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## INTRODUCTION to the text Revelation 6:3-8

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# A WORLD WITHOUT GOD

## I.) Is a world that has "Lost It's Values"

vv. 3-4

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| <b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> | Is a world that is in peril |  |
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And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth,

A Fiery Red Horse!

"...to take peace from the earth,"

By the Time That This Horseman Appears, The world will have been 3 1/2 Years into the 7 Year Tribulation Period.

# The First Rider, Has Been Identified as The Anti-Christ,

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:4

who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

#### Daniel 8:23

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. :24 His power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, And shall prosper and thrive; He shall destroy the mighty, and *also* the holy people. :25 "Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt *himself* in his heart. He shall destroy many in *their* prosperity. He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without *human* means.

#### 2 Timothy 3:1

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: **:2** For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, **:3** unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, **:4** traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, **:5** having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Church – Be Encouraged, Evil Will Someday Have Its End!

...a world that has "Lost its Values"

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Is a world that is anarchic

v.4

and that *people* should kill (excessive murder) one another;

Why Would Murder be on the Increase? The Loss of Values and the Acceptance of Humanism

The Evolutionary Argument – Survive!

## **This - Argument for Biblical Accuracy**

#### Matthew 24:5

For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. :6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. :7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. :8 All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. :9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. :10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. :11 Then many false prophets will rise up and

deceive many.

Consider The Cultures and Nations

That Have Rejected the Judeo - Christian (Biblical) World View...

#### Judges 17:6

In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right **in his own eyes**.

(that is humanism) Existentialism

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Is a world that is near its end v.4

and there was given to him **a great sword**. This World That You See, The World You Live In, Is Not the World That God Created Nor Intended

The Holocaust of the Antichrist Daniel 7:21 "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

During the Tribulation Period, Believers will be Killed for Their Faith in Jesus Christ

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## II.) Is a world that misses the blessings of God vv. 5-6

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...a world that misses the blessings of God

1<sup>st</sup> Is a world filled with hopelessness

v.5

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# Famine

Very Few Famines in World History Have Been as a Result of Weather or Environmental Disorders...

By Far – Most Famines Have Been Politically Driven,

Recently – Islam has Brought a Great Series of Famines Throughout Various North African Nations. by Cutting Off Food Supplies, They Have Starved to Death 100,000's of Hindu and Christian Believers.

**Jesus Said 2,000 Years Ago Matthew 24:7** For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines,

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Is a world that is under judgment v.5

and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

There Came a Leanness

Upon the Grain Producing Nations of the World

**Genesis 12:3** 

I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Psalm 33:12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD:

...a world that misses the blessings of God

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Is a world I | eft to its ow | n devises |
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**v.6** 

This World / The Human Race In Its Independence, it forgot God!

In Our Independence, We forgot God!

Independence is Good If in the Proper Context

To Raise Your Child to be Independent – That's a Good Thing To Develop a Company to be Independent – That's a Good Thing To Build a Nation to be Independent – That's a Good Thing

> But We as Human Beings Should Never Be Independent from God Nor Should a Company, Nor Should a Nation

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## III.) Is a world that has been sentenced to death vv. 7-8

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a world that has been sentenced to death

| <b>1</b> <sup>st</sup> | Man wasn't made to die | v.7-8a |  |
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2<sup>nd</sup> And creation wasn't made for death

*v.*8

v.8

to kill with **sword**, with **hunger**, with **death**, and by **the beasts** of the earth.

a world that has been sentenced to death

3<sup>rd</sup> You desire life !!! – Jesus is Life

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