

Revelation 6:12-17

The Sixth Seal
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The Cosmic Disturbances of the 6th Seal

Revelation 6:12-14 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

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When Does This Cosmic Event Happen?

Joel 2:30-32 I will display wonders in the sky and on the earth, Blood, fire and columns of smoke. 31 "The sun will be turned into darkness And the moon into blood before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. 32 "And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the LORD Will be delivered; For on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem There will be those who escape, As the LORD has said, Even among the survivors whom the LORD calls.

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Some Claim the D.O.L. Begins at 6th Seal

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Matthew 24:29-31 "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. 30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. 31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

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Cosmic Disturbances in Daniel's 70th Week

Matt. 24:29 "after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened..."

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Sinful Mankind Hides From God

Revelation 6:15-17 Then 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; 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; 17 for the great day of their wrath **has come**, and who is able to stand?"

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Understanding the Aorist for "Has Come"

1. Ingressive aorist/future/proleptic
2. Constative



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"Some contextual feature must be present to indicate clearly these exceptional usages. No such feature exists in the context of the 6th seal" (R. Thomas).

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