

Revelation 9:1-21

Do You Have the seal of God (JESUS)

Everyone pauses and gives a time of prayer and silence before God's judgement comes. Then, God brings His just judgement on the world for a season. God's people want justice and it comes!

God wants you to be saved. God wants you to be ready. Are you saved by putting your trust in Jesus? If you're around during this time, would you be marked by God as His adopted child because of your faith in Jesus?

Vs 1-6 God is sovereign over all creation. He is even in control of the universe, the stars, the sun, the air, and even the bugs.

We get comfortable with God. We forget His awe and power, and that **He – controls - Everything!**

God gives the locust power; but He is in control, and limits what they can do. They normally eat vegetation and crops, but God sends these locusts after those who have openly denied Christ and rebelled against the Triune God.

God has warned us for thousands of years that this is coming. He does this so that people can repent and believe in Jesus. But some people will deny Christ and openly rebel against the almighty God.

God allows five (5) months of torment that feels like a scorpion's sting. Once again, God waits for the judgement of death so that people can turn to Him.

Vs 7-12 The stinging locust is the first woe. This is judgement, and it is also a time to turn to Jesus!

Notice, the locusts do not go after people with the mark of God. This means some people marked by God will be around during this time.

Imagine how rebellious someone must be to know there is a God, to hear about this God from His people, and still rebel and not want Jesus as their Lord!

Vs 13-19 When we sin, it causes spiritual death and physical death.

**satan and our sin bring death.**

**Genesis 2:17** *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

**Romans 6:23** *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**John 10:10** *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

**Jesus brings life!**

**John 8:12** *Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**John 11: 25** *Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."*

**John 14:6** *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

**John 17:3** *And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

**Romans 8:1** *There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

**GOD WANTS US TO KNOW THAT DEATH AND JUDGMENT AND PUNISHMENT IS COMING FOR OUR SIN, BUT THAT IF WE TRUST IN JESUS AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS WE AND THEY CAN BE SAVED!**

Currently there are 8.25 billion people on earth. If this judgement came now, this would mean that 2.75 billion people would justly die because of their rejection of the Savior of the world.

That many deaths would get people's attention. I bet, and you would think, some would ask God for mercy and trust in Jesus! Nope, we'd be wrong, many of these people will still refuse to repent and turn to Jesus.

**Vs 20-21** If you are not a Christian, and you now know this information, will you turn to Jesus? Or, do you invite just judgement for your sins and rejection of Jesus as Savior?

False worship is worshipping demons and idols instead of the one true living God.

**So, why were these people judged to death and eternal separation from God?**

- They wanted to worship false gods and the created instead of the Creator.
- They did not want to repent of their evil deeds of violence, theft, demon or false god worship, murder, sorcery, or sexual sin!
- These people wanted to pursue themselves, evil, wickedness, sin, false worship instead of the one true living God!

**God knew we would sin; God knew our hearts would be hardened. So, He sent us a Savior in Jesus, to pay for our sins and to change our hearts. Will you repent and believe in Jesus as your Savior?**

**Ephesians 2:2-10** *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 **But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 **For by grace you have been saved through faith.** And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*****