

**Study Questions for the July 24, 2022 Sermon:  
“Who Can Stand?”  
Revelation 6:12-7:8**

**Call to Worship: Joel 3:13-16**

1. Verse 14 states *Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near...* Most scholars believe this is an end-times prophesy of the battle of Armageddon. However there can also be a more immediate application: To times in peoples' lives during which they have to align themselves, regarding some issue, with one side or another.
  - a. Give a Biblical example of someone who stood, right or wrong, in the “valley of decision”.
  - b. Give a personal example of the same.
2. Do you believe the references, in verse 15 here and in Revelation 6, of cosmic cataclysm, are figurative or literal? For example, will the stars really no longer shine?

**Sermon Discussion:**

3. Pastor Paul made the point that love implies justice. The martyrs described in Revelation 6:9-10 could not be avenged unless their persecutors were made accountable. In what sense are believers:
  - a. Accountable for every virtuous and every sinful act we have committed?
  - b. No longer accountable for their sins?

4. Verse 6:15 presents a disaster that affects the powerful and privileged as much as the poor. Indeed, there are many verses in scripture that emphasize God is “no respecter of persons.” Share a Biblical story that underscores the importance of submitting to God's will rather than having wealth or influence.
5. In verse 6:17, those hiding in the caves cry out: *For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*
  - a. Answer their question.
  - b. For the unsaved at this point, the impending judgment has elicited terror, but not \_\_\_\_\_.
6. While verse 7:4 refers to 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel, verses 5-8 make no mention of the tribes of Ephraim and Dan. What reason did Pastor Paul give for those tribes not being named?
7. Verse 7:4 refers to a seal being placed on the forehead of the servants of God. Verse 13:16 refers to the mark of the beast on the hand or forehead.
  - a. Are these marks literal or symbolic?
  - b. Per Ephesians 1:13, what seal do believers already carry?
8. How would you use Revelation 7:1-8 and 14:1-5 to respond to someone who believes that the 144,000 referenced in Revelation are all men and women from their denomination?
9. How would you use Revelation 7:9 to respond to someone that says only 144,000 people go to heaven?
10. Use Romans 9:6-8 and 11:17-18 to answer these questions.
  - a. Prior to the Incarnation, was salvation limited to Jews?
  - b. Did Christianity replace Judaism as the true religion?