Fear of the Wrath to Come

Revelation 6:12 - 17

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od has published threatenings against the wicked as well as promises to the **U**righteous, and it is our duty to believe the threatenings as well as the promises." - Matthew Henry



REVIEW OF THE SEALS

- The First Seal was a seal of deception—False Christ/false peace
- The Second Seal was the seal of destruction—War
- **1** The Third Seal was the seal of destitution—Famine
- The Fourth Seal was the seal of devastation—Death
- **5** The Fifth Seal was the seal of persecution--Martyrdom



THE SIXTH OF SEVEN SEALS-TERROR

5. The Sixth Seal reveals the terrifying wrath of God via cosmic upheaval and destruction.

Revelation 6:12–17, MSG - 12 I watched while he ripped off the sixth seal: a bone-jarring earthquake, sun turned black as ink, moon all bloody, 13 stars falling out of the sky like figs shaken from a tree in a high wind, 14 sky snapped shut like a book, islands and mountains sliding this way and that. 15 And then pandemonium, everyone and his dog running for cover-kings, princes, generals, rich and strong, along with every commoner, slave or free. They hid in mountain caves and rocky dens, 16 calling out to mountains and rocks, "Refuge! Hide us from the One Seated on the Throne and the wrath of the Lamb! 17 The great Day of their wrath has come—who can stand it?"

The Sixth Seal Presents a Time of Great Terror

1. V	Vhat they
	Revelation 6:12–14, NIV84 - ¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake [Gk: σεισμός, seismos, lit., "a shaking"]. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair [worn by mourners, usually made from the hair of black goats], the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars [Gk: ἀστήρ, asteres, meaning a heavenly body (ie., asteroid, star, meteor, or planet)], and the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.
	A Great Earthquake ● Blackened Sun ● Bloody Moon Stars falling from the sky ● The sky is rolled up Mountains and islands are moved from their places
2. V	Vhat they
	Revelation 6:15, NIV84 - ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man [Note: "That's everybody!"] hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
3. V	Vhat they
	Revelation 6:16, NIV84 - ¹⁶ They called [not to God but] to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us [Note: The Martyrs under the Altar (vv. 6:9-11) cried "avenge us"] and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!
4. V	Vhat they
	Revelation 6:17, NIV84 - ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

day will come, my friends, when the world will fall apart...and the most \mathbf{A} expensive piece of real estate on the earth will be a hole in the ground...if men and women will not yield to the love of God, and be changed by the grace of God, then there is no way to escape the wrath of God." - Dr. Warren Wiersbfce



Answers to "TERROR—Fear of the Wrath to Come" Sermon

Based on Revelation 6:12-17

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- 1. See
- 2. Say
- 3. Seek
- 4. Sense