The Risks Of Being The Church That Cried "Wrath"

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God's Wrath Poured Out

Chapters 13-23 (10 Oracles)

- 1. Babylon 13:1
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- 2. Philistia 14:28
- 2. Edom 21:11
- (3. Moab 15:1)
- 3. Arabia 21:13
- 4. Damascus 17:1
- 4. Jerusalem 22:1
- 5. Egypt 19:1
- 5. Tyre 23:1

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Rehearsal days for D.O.L wrath		Wrath comes without signs
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God's Wrath In The Prophets

Isaiah 14:25-26 I will break Assyria in my land, I will trample them underfoot on my hills. Their yoke will be removed from my people, the burden will be lifted from their shoulders. This is the plan I have devised for the whole earth; my hand is ready to strike all the nations.

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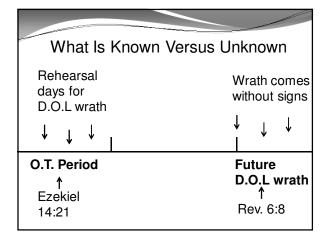
Isaiah 10:5-6 NKJV Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.

<u>Leviticus 26:5-6/ Deuteronomy 28:21-26</u> Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Wild Beasts

Wrath In The Day of The LORD

Ezekiel 14:21 For thus says the LORD God, "How much more when I send My four severe judgments **against Jerusalem**: sword, famine, wild beasts and plague to cut off man and beast from it!

Revelation 6:8...Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.



Two Errors To Avoid

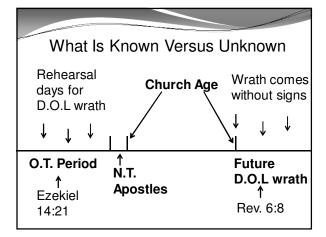
1. There is no wrath to come:

"Heaven is full of forgiven people. Hell is full of forgiven people...When people use the word hell, what do they mean? They mean a place, an event, a situation absent of how God desires things to be. Famine, debt, oppression, loneliness, despair, death, slaughter--they are all hell on earth" (Rob Bell, Velvet Elvis, 146, 148).

Two Errors To Avoid

2. We know that any given calamity today is the wrath of God:

"Koenig is a devout Evangelical Christian who has the gift of prophecy. Accordingly, he has the discernment to see the supernatural relationship between world events and judgments of God" (David Reagan, http://www.lamblion.com/articles/articles_signs 10.php).



Understanding Our Age

- 1)We know that wrath is to come.
- 2. We know that mankind is storing up wrath.
- 3. We don't know if any given calamity today is the wrath of God.

Matthew 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath(to come?")

The N.T. Focus On The Wrath To Come

Romans 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10 For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

What About Present Wrath Passages	?
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Romans 1:18, 21, 24a For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity...

What About Present Wrath Passages?

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God...

John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

What About Present Day Calamities?

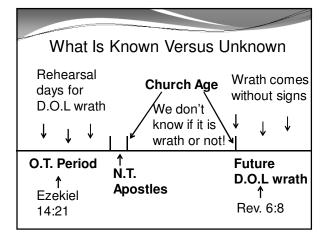
John 9:1-3 As He passed by, He saw a man blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

<u>Galatians 4:13</u> ...but you know that it was because of a bodily illness that I preached the gospel to you the first time...

What About Present Day Calamities?

Luke 13:4-5 Or **do you suppose** that those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them were worse culprits than all the men who live in Jerusalem? I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise (perish.)

1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ...



The Risk In Needlessly Crying "Wrath"

<u>Job 31:29</u> Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, or exulted when evil befell him?

Psalm 35:11-13 NET Violent men perjure themselves, and falsely accuse me. They repay me evil for the good I have done; I am overwhelmed with sorrow. When they were sick, I wore sackcloth, and refrained from eating food...

Addressing The Mockers

2 Peter 3:3-4 Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation."

Summary of God's Intervention: (1) Creation; (2) Flood; (3) Future judgment (vss.5-7)

The Word of God Is The Warning!

Matthew 24:37-39 For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be (Matt. 12:39; Luke 16:19-31; 1 Thess. 5:2-3).

The Risks Of Crying "Wrath"

- 1. We warn of the wrath to come.
- 2. We love during the calamities of our day.

Acts 17:30-31 Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead.