

Book of Revelation, part 58

- I.** The Tribulation begins with a false peace accord (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 6:1).
 - 1. The peace is short lived (Mt. 24:6; 1 Thes. 5:3).
 - 2. A war of rebellion occurs among the 10-king alliance.
 - 1) The three rebellious kings are subdued, and the beast becomes more dominate.
 - 2) There are now seven kings and the beast.
 - 3) One-fourth of the world's population is killed in the war.
 - 4) There is gross collateral damage: famine, petulance, and predatory animals.
 - 3. Israel, as a result of protection from the western alliance remains in peace for most of the first half of the Tribulation (Ez. 38:11).
- II.** The Sixth Seal Judgment—the second war of the Tribulation (Rev. 6:12-14).
 - 1. The Sixth Seal limits the Seal Judgements to the first half of the Tribulation.
 - 2. The Sixth Seal occurs just prior to Mid-Tribulation.
 - 1) Sackcloth—thick, dusty atmosphere—translucent (not transparent or opaque):
 - 2) Defused light.
 - 3) Moon appears blood-red—still there, still some light.
 - 4) Axis of the earth changed in relationship to the stars.
 - 3. Darkened sun—darkened not completely dark, moon red (Joel 2:30-31 cf. 3:15; Mt. 24:29).
 - 4. Before the Terrible Day of the Lord (Mal. 4:5; Mt. 17:11; Rev. 11:3; Mt. 24:21).
- III.** The description of the warfare compared (Rev. 6:12-14).
 - 1. Great earthquake (Ez. 38:19).
 - 2. Dense atmosphere—sackcloth (Ez. 38:22).
 - 3. Blood-like moon (Joel. 2:31).
 - 4. Mountains moved (Ez. 38:8, 20).
 - 5. Islands moved (Ez. 39:6).
- IV.** The wrath of God does not bring men to repentance (Rev. 6:15-17).
 - 1. Recognize it is the Father and the Son bringing judgment.
 - 2. It is God's kindness that brings men to repentance (Rom. 2:4; Jn. 16:8-9; Rom. 5:8).