

Righteous Judgments
Revelation 6, 8-10, 15-16

Why do the righteous suffer? Book of Job

What we see in the book of Job in the life of an individual, we see on a large scale in the book of Revelation.

- There is a scene in heaven going on.**
- Satan accuses and permission is granted to “sift” them.**
- Disasters hit their lives. (By AD 200 tens of thousands of followers of Jesus had lost possessions, homes, had family turn against them, had family killed, and had even given their own lives.)**

Revelation 4-5 shows Jesus’ followers the scene in heaven to give them the perspective they need to endure what is going on in the earth that otherwise would make no sense.

“Full-Fill” Prophecy and Judgment

Partial fulfillment (near)/Rest of fulfillment (future).

Progressive:

Seed to sprout to sapling to mature tree. (“Sin of Amorites not complete.”)

Cup that is being filled up.

Plagues of Egypt. “Who is the Lord?!” (Pharaoh) More and more severe.

Curses listed in the Law—more and more severe.

THE PURPOSE of JUDGMENT is to bring a change of heart to people so that they will live rightly on the earth.

In this regard, Judgments are

RIGHTEOUS and REDEMPTIVE and RETRIBUTIVE.

They are not the arbitrary acts of a capricious deity foisted on innocent, good people, but rather the timed warnings to rebels who arrogantly continue to disregard God’s rule over them.

The SEALS #1-6

A seal is a mark of ownership and authority to act in regards to what is sealed.



Conquering

I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Tower of Babel: "Let's gather" Nations: "Let's have peace on earth."
This desire for peace is a man-exalting, man-ruling, without-God attempt.
There is no peace without humble bowing before God and the LAMB.



Killing

And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.



Inflation

And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

**Who sets the stock markets? Who sets the inflation?
How does this all look from just the earthly perspective?**

The SEALS #1-6

Death



Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Martyrs

And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.



Earthquake.

“Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

THE SEALED Chapter 7

The 144,000 are sealed and the great multitude loved not their lives even unto death. (Do not fear those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul, rather fear Him who can cast both body and soul into Hell.)

Examples of being saved from God's Judgment in Scripture:

- Noah and the Flood
- Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah
- Israelites at Passover Progressive: went through first plagues like Egyptians, then distinguished, then saved from death.
- Jeremiah during the Babylonian Destruction of Jerusalem. (Ezekiel 9:4)

In what way were they "KEPT" from God's wrath?

The Lord said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, even through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations which are being committed in its midst.

The SEALS #7



**Silence for ½ hour Habakkuk 2:20 Zephaniah 1:7
Zechariah 2:13**

When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

All of heaven knows the lateness of the hour and the seriousness of unrepentant man's situation.

All of earth is going about business as usual, indifferent toward God on His throne, thinking they are on the brink of finally solving all of mankind's problems.

Where is the disaster coming from?

What is affected?

Who is aware it is happening?

The Trumpets #1-6



1 **1/3** Land, Trees, and
Grass Burned Up



4 **1/3** of Sun, Moon,
and Stars lose their
light



2 **1/3** of Sea Turned
to Blood



5 **FIRST WOE!**
Locust from the
pit torment



3 **1/3** of Rivers Become
Poisonous



6 **SECOND WOE!!**
1/3 inhabitants killed
by great army
BUT THEY DID NOT REPENT

The Trumpets #7

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, ***did not repent*** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the **idols** of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; and they ***did not repent*** of their **murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts. 9:20-21**

Which churches should be especially listening to this message? [Pergamum Thyatira](#)



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Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”
And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
“And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”
(Re 11:15-19).

The BOWLS #1-6



Sores on those
with the mark of
the beast **Mercy**
To bring to senses.

“What is source of my pain?”



Seas to blood;
all sea creatures die



Rivers turn to blood

“Righteous are You, who are and who were, O Holy One, because You judged these things.” Revelation 16:5



Sun Scorches Mankind
Mercy

To bring to senses.

“Where am I going?”



Darkness on Beast’s
Kingdom **Mercy**

To bring to senses.

“What awaits me apart from God?”



Euphrates Dries Up;
Armies Gather

The Bowls #7



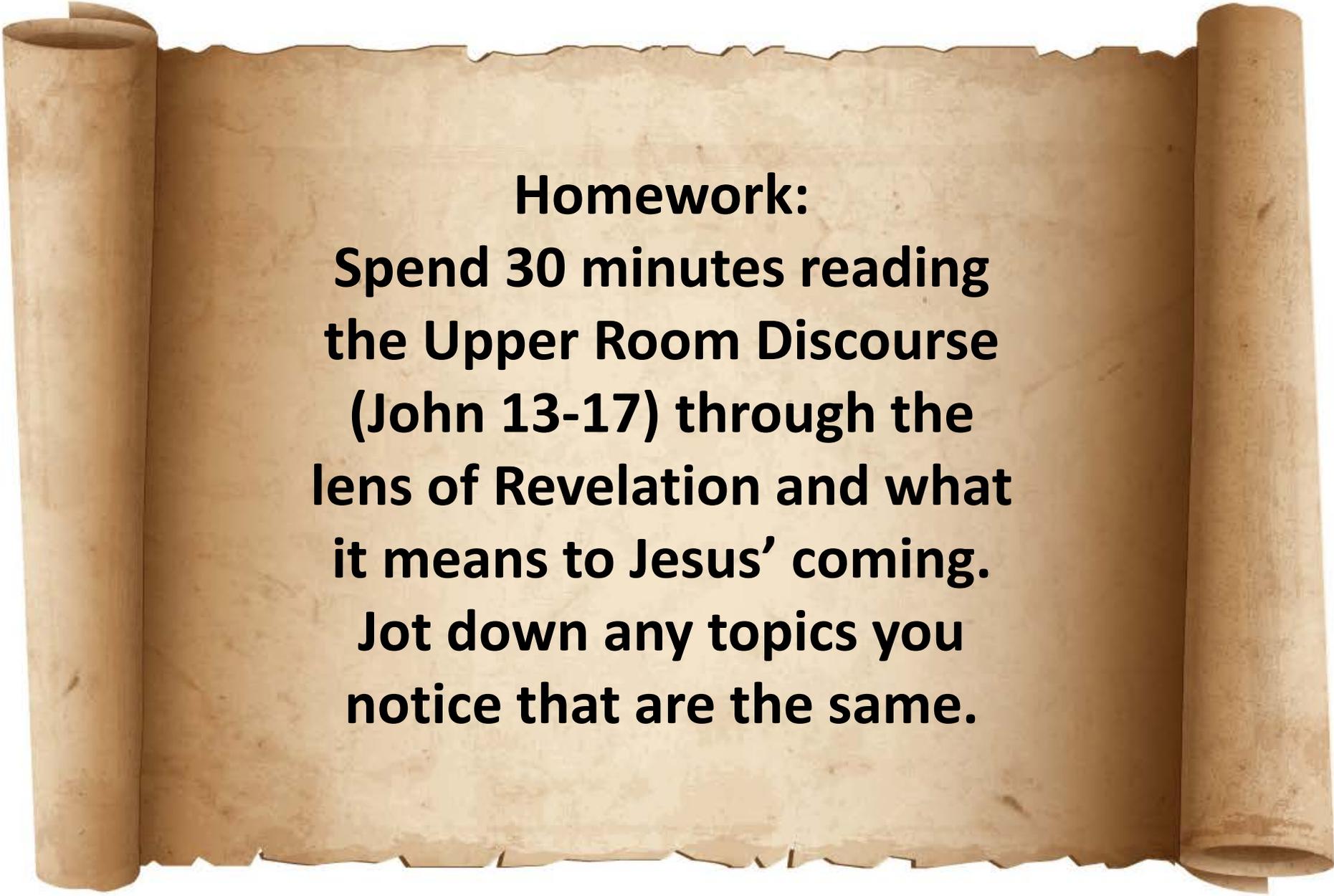
Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl upon the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple from the throne, saying, "***It is done.***"

Book of REVELATION

Worship

Why do the righteous ~~suffer~~? Because God is Creator. Chapter 4
Because Jesus is Redeemer. Chapter 5

**Nothing touches the life of the Sealed
without going through the hand of an
OMNIPOTENT and OMNISCIENT Lamb
on the Throne.**

A scroll of aged parchment with a rough, torn edge. The text is centered on the scroll in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The scroll is unrolled, showing the texture of the paper and the shadows of the rolled-up sections on either side.

Homework:
**Spend 30 minutes reading
the Upper Room Discourse
(John 13-17) through the
lens of Revelation and what
it means to Jesus' coming.
Jot down any topics you
notice that are the same.**