

Revelation 8:1-13

Repent and turn to Jesus

God's servants were made safe in the presence of God in chapter 7.

When we ask Jesus to be our Lord, we will suffer for a while, but then God will protect us for eternity.

If we reject the word of God, then we are responsible for our own sin.

Luke 18:1-18 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

If we trust in Christ, we will be saved and protected forever.

1 John 5:10-12 Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

God delays in His judgement because He wants more to hear and to repent and turn to Jesus. Just because He delays does not mean that He will not bring just judgement on the world.

Vs 1-5 Jesus is the only one worthy to open the seal of judgement. All of us have sinned, but He is perfect and holy.

It is fitting that there is silence and prayer before God brings judgement to the earth.

God will have a heavenly temple for all eternity. The people of God, His creation, and God Himself will all be together. We will worship Him for eternity.

Gods people yearn for justice. We know there are things that are sinful and wrong. God will bring judgement and punishment for all injustice. We can trust Him with this.

Vs 6-13 God delays His judgement because He wants people to repent and turn to Jesus. But, there will be a reckoning and it will impact all of the earth and creation.

Though God warns us of judgement, in the first few seals sinful people, satan, and demons cause more stress and carnage and they rebel and refuse to repent.

Do you have a heart for God and His ways? Are you repentant? Are you rebellious to Gods word or soft hearted?

The enemies of God will rebel as long as they can, but they will be judged justly for eternity.

God wants the world to know that Jesus saves. We can turn to Him.

Joel 2:1 The Day of the Lord 2 Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain!

Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near...

Ezekiel 33:1-6 The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

Trumpet 1- 8:7 Hail, fire, and blood on one third of the land

Trumpet 2- 8:8-9 Burning mountain cast into sea and one third bloody

Trumpet 3- 8:10-11 burning stars fall on rivers and springs and one third of the water is damaged

Trumpet 4- 8:12 the sun, moon, and stars are darkened

Trumpet 5 (1st woe) - 9:1-11 demons from the abyss

Trumpet 6 (2nd woe) -9:13-21 invasion from the East where one third of mankind killed

Trumpet 7 (3rd woe) – 11:15-19 kingdom of the world becomes Kingdom of God

A blazing star named Wormwood impacts a third of the water on earth. Many of these parallel the plagues in on Egypt

Amos 5:7 O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth!

2 Peter 3:4-13 They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.” 5 For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, 6 and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished. 7 But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. 8 But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! 13 But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

God will justly judge and God will justly and mercifully save. Is Jesus your Lord? Are you ready?