Resurrection Life of Jesus Church SIGNS OF THE END TIMES **RLJ-1198** JOHN S. TORELL

PART 6C: FINAL EVENTS

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Signs of the end times that I have covered to date:

- Deception Matthew 24:4-5
- Wars and Rumors of Wars verse 6
- Famines, Earthquakes, Pestilences verse 7
- Many shall be offended verse 10
- Deception and False prophets verse 11
- Lawlessness verse 12
- The Great Tribulation verse 21
- What God is going to do? Revelation 1:9-18

DETAILING THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

The earth will have a multitude of environmental disasters like we have never seen before.

- Hail and fire mingled with blood will be sent upon the earth so that 33% of all trees and all the grass will be destroyed on the earth. Revelation 8:7
- ✤ 33% of the oceans waters will be turned into blood, killing off 33% of everything living in the oceans and 33% of all ships will be destroyed. verse 8-9
- ✤ 33% of all fresh water will be contaminated and unfit for humans and animals to drink. verses 10-11
- Then the destruction is turned toward the sun, moon and the stars so that daylight on earth will be reduced by 33%. **verse 12**
- There will be torments on all unsaved people demons. by **Revelation 9:1-6**
- ✤ A huge war will break out with an army of 200 million men coming from the east. verses 14-19
- Those who survive this war will refuse to repent and seek God. verses 20-21
- Sod will have two witnesses preaching hell, fire and judgment in Jerusalem. **Revelation 11:1-12**
- ✤ An earthquake will hit Jerusalem and 10% of the city will be destroyed and 7,000 people will be killed. verse 13



THE SEVEN PLAGUES

In chapter 15 of the Book of Revelation, we are told about the last seven plagues. **Revelation 15:1**

We are then given a description what is going on in heaven. There is no grief over the judgments which are about to be poured out on the ungodly people still alive on the earth.

Paul clearly stated that God has not appointed the believers of Christ unto His wrath. **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

We also find an indication of how God feels about this matter as for the last 7,000 years He has been gracious and filled with love for people but that has now come to an end. He is now going to mete out the punishment worthy of these people while the saints living in heaven rejoice and sing praises unto Him for His justice over evil. **verses 2-8**

This knowledge should put the fear of God into people who are not saved and considering whether or not they should turn to Christ. The day will come when the grace of God is over and people cannot repent. **Hebrews 12:14-29**

- 1. In the first plague, the skin of people will break open and they will have sores that will not heal. This will only happen to those people who have the Mark of the Beast. **Revelation 16:1-2**
- 2. The second plague will finish the destruction of the oceans and all living organism in the oceans are going to die. **verse 3**
- 3. The third plague will destroy the fresh water on the earth. **verse 4**

Note: Angels profess their pleasure of carrying out this judgment on the people of the earth. **verses 5-7**

- 4. The fourth plague is scorching heat. This will be "real global warming." verses 8-9
- 5. The fifth plague is darkness and pain from which there will be no relief. It is important to note that despite these catastrophic events and pain beyond imagination, people will not turn to God and repent because the Holy Spirit is no longer working with them. They have all taken the Mark of the Beast and there is no salvation for them, only judgment and pain. **verses 10-11**
- 6. The sixth plague is the preparation for the great battle known as Armageddon. **verses 12-16**
- 7. The seventh plague consists of a great earthquake and hail. **verses 17-21**

THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF THE LAMB

I cannot find any place in the Book of Revelation where we are told when the great catching away (rapture) will take place. But when we come to chapter 19 it is obvious that it must have taken place because here comes the great Marriage

Feast of the Lamb which is going to dwarf all events of festivity that mankind has ever experienced on earth. **Revelation 19:1-10**

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS CHRIST

The second coming of Christ is going to be such a highlight in our lives as we participate with Jesus in the greatest heavenly military force assembled since the day Lucifer was defeated.

This is going to be a day of dread upon the people left on the earth. Every human who has the Mark of the Beast will be executed and taken to hell. The Antichrist and the False Prophet will be arrested and will bypass hell and be taken straight to the Lake of Fire. **verses 11-21**

THE THOUSAND YEARS KINGDOM

From here on there is nothing but joy, more joy and even more joy for the believers in Christ. The Devil will be put in prison and all the fallen angels and demonic powers will be unable to operate on the earth. The earth's destroyed surface will be restored to Paradise condition, and for the next 1,000 years, Jesus will reign out of Jerusalem. **Revelation 20:1-6**

THE LAST WAR ON EARTH

During the 1,000 years kingdom, the men and women who were born again after the catching away are going to repopulate the earth. Their children will not be able to make a choice for Jesus since there won't be temptation. Every human being must face both Jesus and the Devil in order to make a choice of their own free will.

The tragedy is that people who have been born in this wonderful period, tasted the goodness of Jesus and benefited from His great love will be tempted by Satan and choose him over Jesus. **verses 7-9**

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

When we look at the masses of people who believed a lie and sided with the Devil, believers in Christ ought to thank God for His grace, and that He made it possible for us to reject the Devil and choose life.

This will be the final judgment for the entire human race. Everyone who ever lived on this earth will be resurrected. Unbelievers will be given a body of shame which cannot be destroyed but is extremely sensitive to pain. With this body they will live in the Lake of Fire and have nothing but extreme torment that will never end.

Believers in Christ who were taken up to heaven and took part of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb have already had their judgment at the Judgment Seat of Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

The first order of business will be to send the Devil, his fallen angels and all demonic forces to the Lake of Fire.

All unbelievers and all people who were born again after the rapture will be taken to the Great White Throne Judgment. Any one not listed in the Book of Life will be cast into the Lake of Fire. There will be different degrees of punishment in the Lake of Fire according to what the person did on the earth. **verses 10-15**

Remember, the Lake of Fire will be an eternal closed system sustained by God. It will float somewhere in the new creation but not be a part of it. No one will be able to enter or leave.

If people could grasp the scope of eternity and that God will not change his mind trillions of years into the future, they should tremble in fear about the possibility of such a horrible fate.

THE END OF CREATION

The entire creation is marred and cannot be redeemed because of sin. According to the Bible, the atoms will cease to exist and be converted into energy which God originally used to do the creation. **2 Peter 3:7-11**

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

We are only given glimpses of what is to come but we do know there won't be any evil in the new creation. All believers in Christ will be sinless and we won't have a free will to choose between good and evil; we will be like the angels who are locked into holiness. This is going to be a great relief. No more sin. No more pain. No more grief. We will live in eternal happiness that will never end. Are you going to be part of this? **Revelation 21:1-8**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?

For a teaching on the Book of Revelation, please see "<u>The Revelation of Jesus</u> <u>Christ Series</u>" where I methodically explain the message Jesus wanted His Church to hear, verse by verse. In addition to the audio, the extensive sermon outlines are also available online.