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Week 13 – The Seven Seals (Rev. 6:1-17)

Introduction:

Three sets of judgments in Revelation

- Seven Seals (chapter 6)
- Seven Trumpets (chapters 8-9)
- Seven Bowls (chapter 16)

Revelation 6 – The First Six Seals are Broken

#1 – The White Horse (Antichrist)

#2 – The Red Horse (War)

#3 – The Black Horse (Famine)

#4 – The Pale Horse (Death)

#5 – Martyrdom

#6 – Cosmic Disturbances

Notes/Application:

The Big Idea:

Don't be deceived into thinking that God is the bad guy and humans are the good guys. As it was in the Days of Noah, so shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man (Luke 19:26). "Every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time..." (Genesis 6:5)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. Have you ever struggled with various judgment passages in the Bible? Have you ever asked questions like, "How could a God of love and grace bring judgment upon humans who reject the Gospel? Discuss..."
2. Why is it so important to understand that God is the "good guy" and unredeemed humans are the "bad guy?" How do the "days of Noah" (Genesis 6:5) help us understand what the world will be like just prior to the return of Christ? Discuss...

Ponderings:

3. Which of the events or symbols in Revelations 6 resonates most with you personally, and why?
4. Regardless of one's personal beliefs about eschatology (the study of last things), all bible-believing Christians agree that the judgments described in Revelation 6 depict very bad things happening upon the earth with increasing measure leading up to Christ's return. Why is it an act of great love for God to disclose these things to us in advance? Discuss...
5. Do you have any thoughts about what role (if any) America might play in the last days? What is our role as followers of Jesus living in the last days? Discuss...
6. Have you been exposed to other views or interpretations of how all these events might play out? Discuss...

Promptings:

7. As pastor Jeremy pointed out weeks ago, it's okay for Christians to disagree on the precise details about what these prophecies are describing, when and how they occur, etc. But *all* believers are to be living in joyous anticipation of Christ's return.
 - What evidence is there in your life that you are living with this joyous expectancy? How does living with this expectancy of the any-moment return of Jesus impact your life in practical ways?