

Wednesday in the Word  
Digging Deeper  
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Doom

Revelation 6:12-17 KJVS

[12] And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; [16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: [17] For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Let us literally dig a little deeper. How deep of an earthquake will this globe experience? According to historical records the 680 mile long Dead Sea Transform Fault System with its most active local area, the Jordan Rift Valley has seen some of the worst quakes on earth. It contains evidence of being the deepest and most violent Quake ever found. Only 60 miles from the Mediterranean, the Dead Sea Rift Valley is 1400 feet below sea level. The deepest place on earth. The heaviest damage was from the Dead Sea To the Galilee. Recorded quakes happened in 1033 AD 749 AD, 363 AD and 33 AD. They are said to have been above magnitude 7 and in one of them 70000 people were killed. Jerusalem was utterly destroyed. Let's look back at 33 AD. This "Crucifixion Quake" as it is referred to in some catalogs had it's epicenter in Judea and damaged the Jerusalem Temple. This is history folks! Mathew 27:50-54. The reason this historical and biblical evidence is so important is because we can believe God's Word as presented in the passage above. There are a few prophetic truths we can focus on. The earthquakes that are ahead are centered on Jerusalem and the Jews. Isaiah 29:1,6.

Zechariah 14:1-9 KJVS

[1] Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. [2] For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. [3] Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. [5] And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee. [6] And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: [7] But it shall be one

day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. [8] And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. [9] And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one.

The quake mentioned here is at a different time, showing up later in Jesus' schedule. Revelation 16:17-21. He has come against rebellious Israel and will later come to their defense. What is interesting in verse 4 above is that the Mount of Olives is on the fault line and the directional movement of the tectonic plates is exactly as described both in scripture and in seismic science.

"The west side of the valley is part of the African plate and the east side is part of the Arabian plate. These two plates are sliding past each other, and in a few places they are also pulling apart from one another. The result of this sliding and pulling is a rift valley. As the plates have pulled apart, the area between the plates has subsided resulting in a sediment filled crack well below sea surface"....excerpted from naturalhistorian.com.

As always science and the Bible do not conflict. Science has simply not caught up to the truth yet. Philippians 3:15 "God shall reveal even this unto you." Hopefully God will reveal Himself more and more through science.

The rest of today's passage was well covered by Pastor and there is certainly enough science to back it all up. A simple read of the news will make that clear. Volcanos, nuclear winter, eclipses, approaching asteroids and meteor showers can fill those blanks. By the way, studies of the prehistoric ancient past have indicated that this planet has already been through catastrophic times as recorded primarily through rock art, myths, stories handed down through generations, and even new understandings of other planet's now that we have interplanetary technology. These senses of doom are in the mind of man, moreso among non believers. These notions show up often in books, movies and public discussion. Today's verses 12-14 have interesting bearing on what one science writer conjectures if some sort of master electrical switch were suddenly flipped off.

"The ground itself would open up and begin to melt as the electrical forces that hold the silicates and other substances of our planet together let go. Mountains would collapse into the voids left where the continental plates had torn apart. In the last moments, a few living beings would see the sun itself switch off, as our star's electrically carried light abruptly stopped and the world's very last day turned to night."...excerpted from the book Electric Universe. Question is: Who controls the switch?

#### 2 Peter 3:10

[10] But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

The Word melt in the Greek is *luō*; to "loosen" break up, destroy, dissolve, loose, melt, put off, to unbind, release from bonds, to loosen, undo, dissolve anything bound, tied, or compacted together. Whatever you may or may not know about nuclear physics, we all know that all the particles in the universe are bound together. Jesus is literally holding it all. Colossians 1:17. Consist here is the Greek *sunistēmi*; to bring or band together. As we are seeing in Revelation, He will one day, His Day, let go. He will flip the switch.

Verses 15-17 abruptly sober us from the fun and profundity of science back to the reality of what IS coming. Whether or not you may think these people deserve their fate, it is truly heartbreaking to consider the horror of this catastrophe and the countless lives lost who could have enjoyed eternal bliss in Christ but have rejected Him. John 12:48. Perhaps the most amazing part of this scripture is that these mighty men who made their wealth from the reserves of oil, gold and every element and mineral found in the mountains and caves now call out to those false gods even as they recognize the face of the One on the throne and precisely Whose wrath they incur. Oh Dear Jesus please give us boldness and open our mouths for your gospel. Ephesians 6:19.