

## DAY 19: THE SUN GOES BLACK, THE MOON TURNS RED, THE EARTH TREMBLES

12 When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. 14 The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave[d] and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?” ([Revelation 6:12-17](#))

### I. THE EARTH TREMBLES

- A. The Earth trembled when Jesus died on the cross
- B. Another earthquake will come when Jesus returns ([v. 12](#))
- C. There is a physical aspect to the spiritual realm that we do not understand

### II. THE SUN GOES BLACK, THE MOON TURNS RED

- A. Black sackcloths made from goat hair would have been common
- B. “Blood moons” due to eclipses, etc. are not what John is referring to ([v. 12](#))

### III. THE SIXTH SEAL

- A. These are literal, physical events that will take place with the opening of the sixth seal
- B. All people, small and great, are terrified when these events take place ([v. 15-17](#))
  - 1. These verses describe unbelievers, there is no longer question about who is causing these events to happen
- C. The sixth seal likely takes place at the end of the final 7 years

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IV. THE DAY OF THE LORD

- A. God comes from heaven to judge the wicked and save the righteous
- B. [Isaiah 13](#)
- C. “The Kingdom of God is at hand” is an urgent call to repent and prepare
- D. The Day of the Lord is overwhelmingly described as negative
  - 1. All of us will suffer on the Day of the Lord (believer and unbeliever)
  - 2. Believers will overcome by the grace of the Lord
- E. [Isaiah 24](#)
  - 1. God will punish rulers in heaven and on the earth
  - 2. The wrath of God and the return of the Lamb are intricately tied together
  - 3. Using poetic language to describe physical events
  - 4. The day of the Lord is a day of vengeance
- F. “Come out of the tribulation” through martyrdom
- G. [Obadiah 15](#)
  - 1. About the kingdom of Edom and Israel
  - 2. Reiterates that the Day of the Lord is coming
- H. [Ezekiel 30](#) uses the same language as [Isaiah 13](#) to describe the Day of the Lord
- I. This judgement is for both Jew and Gentile
  - 1. “Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! What will the day of the Lord be for you? It will be darkness and not light.” ([Amos 5:18](#))
  - 2. Judgement will bring forth purity
- J. This is what’s to come on the Day of the Lord ([Joel 2:28-32](#))
  - 1. Revival and falling away at the same time
  - 2. The Holy Spirit will be poured out before the Day of the Lord as well ([Acts 2:15-17](#))
- K. Revelation repeats what Jesus has already said in [Matthew 24:29-31](#) about the elect and the Return of the Lord
  - 1. [Matthew 24:24](#)
  - 2. [Romans 8:32-33](#)
  - 3. [Romans 11:5-7](#)
  - 4. [Colossians 3:12-13](#)