

Entrust Eschatology Rev 6 & Similar Tribulation Passages 1/4/24

- Part of the joy of studying Scripture is seeing how our great God causes many things to fit together. That is the case in Eschatology, since it concerns the culmination of redemptive history
- The following seeks to demonstrate how the Tribulation events in Revelation coincide with other passages, especially the Lord’s Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24

1) The First Seal (Rev 6:1-2)

| Dan 9:27a | Rev 6:1-2 |
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| <p>And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering...</p> <p><i><u>Other passages</u></i> Matthew 24:4-5 And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many...¹¹ Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.”</p> | <p>Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.” ² 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.</p> |

2) The Second Seal (Rev 6:3-4) – worldwide war (cf. Matt 24:6-7).

| Matt 24:6-7 | Rev 6:3-4 |
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| <p>“You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for <i>those things</i> must take place, but <i>that</i> is not yet the end. ⁷ “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.</p> | <p>When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.” ⁴ 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.</p> |

3) The Third Seal (Rev 6:5-6) – worldwide famine

| Matt 24:7b | Rev 6:5-6 |
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| <p>“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.</p> | <p>When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a black horse; and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ 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.”</p> |

- 4) The Fourth Seal (Rev 6:7-8) – widespread death on the earth (up to 25% of the world’s population) as a result of war, famine, pestilence, and wild animal attacks

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| <p>Matt 24:7b</p> <p>“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. ⁸ But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs. ⁹ Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.</p> | <p>Rev 6:7-8</p> <p>When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.” ⁸ I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. 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.</p> |
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- 5) The Fifth Seal (Rev 6:9-11) – anticipated judgment and vengeance upon those who martyred believers during the Tribulation

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| <p>Matt 24:9-10 (also vv. 16-22)</p> <p>“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. ¹⁰ At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.”</p> | <p>Rev 6:9-11</p> <p>When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ 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.</p> |
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- 6) The Sixth Seal (Rev 6:12-17) – massive earthly and heavenly upheaval – including a great earthquake and the blackening of the sun – which leaves the people of earth hiding from the wrath of God and the terrors of His judgments

| Matt 24:29 (Mark 13:24-25) | Rev 6:12-17 |
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| <p>“But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.</p> <p><u><i>Other passages:</i></u></p> <p>Isaiah 2:19 Men will go into caves of the rocks and into holes of the ground before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble.</p> <p>Isaiah 34:4 And all the host of heaven will wear away, and the sky will be rolled up like a scroll; all their hosts will also wither away as a leaf withers from the vine, or as one withers from the fig tree.</p> <p>Ezekiel 32:7 “And when I extinguish you, I will cover the heavens and darken their stars; I will cover the sun with a cloud and the moon will not give its light.</p> <p>Joel 2:10 Before them the earth quakes, the heavens tremble, the sun and the moon grow dark and the stars lose their brightness.</p> <p>Luke 23:30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’</p> <p>Cf. Is 13:10; 24:23; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Amos 5:20; 8:9; Zeph 1:15; Acts 2:20</p> | <p>I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. ¹⁴ The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”</p> |

Conclusion:

- Tribulational eschatology is a prominent topic in Scripture
- It behooves God’s people to know it