

CHAPTER XIV

THE SIXTH SEAL: THE RESURRECTION

We begin with Revelation 6:12-17. We read: **(v12) "I BEHELD WHEN HE HAD OPENED THE SIXTH SEAL AND LO, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND THE SUN BECAME BLACK AS SACKCLOTH OF HAIR, AND THE MOON BECAME AS BLOOD. (v13) AND THE STARS OF HEAVEN FELL UNTO THE EARTH EVEN AS A FIG TREE CASTETH HER UNTIMELY FIGS WHEN SHE IS SHAKEN OF A MIGHTY WIND. (v14) AND THE HEAVENS DEPARTED AS A SCROLL WHEN IT IS ROLLED TOGETHER AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND EVERY ISLAND WERE MOVED OUT OF THEIR PLACES. (v15) AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH AND THE GREAT MEN AND THE RICH MEN AND THE CHIEF CAPTAINS AND THE MIGHTY MEN AND EVERY BONDMAN AND EVERY FREE MAN HID THEMSELVES IN THE DENS AND IN THE ROCKS OF THE MOUNTAINS. (v16) AND SAID UNTO THE MOUNTAINS AND THE ROCKS, FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM THE FACE OF HIM THAT SITTETH ON THE THRONE AND THE WRATH OF THE LAMB. (v17) FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND."**

This is the great resurrection day, which will come when he opens the sixth seal. This is the hope of the righteous covering all times. Let us have words from 2 Peter, 3:10 **[see appendix]**. Here we see just how this hour will catch the world. It will find the world worship and praising the "Man of Sin". He, by doing miracles and lying, worked wonders and captured the minds of the people of the whole world. His wicked deeds of the Devil are carried out against the saints by the governments of the world. They shall be slaughtering the saints, persecuting and boycotting them. Then suddenly, the sixth seal is opened by a great earthquake, followed by a great darkness of the sun. In this great darkness, the stars will be rent from the heavens. Then the Lord will open the upper ceiling of space, which had divided upper waters from the lower waters. Then the whole world will be able to see the Lord sitting on his throne in heaven.

Notice what is said in verse 16 of Revelation 6 (above). The wicked will beg the rocks and the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the face of him that sitteth on the "THRONE IN HEAVEN". Just how long the Lord will permit himself to be seen by the wicked in heaven, we have not the time on that, but we know that the wicked will have time to run to the mountains and the rocks to hide from him. This sixth seal will cut off persecutions of the saints forever, but it has caught the wicked in the very act. But as the heavens are opened, the mountains and islands are moved out of their places; thus, the opening of the upper ceiling as a scroll effects the mountains and islands of the sea. After this the Lord will move toward the earth upon a mighty cloud to the resurrection of the saints **(Revelation 1:7 [see appendix])**.

Now let us notice a statement from Paul **(1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 [see appendix])**. So, that we may have a clear knowledge of the general resurrection, let us notice the crucifixion of Christ when some rose from the dead **(Matthews 27:45 [see appendix])**. Here we see that there was darkness over all the land. Now notice verses 51-53 of the same chapter **[see appendix]**. We see here a sample of that which will happen in the general resurrection, but the general resurrection of the sixth seal is earth-wide. The saints will come out of their graves under a mighty jolt of earthquake. The resurrection will start and finish with lightning movement and the living saints will be changed by the same movement **(1 Corinthians 15:51-53 [see appendix])** ...and then be on their way to heaven with Christ. This is not the destruction of the wicked, but the resurrection of the saints, which will be carried out under the sixth seal. The final destruction of the wicked will be finished under the seventh seal, as we will notice later.