

Problem:

the fact that Christmas happened is proof of God's love
 the fact that Christmas was necessary is proof of God's wrath

during the first 4 seals you can imagine nuclear war and turmoil etc - Man hiding himself from his own depravity

when the sixth seal is open the Day of the Lord is officially begun and Man will not be hiding from bombs and fallout but from God Himself

God's wrath is not a sterile thing - it is personal it is visceral and it is terrifying and the sixth seal is where it really begins

Main Idea:

behold the shamed creation
 behold humiliated Man
 behold the face of the Creator
 behold the wrath of the lamb
 The Great Day has come...who can stand

Implication:

the wrath of God is personal - Ezek 16:1-42
 the wrath of Christ is personal - Mk 2:1-12

Application:

who can stand? rev 7 describes them - Rev 7:14; Jn 1:29

the most ironic thing is that it is from the Lamb who was slain that they flee- the lamb who offers salvation to whoever believes in Him -

His wrath is personal but so is His offer of salvation

Text:**Behold the shamed Creation**

Rev. 6:12 ¶ When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great **earthquake**, and the **sun** became black as sackcloth, the full **moon** became like blood,

Rev. 6:13 and the **stars** of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

Rev. 6:14 The **sky** vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every **mountain** and **island** was removed from its place.

sixth seal

- Matt 24:3-8, 29 (zoom out)

Earthquake, sun, moon

- Joel 2:1-11, 30-31; 3:12-21 (a foretaste of signs just before the Day of the Lord)

- Haggai 2:6-9 (yet future after Babylonian captivity) Heb 12:25-27

sky rolled up stars falling

- Isaiah 34:1-4 (final and terrifying judgment in view)

mountain

- Nahum 1:1- 6(nineveh was going to be destroyed 612 BC - God causes mtns. to quake and hills to melt)
 (who can stand - 6:17)

Behold humiliated Man

Rev. 6:15 Then the **kings** of the earth and the **great ones** and the **generals** and the **rich** and the **powerful**, and **everyone, slave and free**, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, **creatures**

- Zeph 1:7-18 (The coming captivity, was but a preview of the future Day of the Lord)
- Isaiah 13:6-16 (future overthrow of babylon by the medes -a preview of God's final overthrow of Israel's enemies)

Behold, the face of the Creator

Rev. 6:16a calling to the mountains (being removed 6:14) and rocks, "Fall on us and **hide us from the face (personal presence) of him** who is seated on the throne, **hide us**

(-Gen 3:8 (its not death we should fear but Him)

fall on us
- Matt 10:28; lk 23:26-31

contrast - "avenge us Rev 6:10

from the face of Him

- Isaiah 2:1-19 (humble creation and creature for idolatry)

- **Ezek 16:1-42 (the wrath of God is personal)**

Behold, the wrath of the Lamb

Rev 16b and from **the wrath of the Lamb**,

Wrath of the Lamb

- Lk 12:49-59 (settle with Him - He has paid the price - because judgment is coming)

the wrath of Christ is personal - Lk 5:18-24

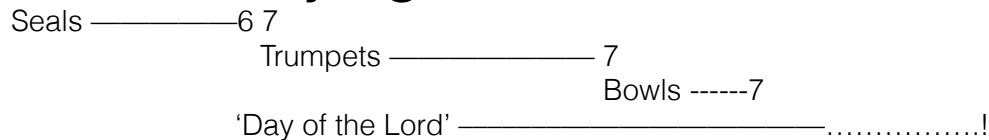
The Great day has come...who can stand

Rev. 6:17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and **who can stand?**" (chapter 7 answers)

who can stand

- Rev 7:14; Jn 1:29 (the irony is they are fleeing from grace)

Timeline of judgments in Revelation:



Articles for further study:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/your-neighbor-knows-about-the-wrath-of-god>