



REVELATION PART 2: GET THE HELL OUTTA HERE

“I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, ‘Come!’ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword. When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, ‘Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!’ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, ‘Come!’ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. 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. They called out in a loud voice, ‘How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?’ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been. 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 figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face 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 can withstand it?’” [Revelation 6:1-17, NIV](#)

Revelation wants us to see...

The _____ of _____ (Hell & Judgement)



5 Ditches: “The Trouble with Trib”

Reactions to Trib/Judge/Hell

1. _____ (Not taken accurately/Not taken seriously)
2. _____ (Obsession with elusive/Exclusive interpretation)
3. _____ (Abused and leveraged for other carnal purposes)
4. _____ (Crippling fear/Avoidance)
5. _____ (Can't be a thing?If God is love?...?)

*“For every American who believes he’s going to hell, there are 120 who believe they’re going to heaven. This optimism stands in stark contrast to Christ’s words in Matthew 7:13-14, ‘Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many who enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life. And only a few find it.’” **Randy Alcorn***

*“There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than this, if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of Scripture and specifically, of our Lord’s own words; it has always been held by Christendom; and it has the support of reason...I have met no people who fully disbelieved in Hell and also had a living and life-giving belief in Heaven.” **C.S. Lewis***

You cannot take the scripture seriously and avoid the reality of Tribulation, Judgement & Hell. The Bible makes the problem unavoidable.

Reality of Trib/Judgement/Hell

1. It’s a _____
2. It’s _____
3. It’s _____ in our efforts
4. It’s not just a _____ for us, it’s a _____ in us
5. Hell = _____
6. Trib = _____ & _____ means to an eternal & Heavenly end



“Christianity asserts that we are going to go on forever and that must either be true or false. Now there are a good many things that wouldn’t be worth bothering about if I was only going to live 80 years or so, but I had better bother about if I am going to go on living forever. Perhaps my bad temper or my jealousy are getting worse so gradually that in the increase in my lifetime will not be very noticeable, but it might be absolute hell in a million years. In fact, if Christianity is true, hell is precisely the correct technical term for it. Hell begins with a grumbling mood, always complaining, always blaming others...but you are still distinct from it. You may even criticize it in yourself and this you could stop it. But there may come a day when you can no longer. Then there will be no you left to criticize the mood or even to enjoy it, but just the grumble itself, going on forever like a machine. It is not a question of God ‘sending us’ to hell. In each of us there is something growing, which will BE hell unless it is nipped in the bud.” **C.S. Lewis, *The Great Divorce***

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The _____ of _____ (Hell & Judgement)

“Judgement is necessary, unless we conclude absurdly, that nothing much is wrong, or blasphemously, that God doesn’t mind very much...God is utterly committed to set the world right in the end. This doctrine, like that of the resurrection itself, is held firmly in place by the belief in God as creator, on the one side, and in his goodness on the other. And that setting right must necessarily involve the elimination of all that distorts God’s good and lovely creation and in particular of all that defaces his image bearing human creatures.” **N.T. Wright, *Surprised By Hope***

Revelation says: the Tribulation is about Jesus (The Lamb) ultimately and fully

_____ and _____ sin - satan - death from the universe

Revelation wants us to see...

The _____ of _____, _____, &



*“Then I saw ‘a new heaven and a new earth,’ for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” **Revelation 21:1-4, NIV***

Revelation wants us to see...

The _____ of _____ (Hell & Judgement)

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9, NIV)

Revelation wants us to see...

The _____ of _____ (Door’s still open)

*“I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” **Revelation 21:22-27, NIV***

*“In the long run the answer to all those who object to the doctrine of hell, is itself a question: What are you asking God to do? To wipe out their past sins and, at all costs, to give them a fresh start, smoothing every difficulty and offering every miraculous help? But He has done so, on Calvary. To forgive them? They will not be forgiven. To leave them alone? Alas, I am afraid that is what He does... There are only two kinds of people in the end. Those who say to God, thy will be done, and those to whom God says in the end, they will be done. All that are in hell choose it. Without that self choice, it wouldn’t be hell.” **C.S. Lewis***



3 Apocalyptic Questions:

1. Have you invited Jesus to REVEAL and REMOVE the Hell in you?

2. What does it look like to partner with Jesus in seeing the eradication of Hell in our region?

3. Is your faith in the Lamb greater than your fear of the tribulations you are facing?