lots of different doctors.

It was a perfect storm now. Was it legitimate, of course? Were there precautions needed to some degree? But the swine flu and things that used to come they know it depends on who's on office on how they want to tilt the pandemic and how they want to influence the nation and the world at large and Especially when I started to see all the people dying with Kovach not of it Died of a heart attack. Oh, but he had kovu better put a kovat and Why are you giving hospital 16,000 for a kovat patient or 30,000 thrown a ventilator? Come on.

It would stop drinking the kool-aid Why is that any different? I mean you would see so many nurses would tell me from UCLA and Bakersfield and like shaking these people They don't have coat there They have it but they're not in here because of it and they're trying to manipulate the numbers to get more money We were we were schooled We were just taken advantage of this is not conspiracy theory, let me not grab my tin hat this is truth this is all factual and So if we did sign over our sovereignty again, I'm trying to get some more information on it you can see how it can all fall underneath a one world system and if you fill in The blanks you see it's going to be pretty easy when they start to go to what's the digital dollar? Have you been following that at all the cryptocurrency XRP when their lawsuit ripple when their lawsuit and Meaning there. It's not it's it's it's gonna be a legitimate cryptocurrency They've already working with with Visa and Wells Fargo and all the different major banks and so They can just shut that down PayPal recently did that on different people. I listened to Nick Vodichek, you know him without the arms and legs Anytime I think I have problems I just think that poor guy, but anyway, he's up on this little thing He's at a pastor's conference, man.

He's talking about how his bank shut him down And he's wanting to start another bank at that time and get and they can just con a Right, didn't they give him some notice 30-day notice PayPal stop See, it's just shut down just like this because now you don't have the gold and silver in your own cash Now you have it in digital and then stop that digital dollar cryptocurrency and Also, they'll probably have you exchange yours. They'll give you a certain amount and then they say but you have to use it within 30 days Those sneaky little devils because they're being led by the devil and So I see all this is going so a lot of revelation I think is still coming up and I should say Luke remind me which is so true all the points Believe all the different views believe that Christ is still coming again There there's another return of him coming he's coming and so that's what we can all unite We should be united on he's coming again. Are you ready? Hey, we might go through a lot of this stuff I'm not gonna tell my kids.

Oh, don't worry about it. This was for The Jews nothing applies says actually things are getting better. You don't have to worry We're going to conquer the gospel is going to come out strong and it could though there could be a fight as far as truth and error right and wrong light and darkness and in this great cataclysmic event and and we do see that there's a One-world type of system coming and I'm going to get to that as I get through revelation and to talk about the millennial What are the different views on that? What's my thoughts on that but we can see how there could be this massive one world leader and at that point America's sovereignty Doesn't even matter Doesn't even matter because if we're all under One type of leadership all under a digital dollar My thought about the digital daughters what happens when the power goes out for a while Hey, I can't access my money And a lot of people are speculating that on a

Friday evening We'll all find out the banks are down and they come Monday.

We're did a digital dollar So it's just good and that's why I don't like teach this and get live in fear. We should live in fear we should use wisdom and and and Make right decisions, but understand that man. Look at where everything is going It's gonna be unbelievable to see how it all pans out That's why I guess I'm a pan trip and so So the fifth seal and the reason I would just talk to a guy that at the first service to about How many people how many Christians usually since around I can go back if you read books 1700s 1800s, you know like they would sell everything even early night They would sell everything and go live on a mountain and wait for Jesus's return 1914 on this day and and and so many people have been let down by Fell prophecies and fell views and why I thought this was going to happen and even I hope I can get more information from him But he was at the first service.

He used to be kind of like a Jehovah's Witness historian and Now he's a believer because he sees all these fake prophecies all these false things that how they view Jesus is completely wrong It's always the Watchtower on how anybody anybody tells you how to interpret the Bible through their book run They can offer commentary But they should point you to the Word of God to the Word of God Not what the Watchtower says now with the Book of Mormon says because that is error Interpreting truth and when air interprets truth, they try to twist things to their belief system. I'm gonna better get out of that one So when the fifth seal now the fifth seal is being open and he saw under the altar So John sees this fifth seal open and under the altar all the souls of those who have been killed for the Word of God People have been killed for the Word of God. What a way to go What a way to go My family doesn't like me saying that this but they're okay, they're not here to this morning I think but I'd rather go that way then Then just dying a slow death And so he saw these people that were slain past and future.

I mean it could be that again Past martyrs for sure But it could be he's seeing future martyrs and they crowd cried with a loud voice saying how long Oh Lord Holy and true. They reminded themselves that God is holy and true. How long will you judge and avenge our blood or How long until you judge and avenge our blood in other words? recompense Retaliation, but I realized that waiting on God is a universal struggle How long Lord anybody saying that this morning How long Lord how long Lord, but praise God? We know at some point at some point that breakthrough will come at some point that deliverance will come at some point that healing will Come even if it means not until I die that final state of being healed and set free, but there will come a time Then a white robe was given to all these different martyrs and he said listen you need to rest a while God's vengeance is not going to come just yet Not until the number of your fellow servants, so they're still believers Not until your feather fellow believers who would be killed as they were was complete So if this is during the tribulation, it's talking about believers believers being killed and Martyred and that there's a number that is still not complete yet.

And so this is why When it comes to the tribulation You know, I'm hope we're out of here, but I can also see that maybe we might go through it Because there will be believers in the tribulation But many people say well, we're not appointed into God's wrath Well, no, God will not give his wrath to us to believers in the tribulation, but there are believers And people say well they became believers after the during the tribulation. Well, nevertheless You said that believers aren't going to go through God's wrath, but what about these believers? There's not consistency there. There's not consistency there But again, I hope we're out of there out of here, but you never know you have to prepare for either or So believers are being killed and for me, this is hard this point is hard to support the pre Tribulation rapture view no need to argue with me after the service I've looked at all views and that's my conclusion if you want to do it go start a church and start preaching And I'm just saying I'm just I'm just wore out from the debates and sorry my

flesh gets in there sometimes So chapter 6 continuing verse 12 through 14 And I looked and I looked when he opened the sixth seal and behold there was a great earthquake and the Sun became black as sackcloth and the moon became like blood and I'm going to read to you in a minute how this is actually probably not physically happening.

It's imagery It's Old Testament imagery that John is using. He knows the Old Testament and that's how God would describe his judgment coming as a fig tree drops its late figs Then the sky receded as a scroll and it's rolled up and every mountain every island was moved out of its place So Joel 2 10 gives an example of this on God's judgment He said the earth shall quake before them the heavens shall tremble and the Sun and the moon shall be dark and The stars will withdraw their shining see they'll use certain language We know that all the stars didn't aren't falling and all the stars are gone. It's they how do you describe God's judgment? How do you describe a cataclysmic event with these types of? illustrations Ezekiel 32 and when shall I put thee out? I will cover the heavens and I will make the stars thereof dark I will cover the Sun with a cloud and the moon shall not give her light all the bright lights of heaven Will I make dark? Over thee and I will set darkness upon the land sayeth the Lord thy God and so you look at these these are all cataclysmic types of imagery that they use the writers used to Talk about God's judgment now if you say no the Sun will Physically become black and the moon will look just like blood and all the stars of heaven will fall to the earth I don't know how we'd survive that but let's just say and all these things will actually physically happen Okay That's fine.

We can still agree to disagree and move forward. You see what I'm saying? It's like okay that this is off if this all every mountain and every island is actually physically moved out of its place Hey, it could happen. I understand that but what I'm doing is when you look at Scripture You have to use Scripture to interpret Scripture.

And if I could give you Gosh, six or seven other Isaiah other places where he talked about the darkness and the stars shaking and and you see these things throughout Scripture that God uses this type of imagery and Another you know, I just I know I probably didn't put this in the right spot. But if we put Luke 11 up there the reason a lot of people some groups say that a lot of what I just read already happened in 70 AD when Titus conquered Jerusalem and God judged the people of Israel this verse is huge The current generation of religious leaders approved of their fathers killing the Prophet So that's the context of the verse all these religious leaders of Pharisees the Sadducees They approved of their parents grandparents killing the prophets of God Because they made great tombs for them and as a result Jesus said The blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world Able to I believe Zechariah who was killed between the porch and the altar. It's going to be required upon This generation talking to them talking to them not us and So this was that judgment that was required Jerusalem was wiped out in 70 AD So they would say and that is the kingpin verse that they would use So now back to Revelation 6 15 through 17 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 the rocks and the mountains and said to the mountains and rocks fall on us So is this going to happen in the future? Possibly that's a lot of rocks a Lot of mountains, where do we find those maybe driving up to Bishop Red Rock Canyon? And so this could be a Time that's coming up and they'll say fall on us hide from us the face of him who sits on the throne and the wrath Of the Lamb, so they know it's God.

They're hiding from God's judgment and they're finding wherever they can hide Now, I don't want to do this again, but I want to be honest here Josephus again Josephus is going to describe He's going to describe the the attempts of the zealots zealots lived in a portion I believe was underneath Jerusalem there south of

Jerusalem and they were actually driven out of the land of Israel. So Now this is just historical fact. I'm just reading what he said interesting nonetheless He said this now the last hope of those who supported the tyrants and those crews of robbers who there who were with them was they would go hide in the caves in the caverns underground and They would he would go on to say you can see here that the whole city should be destroyed in the Romans Have gone away that they might come again and they escaped from them They tried to hide from the Romans in the rocks in the caves in the mountains And this was no better than the dream of theirs for they were not able to lie hidden either from God or from the Romans So they would go and they were hiding the clefts of the rocks and they would hide and they knew it was a judgment of God upon Jerusalem So food for thought there on all those Seals judgments and we'll get back to getting back on track next week with maybe I'll go into Matthew 24 when Jesus talks about You know this this and he said that he said not one stone will be left upon another stone and that was completely wiped out in 80 70 But then he goes on to say they asked well When is when is the sign of your coming and and when is the end of the age? And if you look at a different gospel, it makes it sound like that is all one question But Matthew makes it sound like it's three different ones and Jesus seems to answer them differently But then a lot of stuff in Matthew 24, I have questions about I'm like, I don't think that was already fulfilled There's a there's there's some chunk there.

And so that's why it gets a little confusing We'll hopefully unpack that next week. But on this theme of doomsday preppers on this theme of doomsday preppers I'm gonna go quick. We're almost done.

There are five things. Have you ever watched doomsday preppers? I Think they prep for doomsday They build bomb shelters. They got tons of food and and and that's kind of what they they get ready for cataclysmic events like what I just read and There's five things they say that are a necessity and I want to share those same same five things with you but not from a physical perspective, but from a Spiritual perspective number one.

They say you must have sufficient food and for us we turn right to Job Where he says I have not departed from the commandment of God's lips I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my necessary food We need to be ready for these things by going to God's Word and saying that's the food. I will consume. That's what I will eat That's why I will focus my mind on because either faith is leading you or fear is leading you Did you know you can't be led by both Now we struggle with both sometimes right we struggle I want more faith But but if you're led by fear, you're gonna be making a lot of unwise decisions in the future You have to be led by faith.

Now, of course, I would encourage people to have extra food. They asked me that Do you think we should have extra food? Well, it's just wise You know, it's just wise. I Mean we can get into details on the truckers and the fuel and food shortage and all that But there's no problem in having extra food Now be encouraged a lot of us can go a long time without food.

Did you know God gave us some storage capacity? You want me get into that? It's called ketosis Right when your fat becomes fuel That's the whole point of Having extra is for extra times of need Number two, they said make sure you have plenty of water. Don't go without water But we need the living water Jesus said whoever drinks of the water that I give him will never thirst but the water that I shall give him will become in him a mountain or I'm sorry a fountain of Water springing up into everlasting life. Make sure you're drinking of the living water That's why Christians are going to be prepared for the end times We're gonna be we might struggle with fear now and then and what's going on? But at the end of the day we can go to sleep at night because we know who's has our Life in the palm of his hands.

We know who is sovereign and we drink of the living water and They say you must have enough ammunition Oh You must have an ammunition have that Glock 9 millimeter ready with about 400 rounds of ammunition that AR 15 with lots of rounds you better have that 30 out 6 that 30 30 and that that shield 9 millimeter You got to have it all ready and that Glock and the 357 Magnum by Remington and Winchester What Does the Bible say for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal But they are mighty and God for pulling down strongholds casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself Against the knowledge of God bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ So the weapons of our warfare Now I do believe personally in self-defense. I think I could support it biblically easily It's not that you're living in fear if you're not trusting God, but sometimes God gives us wisdom Right and somebody's gonna trying to break in your house. They might they might meet they might meet their maker that's I Mean if you think if there's through like no, we're just supposed to like hey, come on No, I'm not gonna do anything just you know, just I'm a doormat whatever you want Whatever, you know, we're actually called to restrain evil at some point The Bible says if you don't even provide for your family provide financially you're worse than unbeliever how much more physically and spiritually Well, we'll get into that but let's just it's important.

Yes. Okay, if you want to have stored ammunition go for it. Not a bad idea Shelter shelter shelter We need shelter he who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty Where is your shelter? These guys they'll spend hundreds of thousands.

Yes and big underground bunkers. Look we can live down here for a year Yeah, but you're on your way to hell Do you realize that a person is on their way to hell without the Lord Jesus Christ? It doesn't matter what you do. You can avoid hell on earth, but there's still a greater hell We need to get our focus, right? Dwell in the secret place of the Most High dwell and abide under the shadow of the Almighty And all you need medical supplies.

Yes, you do. You need medical supplies. What is the best medical supply? Jeremiah cries out.

Is there no balm and Gilead? Is there no physician here? Well, then why are my people sick? Why are there no healing? Why are they not being healed and set free and God says my people have rejected me Jeremiah Call them to repentance call this nation back to me Return to me God says and I will return to you. That's your best medical supply. Yes, you can have the Aspirin that moxycillin the penicillin But do you do you have God on your side? If not, you can return to him today just repent and renew your life and say God I need you I humble myself before you I am lost without you As we just read the for the great day of his wrath has come who is able to stand it For the great day let that sink in What I do know without a shadow of a doubt that that the day of God's wrath is coming Where the final judgment falls and who is able to stand? Listen, if you look at the Bible historical accuracy the prophetic accuracy the archaeological accuracy the scientific accuracy that changed lives the truth the timeless truths for all time it Is consistent there's without air that's why we call in air inspired work of God He says that day of wrath is coming and who is able to stand in other words.

No one No one is able to stand my thought this morning is stop playing games with God Stop playing games with God and I've talked to pastors before and the greatest harvest They usually see is when they teach through the book of Revelation So why does it take fear to finally wake us up? Why does it take fear to finally wake us up And it's so funny people say well you guys you just pass you just talk about hell and you just try to make people scared I just preached the word and did you know Jesus did? Did did you know Jesus preached more about hell than heaven go check it out Go read the Bible find out for yourself

do a little checklist every time you see it He actually said don't fear man but fear God who is able to cast both your body and your soul in hell where worm does not die in the flame is not quenched Oh cities Bethesda Corazon if the good works that were done and you were done entire inside and they would have repented long ago with sackcloth and ashes But it'll be more tolerable for them than you on the day of judgment Judgment judgment judgment. It's not to condemn you. It's to release you Don't you I'm under judgment I need freedom.

Thank you for the cross. That's how it works So if you're rejecting it, that's on you The judgment is on you because you want to stay under that judgment and not repent that's on you not God So that's God's fault. He would know you what he says.

Hey, here's a here's a it's a free gift. That's the I'm gonna try not get sarcastic. It's a free gift No effort.

No checklist. No good works just believe and repent and you will be saved and set free and the Son of God who the Son of God sets free is free Indeed and the power of the Holy Spirit dwells your life and now you can live for Christ and the peace of surpasses all understanding Oh, yeah, that sounds like bad news. Oh That's so that's so dreadful Now I will tell you the truth it doesn't make life easier Because all hell is against you the devil hates you The darkness is going to try to surround you and shut you up But you walk through that valley of the shadow of death because you fear no evil because you hold on to Christ every step of the way Really take inventory of your life and say do you truly know? Do you truly know Jesus have I truly repented and believed not just a good idea Not just a concept because Jesus is you're not going to go to heaven over a concept You're gonna go to heaven

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