

## Keep Your Head Up!

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Text: Revelation 6:9-17

**Passage Summary**: As we begin to discover the events that will usher in the return of Christ to this earth, one thing is certain; things are going to get worse before they get <u>better</u>!

**<u>180 Degree Truth #1</u>**: See that the return of Christ to this earth will be preceded by a series of unparalleled and unbearable judgments that will take place in the <u>tribulation</u>, beginning with the <u>seal judgments</u>! (6:9-17)

**Application**: Recognize that when it comes to the seal judgments, they will involve...

• The\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ saints! (v.9-11)

"When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained." **Revelation 6:9** 

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." **Romans 8:38-39** 

> "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15

**Remember:** When it comes to the seal judgments in the tribulation, the wrath is real, but it is also \_\_\_\_\_\_, for through it, God is bringing many sons to \_\_\_\_\_! (Hebrews 2:10-11)

"I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place." **Revelation 6:12-14** 

"I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD." Joel 2:30-31

"There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken." Luke 21:25-26

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"To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

## Revelation 21:6-7

**Core Conviction to Live By**: Resolutely determine in these last days to \_\_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ up; dark days are coming, but all is not doom and gloom, for through it all, the redemption of the born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is drawing near!

"At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luke 21:27-28