

The Wrath of God's Judgement Vs. The Persecution of the Antichrist
Revelation 6:12-17
Revelation 13:4-7
Lesson #9

What is the purpose of God's wrath being poured out?

Three primary purposes.

- ***First – To judge sin.***
 1. ***Sin of Israel.***
 2. ***Sin of those who reject God's salvation.***
 3. ***Sin of those who reject Jesus Christ.***
 4. ***Sin of those who reject God's Holy Word.***
 5. ***Sin of those who refuse to follow God's Word.***
- ***Second – Defeat the rebellion of the Antichrist.***
- ***Third – Avenge the blood of those persecuted for their faith.***

Sixth Seal Broken – The Great Day of God's Wrath Beings. Vs. 12-17

- ***The impact of God's judgment on the universe. Vs. 12-14***
- ***The impact of God's judgment on people. Vs. 15-16***

Two clear things the scripture teaches us.

First – Great fear will grip all unbelievers upon the earth (vs. 15).

Second – The unbelievers will cry for death (vs. 16).

- ***The reason for these disasters and the panic of men. Vs. 16-17***

The Day of the Lord is a period of time in which God will deal with wicked men directly and dramatically in fearful judgment. Today a man may be a blasphemer of God, an atheist, can denounce God and teach bad doctrine. Seemingly God does nothing about it. But the day designated in Scripture as 'the day of the Lord' is coming when God will punish human sin, and He will deal in wrath and in judgment with a Christ-rejecting world. One thing we are sure of, that God in His own way will bring every soul into judgment
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The Persecution of the Antichrist – Revelation 13:4-7

- ***The Antichrist is operating on behalf of Satan.***
- ***The Antichrist target.***
 1. Tribulation saints
 2. Faithful Jewish remnant.
- ***The Antichrist purpose.***
 1. To wipe out faith from the earth and force everyone to worship him.

Points of Application

1. ***The judgement of God is a serious and real thing.***
2. ***The truth of God's Word is a call for Christian to stand firm in a world that is continually becoming more hostile to the Christian faith.***
3. ***Remember evil has limits.***

4. *Let future judgment motivate present evangelism.*

5. *Live in Holy Fear, not worldly fear!*

Conclusion - The question is not simply whether we understand the events of Revelation, but whether we are ready to stand faithfully before the God who rules them.