

SIXTH SEAL JUDGMENT

Revelation 6:12–14

Physical Disturbances



Great Earthquake Sun, black as sackcloth Moon, like blood Stars, fell to earth Sky, split like a scroll Mountains & Islands, moved out of their place Rev. 6:12, "I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake;

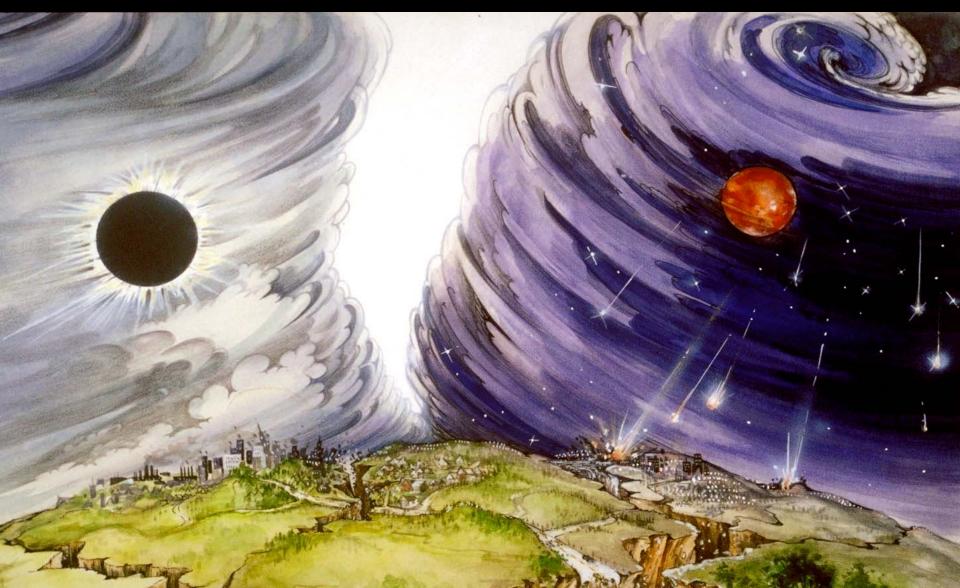




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FIVE Unprecedented Cataclysms

- 1. An enormous earthquake,
- 2. Effect: sun darkened, moon like blood,
- 3. Vast meteor or comet shower,
- 4. Upper atmosphere explosion,
- 5. Worldwide earthquake.

God's Use of Earthquakes

- 1. At Sinai when the Law was given (Ex. 19:8, Psa 68:8)
- 2. Elijah on Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 19:11–12)
- 3. At the crucifixion of Christ (Matt. 27:51, 54)
- 4. When He released Paul and Silas from jail in Philippi (Acts 16:26)

FOUR Major Earthquakes in the Trib.

- 1. The sixth seal, Rev. 6:12–14
- Beginning of the trumpet judgments (Rev. 8:5)
- 3. In Jerusalem, between the 6th and 7th trumpet judgment (Rev 11:13)
- 4. At the end, splits Babylon into 3 parts (Rev. 16:18–19)

Matt. 24:29, "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." Joel 2:9, "They run to and fro in the city, they run on the wall; they climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief.

Joel 2:10, "The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness." Joel 2:30, "And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood and fire and pillars of smoke.

Joel 2:31, "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD."

Joel 3:15, "The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness."

Luke 12:5, "But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!" Heb. 10:30, "For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." And again, "THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE."

Heb. 10:31, "It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

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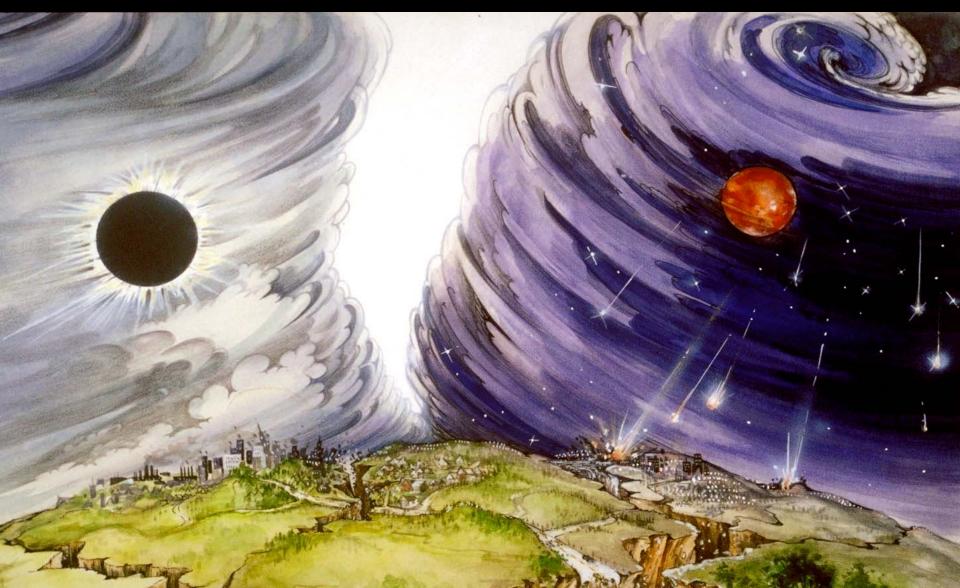




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The earth's crust, highly unstable ever since the great Flood, will be so disturbed by the impacting asteroids, the volcanic explosions, and the worldwide earthquakes, that great segments of it will actually begin to slip and slide over the earth's deep plastic mantle. Geophysicists for many years have been fascinated with the idea of "continental drift" (although strong evidence has been accumulating against any such phenomenon occurring in the present age). Several have published theories of a past naturalistic catastrophism involving what they call "the earth's shifting crust." Some such phenomenon may actually be triggered under this judgment of the sixth seal, dwarfing the damage occasioned by all the mighty earthquakes of the past. (Morris, The Revelation Record, 123)

"EARTH-DWELLER'S" RESPONSE

Rev. 6:15, "And 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;

Rev. 6:16, "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; for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?" Lam. 3:20 Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. Lam. 3:21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. Lam. 3:22 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. Lam. 3:23 *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. Lam. 3:24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him."