

Revelation 6:1-8:1 'The Ultimate Avenger'

1. The Lamb unfolds His plan. (6:1-17)

- a. Over H_____ (6:1-8)
- b. Over S_____ (6:9-11)
- c. Over J_____ (6:12-17)

2. The Comfort of the Lamb (7:1-8:1)

- a. He p_____ them (7:1-8)
- b. He p_____ them (7:9-14)
- c. He is p_____ with them (7:15)
- d. He p_____ for them (7:16-17)

Discussion Guide:

MAIN IDEA: God will reveal His justice in history – the wicked will run from Him, and His people will rest in Him.

CONNECTING: What one thing spoke to your heart the most from the Word of God in these Scriptures? Why is justice an important concept? Why is it hard for people to reconcile God's love with His justice?

UNDERSTANDING: Read Rev. 6:1-8 – What is happening here? Are some of these things happening now? What does it reveal about human depravity and the effects of sin? How does this help us reconcile the need for God to act?

Read Rev. 6:9-11: What are the martyrs asking for? How are we to reconcile this request with Christ's command to bless our enemies? Why is it acceptable to ask God to act in justice?

Read Rev. 6:12-17: What is striking about the cosmic judgment mentioned here? What is striking about the reaction of the 'earth-dwellers,' or the wicked who are fleeing from God?

Read Mark 13: How do Christ's words line up with Revelation 6? What similarities do you see? What other interesting information stands out in Christ's discourse? Read verses 32-37 – Considering all the things to come, what does Jesus emphasize for His people?

LIVING: Read Rev. 7:1-8: While there are many interpretations of this number of God's people, what is the most important information being conveyed here? What does it mean to be 'sealed' by God? As believers, how can this comfort us?

Read Rev. 7:9-10 – What is amazing about the scene described here? If the multitude is comprised of believers from every nation and representing every ethnicity, how should we respond now to believers of other races, and in other nations? What does it look like for Stonebridge to celebrate the unity believers have in Christ, regardless of nationality/race?

Read Rev. 7:13-17 – Why is it tempting for us to believe that God would keep us from suffering for His name? Is this a Biblical promise, or a cultural hope? What life is emphasized here for believers, the earthly or the eternal? How should we live in light of the beautiful scene we see here when God's people will be present with Him forever?

*What will I take from this passage that I can apply to my life? (Here are a couple helpful books for believers); *Suffering and Sovereignty* – Brian Cosby "Foxe's Book of Martyrs" – John Foxe*