REVELATION: Lesson 95

Chapter 8:12 13 The Fourth Trumpet Judgment / The Lights Go Out

We are reading about the events that will take place in the future upon those men and women who rejected God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. God's judgments are just. His penalties are fitting. He gave mankind every opportunity to escape His terrible judgments because He is a loving God (John 3:16).

- If you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have no reason to worry about these Tribulation judgments.
- If you have instead chosen to refuse the salvation that Jesus Christ offers today, prepare yourself for these judgments.

The Judgment of Darkness Upon the Earth

Matt 24:29 This verse demonstrates God's power over His creation. It is no difficulty for God to move His creation as He pleases, causing the "sun to be darkened" resulting in the moon not giving her light. God made the stars (Gen 1:16); He can cause them to "fall from heaven."

Three Kinds of People:

- **Evolutionist**: you don't believe there is a God. You think everything exists by accident.
- **Theistic Evolutionist**: you believe God created everything in its basest form and then He departed and let things evolve on their own.
- **Bible Believer**: you believe God created everything and that He actively participates (Jer 23:23) in the maintenance and guidance of His creation (Col 1:17).
 - You also believe that God can destroy what He created if He wants to.
- Isa 5:20-30 Those who "despised the word of the Holy One of Israel," who decided they don't need God in their schools, their society, or their family, are going to get what they asked for. The result will be "darkness and sorrow."

Ezek 32:7-9 When God sets darkness upon the land, it will vex the hearts of many and cause great fear.

Amos 5:20 "The day of the Lord" will be a time of darkness, even "very dark." They didn't want light.

Exod 10:20-23 Here is the historical account of when God sent darkness over the land of Egypt. The darkness was so dark that it could be felt.

Only the people who rejected God were in the dark. The people who trusted God had light.

- Josh 10:12-14 Here is the historical account of God demonstrating His power over His universe. He stopped the motion of the universe for "about a whole day" (vs 13) to maintain light upon the Israelites so they could secure a victory over their enemy.
 - Note that "about a whole day" is slightly less than 24 hours.
- **Isa 38:4-8** Here is the historical account of God not only stopping the universe but reversing it ten degrees on the sundial.
 - Ten degrees on a sundial added to "about a day" (Josh 10:13) agrees with NASA's calculations of the movement of the heavenly bodies through history.

Why no light?

- John 6:47-52 NO BREAD: Jesus Christ is the "living bread" (vs 51). Those who refuse Him will have no bread.
- John 6:53-57 NO CLEANSING: Jesus said you must eat His flesh and drink His blood (vs 56); you must receive Him into yourself to have life. Those who refuse the blood of Jesus Christ will experience bloody rain during the Tribulation as a reminder of what they did.
- John 7:37-39 NO DRINK: Jesus is the "Living water" sent down from heaven which every man must drink of to have everlasting life. If you will not receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will have poisoned water and nothing to drink in the Tribulation time.
- John 8:12 NO LIGHT: Jesus is the "light of the world." Men will walk in darkness because they refused the Light that Jesus Christ offered.

How do you escape the Tribulation Judgments and Hell fire? How do you secure eternal life and salvation from sin? Only believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 10:9-10, 13, John 1:12, 3:18).

John 3:16-21 Men involved in evil works hate the light of God because it exposes their evil works for what they are. If you love darkness rather than light, you will get plenty of darkness in the Tribulation time.

If you agree with God that your deeds are evil and you need a Savior, He'll not deny you the bread of life, the living water, the cleansing blood, and the light of life, the Lord Jesus Christ when you receive Him as your Savior. (Acts 16:31)