

# The Revelation

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Revelation 6:9-17

Vss. 9-11

- Did not Christ not tell us what to expect? (Matthew 24:1-14; Luke 21:10-19)
- Indeed, we are told that believers will be killed by those who think they are doing God a favor! (John 16:1-2)
- The alter in Heaven is mentioned also in 8:5 and 14:18.
- There had long been the idea that as God dictated the look of the Temple that it was based on a pattern in Heaven (Hebrews 8:4-5; Ex. 25:9).
- Lev. 4:7 instructs that the blood, the life, of the sacrificed be poured at the foot of the alter (4:7). So too are those who have laid themselves on the alter of sacrifice for Christ.
- This was a key point to Paul (Phil. 2:17, 2 Tim. 4:6)
- The cry: 1) How long? Ps. 79:5-10 2) Justice! (Ps. 82:1-4) 3) Completion: in the Apocrypha the Jews had the clear idea that until the full measure had been used, that the number of the righteous had been totally offered that only then would God act.

Vss. 12-17

- The five parts of the beginning of the end: 1) earthquake – (Amos 8:8; Ez. 38:19; Joel 2:10) The earth will be shattered. 2) the sun and moon go dark – (Amos 8:9; Is. 13:10, 50:3) 3) falling stars – (Is. 13:10; Ez. 32:7; Matt. 24:29) 4) the rolling up of the sky – (Is. 34:4b; Ps. 102:25-26) 5) the moving of the mountains and islands – (Jer. 4:24; Nahum 1:5)
- Universal terror – Is. 13:6-9; Mal. 3:1-2 – This is the entirety of civilization, no one is exempt.

- The wrath of...The Lamb? We remember the cleansing of the temple, but remember also the Lamb has 7 horns (5:6) so He is THE ultimate power!