Urgency Part 12 b

Revelation 6:9-11 NKJV ⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

The lamb of God breaks the fifth seal:

1. When God breaks the fifth seal, the souls of the martyrs are seen under the altar of God. This picture shows all who have died for the lord Jesus Christ down through the ages. God has a very special place for those who are faithful until death.

Matthew 16:25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.

Luke 9:23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross [a]daily, and follow Me.

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your [b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body [a]and in your spirit, which are God's.

2. The martyrs are slain for God's word and for the testimony they have born for Christ. Would you be slain for the word of God? These last days people will be slain for the word of God, it's already happening they just don't report on it. There are countries that will have nothing to do with Jesus, look at China for instance they will do bad things to you if you preach the gospel. The world will have this idea that we should all become one religion. They are already talking about it. It is called crislaum. If you have listened to the pope he has promoted this idea. In these last days if you don't go along you could be killed.

Acts 5:12-29 And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. ¹³ Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. ¹⁴ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵ so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. ¹⁶ Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Imprisoned Apostles Freed.¹⁷ Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with [a]indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

²¹ And when they heard that, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the [b]council together, with all the [c]elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

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²² But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, ²³ saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing [d]outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" ²⁴ Now when [e]the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what the outcome would be. ²⁵ So one came and told them, [f]saying, "Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!"

²⁶ Then the captain went with the officers and brought them without violence, for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. ²⁷ And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸ saying, "Did we not strictly command you not to

teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's blood on us!"

²⁹ But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men.

In these last days people are rejecting God by the thousands, there trying to find their place but looking in all the wrong places. That's where we come in. We are not called to make converts but to make disciples.

Acts 17:11 These were more [a]fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for [a]instruction in righteousness,

James 1:21-25 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and [a]overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

BE NOT DECEIVED: a lot of those people who only know God when they need something could fall for the snare that the devil is laying before us. Aron Tipin wrote a famous country song called you have got to stand for something or you will fall for anything. Standing on feelings will not help you in these last days you must be Holy Spirit driven. **2 Timothy 1:8** Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God,

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

3. The Lamb breaks the sixth seal and the great day of God's wrath begins: I believe we will be out of here when this happens.

Revelation 6:12-17 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and [a]behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the [b]moon became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky [c]receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, [d]the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

The sixth seal has been broken and the great day of God's wrath begins.

1. There will be a great earthquake, not just any earthquake, this will shake the earth like never before. The sun and the moon will be darkened, stars will fall from the sky as meteorites and will shower the earth. There will be unbelievable disorder in the world like we have never seen before. Revelation 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

Astronomical happenings take place during the tribulation: **Revelation 8:12** Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day [a]did not shine, and likewise the night.

Revelation 9:2 And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.

Revelation 16:10 Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain.

Astronomical things will happen after the tribulation:

Matthew 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Isaiah 13:9-11 Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ¹⁰ For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. ¹¹ "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the [a]terrible.

Isaiah 24:21-22 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth. ²² They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the [a]pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished. ²³ Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the Lord of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.

Joel 2:30-31 "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.

Joel 3:15-16 The sun and moon will grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness.¹⁶ The Lord also will roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; But the Lord will be a shelter for His people, And the strength of the children of Israel.

The heavens will disappear and the mountains will be moved out of their place. Note that people are so frightened that they cry for the mountains to fall on them.

2. Judgment: Great fear will grip the unbeliever and all the people who failed to make Jesus their savior. The unbeliever will be stricken with terror no one is going to escape the judgment of God.

Isaiah 13:6-8 Wail, for the day of the Lord is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. ⁷ Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, ⁸ And they will be afraid. Pangs[a] and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

Zephaniah 1:14 The great day of the Lord is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.

Joel 2:1 Blow the [a]trumpet in Zion And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the Lord is coming, For it is at hand:

The people will be begging to die but can't:

Luke 23:30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" '

3. We must trust Jesus Christ to escape this great day of wrath. **John 12:48** He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

Malachi 4:1"For behold, the day is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up, "Says the Lord of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.