

TWO TRIBULATION PRAYERS
REV 6:9-17 / 8-8-18 / WED

INTRODUCTION

- A. Review of chapters 1-5.
 - 1. Chapter 1—Vision of Christ.
 - 2. Chapters 2-3—Seven Messages to Seven Churches.
 - 3. Chapter 4--In Heaven around the Throne.
 - 4. Chapter 5—The Scroll of God’s Judgments and Search for Someone to Open it.

- B. Three views of the Rapture with respect to the Tribulation (chaps 6-19)
 - 1. Pretribulation rapture.
 - 2. Midtribulation rapture.
 - 3. Posttribulation rapture.

- C. Time frame of chapter six
 - 1. The first four seals of the seven sealed scroll deal with the first 3 ½ years of the seven year tribulation-6:1-8.
 - a. White Horse—Antichrist.
 - b. Red Horse—War.
 - c. Black Horse—Famine.
 - d. Pale Horse—Plagues.

 - 2. The next two seals deal with the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation-6:9-17.

- D. Revelation is not written in chronological order even though a rough division of the tribulation is as follows.
 - 1. Chapters 6-9—cover first 3 ½ years of the tribulation.

 - 2. Chapters 10-14-cover the middle of the tribulation.

 - 3. Chapters 15-19-cover the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation.

- E. Today we see that there will be prayers offered during the tribulation both in heaven and on earth-6:9-17.

I. THE PRAYER OF THE TRIBULATION SAINTS (6:9-11).

A. Where are these saints?

1. The scene shifts back to heaven-v.9a—“**When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar...**”
2. Notice that when Christians die they enter into the presence of Jesus-2 Corinthians 5:1 & 8.

B. Who are these saints?

1. These are people who will be saved during the tribulation-v.11a—“**Then each of them was given a white robe**”.
2. The result of their salvation will be martyrdom-v. 9b....**I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.**

C. What did they pray?

1. They asked for justice-v.10—“**They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?”**”
2. The answer they received was to wait a while longer-v.11b—“**They were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.**”

II. THE PRAYER OF THE TRIBULATION SINNERS (6:12-17).

A. What did they see?

1. They saw a great earthquake-v.12a—“**I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake....**”
2. They saw the sun blocked out and the moon turn blood red—12b—“**..... The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red**”.
3. They also saw the stars in the sky fall to the earth-v.13-14—“**and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.**”

B. What did they “pray” or ask for?

1. They asked to be spared, not “saved”-**vv.15-16**—“ **Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16 They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us[a] from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!”**
2. Their prayer was directed to the world of nature.
3. Their words echo the warning found in Hebrews 10:31.

Hebrews 10:31

It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

4. Instead of asking God for mercy and salvation, they blame God for what is happening to them-**v.17**—“**For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”**