**CrossRoads Community Church**

**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of January 22, 2023**

***“AS IT WILL BE IN HEAVEN”***

**Part 2: The Cosmic Movement, Revelation 6: 12-17**

**INTRODUCTION: *As Jesus, the Lamb of God, opens the seals in Revelation 6, He initiates the events which ultimately serve God’s purposes in what unfolds. Opening the first 4 seals unleashes the “4 Horsemen of the Apocalypse,” the beginnings of sorrows at the start of the Tribulation. The fifth and sixth seals describe the force of the martyred saints’ prayers for God’s vengeance, and then the ”earth dwellers” cry of “hide us” because of the worldwide convulsions and catastrophes.***

***“REVELATION” - Original Word: ἀποκάλυψις (apokalupsis) - an unveiling, uncovering, revealing, revelation.***

***-is principally used of the revelation of Jesus Christ (the Word), especially a particular (spiritual) manifestation of Christ (His will) previously unknown to the extent (because of being "veiled, or covered").***

**1. the coming judgment**

***I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake;…” Revelation 6:12***

* + - ***The Word’s Description - Joel 2:30-32, Isaiah 34:4***
    - ***The World’s Destruction - Matthew 24:29, Rev. 21:1***

**2. the critical juncture**

***’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! ’” Revelation 6:16***

* + - ***Relationship with the World - Romans 1: 24-25***
    - ***Recognition of God’s Wrath – Nahum 1:2-3***

**3. the control of jesus**

***’”For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”’ Revelation 6:17***

* + - ***His Rule - 2 Peter 3: 5-7***
    - ***His Redemption - Luke 21: 25-28***
    - ***His Relationship - Matthew 28:20***

**conclusion**

***The sixth seal brings us to the threshold of the opening of the book and the great events of the end. The breaking of the seventh seal makes it possible for the book to be opened and its contents disclosed. The book contains the prophecies of the end of the world; but the end is not a single event but consists of a whole complex of events. It includes the outpouring of God’s wrath upon a rebellious civilization, the judgment of the Antichrist and the destruction of his hosts, as well as the resurrection of the dead and the establishment of the Kingdom of God. So we may conclude that the sixth seal brings us to the threshold of the end:…”* George Ladd**