

◆ Christ's Final Victory and Judgment (Rev 19-20:3)

- The Story – Evil Collapsing, Heaven Rejoicing
 - The LORD of Lords and King of Kings
 - The Final Conflict/ Victory
 - Judgment of the False Trinity

- The Principle:

- The Hope:

Discussion / Application Questions

1. What is the theme of chapters 6-16 with the 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls?
2. How is God's mercy revealed in this future depiction of God's judgment? What is man's response?
3. Despite catastrophic events on earth as wickedness is judged we get multiple glimpses of heaven—what did you observe? What hope does that give you?
4. How does the big picture message of Rev 6-18 and the victory of chapter 19 give us hope and perspective in our world today?

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Where is God in this Wicked World?

Revelation 6-20:3

Introduction – Stalin, Edi Amin, Saddam Hussein, Ethnic Cleansing, Human Slavery, Famine, Tsunamis, Earthquakes, Darfur, Corruption

◆ **The Underlying Question** – How could a good God with unlimited power allow such injustice, evil, cruelty and suffering if He really loved us?

◆ **God's Overarching Response** – Although evil and wickedness will continue and increase in the last days (2 Tim 3:1-4), this is not an indication that God is aloof, uncaring, or inept. In fact, it is the patience and mercy of God that allows wickedness and injustice to continue prior to judgment because He is not wanting any to perish but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 2:4-9, 3:8-9).

⁸But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8-9

WHAT ARE WE TO DO WHEN THE PRESENT EVIL AND INJUSTICE IN THE WORLD TEMPTS US TO LOSE HEART, LOSE HOPE, AND GIVE UP?

I. In the “Revelation” (unveiling) of Jesus Christ He Reminds Us...

- ◆ He is the Righteous Judge—chp. 1
- ◆ What He Expects of Us Now—chps. 2-3
- ◆ Who is On the Throne—chp. 4
- ◆ Who Holds the Scroll—chp. 5

II. After this, Jesus foretells how wickedness, evil, cruelty and injustice will be justly judged once and for all and eliminated for all time so that knowing this we might never lose heart or hope (Rev 6-20:6).

◆ The First 3 ½ Years of the Tribulation (Rev 6-9)

- The Story – The first 6 **seals**
 - The parenthesis between **seals** 6 – 7
 - The 7th seal open into 7 **trumpets** of judgment
- The Principle:
- The Hope:

◆ The Parenthesis Between 6th and 7th Trumpet (Rev 10-11)

- The Story — The little scroll and the 2 witnesses
- The Principle:
- The Hope:

◆ The 2nd Half of the Tribulation (Rev 12-18)

- The Story – The stage set on earth (Rev. 12-13)
 - The perspective from heaven (Rev 14-15)
 - The 7 **bowls** of final judgment (Rev 16)
 - Complete religious, political, and economic collapse (Rev 17-18)
- The Principle:
- The Hope: