



uncovered: **who is safe?**

Week 2

INTRODUCE THE SERIES • PRAY

## THE BIG IDEA OF REVELATION:

The Lord God Almighty is in **charge** (regardless of how it seems) and he's going to **win**, so be **patient**, **faithful**, and **alert**.

## THE TRIBULATION & THE RAPTURE

The most vocal perspective is "**Pre-Trib**"

A THIEF IN THE NIGHT - 1972 • LEFT BEHIND - 1995 & 2000 (42M books)

ILL: JIM KATHAN'S LETTER TO ME.

Biblical Clarity on the Rapture:

A time is coming when Christ will **return** as king, the dead will **rise**, and his followers will **join** him.  
(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Biblical Clarity on the Tribulation:

The world is moving toward global **unity** apart from God, great **persecution** of Christians, and cosmic **catastrophes** culminating in the outpouring of God's **wrath**.

However:

The Bible clearly says all Christians must be prepared for **hardship** and **persecution**.

THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER WE WILL FACE HARDSHIP BUT WILL GOD BE WITH US WHEN WE DO

**The Seven Seals (Rev. 6:1-8:1)**

quick review of the scroll and the Lamb

## SEAL 1 - A **Conqueror** COMES

Pinky and the BRAIN

## SEAL 2 - **Peace** GIVES WAY TO **War**

## SEAL 3 - GREAT **Famine** (ECONOMIC OR NATURAL)

## SEAL 4 - DEATH ATTACKS A **fourth** OF THE EARTH.

These are the "**Four Horsemen**."

THIS MISERY IS MOSTLY OF HUMAN ORIGIN

## SEAL 5 - MARTYRS CRY, "HOW MUCH **longer**?"

HOW LONG WITH THE DOWNTURN LAST • HOW LONG UNTIL JUDGMENT! • FUNDRAISING CHART

- ▶ Martyrdom isn't **random**. God is in **charge** of it too.

ILL: RACHEL SCOTT @ COLUMBINE

- ▶ Death isn't the **worst thing** in the world.

IT'S BAD, JUST NOT AS BAD AS WE IMAGINE

- ▶ For the faithful, a **reward** lies on the other side.

ILL: IF CHARLIE GETS HIS TIMES TABLES MEMORIZED, HE GETS A NEW VIDEO GAME

## SEAL 6A - GLOBAL **Natural Disaster**

YELLOWSTONE?? • THE PEOPLE KNOW IT'S FROM GOD, BUT THEY SEEK REFUGE WITH THE DIRT!

For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?

Revelation 6:17

THAT'S THE POINT. SOME WILL STAND

## SEAL 6B - GOD "**seals**" HIS FOLLOWERS.

IDENTITY & PROTECTION

144,000 = the multitude

## SEAL 7 - HOLD YOUR BREATH!

YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!

## Conclusion

Humanity will encounter great **miser**y, but God **takes care** of those who follow his **Son**.

WHATEVER GRIEF YOU ARE FACING - GOD IS IN CHARGE

Can you say, "Praise and glory be to our God forever!"

Have you washed yourself in the blood of the Lamb?

WHO IS SAFE? THOSE WHO FOLLOW THE LAMB.