

A Preview of Things to Come

Revelation 6

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Day 1: The Lamb Who
Is Worthy

Reading:
Revelation 5:1-14

Before we can understand God's coming judgment, we must first understand His mercy. Jesus, the Lamb who was slain, is the only one worthy to open the seals of judgment because He alone paid the price for our redemption. His sacrifice wasn't just a historical event—it's the foundation of all authority in heaven and earth. Today, reflect on the profound truth that the same Jesus who died for you is the one who holds your future. This should bring both comfort and urgency. Worship Him as the four living creatures and twenty-four elders do, recognizing that every aspect of end-times prophecy flows from His worthiness, not from fear or speculation.

Reflection: How does understanding Jesus' worthiness change your perspective on future events?

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Day 2: Warnings Are Acts of Love

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

A loving parent warns their child before danger strikes. God's warnings about the Antichrist, tribulation, and judgment aren't meant to terrify us but to prepare us. Paul reminds us not to be "quickly shaken or alarmed" because God has revealed what's coming. The deception will be powerful—even a "strong delusion" for those who reject truth. But here's the hope: if you love the truth now, you won't fall for the lie later. God's warnings demonstrate His desire that none should perish. Like a parent pulling a child's hand from a hot stove, God pulls us back from eternal danger through His Word. Receive these warnings with gratitude, not fear.

Reflection: What "delusions" in today's culture might be preparing hearts to reject Christ? How can you anchor yourself in truth?

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Day 3: Birth Pains and Preparation

Reading:
Matthew 24:3-14

Jesus described end-times events as "birth pains"—increasing in frequency and intensity. Just as labor pains signal an approaching birth, world events signal Christ's return. Wars, famines, earthquakes, and persecution aren't random chaos; they're purposeful signs pointing to God's ultimate plan. The key phrase Jesus repeats is "see that you are not alarmed." Why? Because for believers, these signs aren't harbingers of doom but of deliverance. A woman in labor doesn't fear the contractions because she knows they lead to new life. Similarly, we shouldn't fear these signs because they lead to Christ's glorious return. The question isn't "if" but "when"—and our response should be watchfulness, not worry.

Reflection: What "birth pains" do you observe in the world today? How should this affect your daily priorities?

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Day 4: Standing Firm in Persecution

Reading:
Revelation 6:9-11;
Romans 12:17-21

The martyrs under the altar cry out, "How long, O Lord?" Their question echoes through centuries of Christian persecution. Yet notice what they're given: white robes and rest. They're told to wait—not because God is indifferent, but because His timing is perfect. God doesn't call us to take vengeance; He reserves that for Himself. Our calling is to love enemies, pray for persecutors, and trust God's justice. Whether you face mild opposition or severe persecution, remember that suffering for Christ is temporary, but the reward is eternal. The martyrs' blood isn't wasted; it's precious to

God and will be fully avenged in His time, not ours.

Reflection: How do you respond when facing opposition for your faith? Can you trust God's justice instead of seeking your own?

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Day 5: Today Is the Day of Salvation

Reading:
2 Corinthians 6:1-2;
Revelation 6:12-17

When the sixth seal is opened, people from every social class cry for mountains to fall on them rather than face "the wrath of the Lamb." Think about that phrase—the wrath of the Lamb. The gentle Savior who welcomes sinners becomes the righteous Judge who must deal with sin. But here's the crucial truth: you don't have to face that day unprepared. Paul declares, "Now is the day of salvation!" Don't assume you'll have tomorrow to get right with God. Don't wait until the signs are so obvious that faith becomes sight. Today, confess your sin, surrender to Christ, and receive His covering. Those clothed in the Lamb's blood have nothing to fear from the Lamb's wrath.

Reflection: If Christ returned today, are you ready? Is there someone you need to

Notes: share this urgency with before it's too late?
