

LOYAL TO THE LAMB



EXPLORING THE TIMELESS TRUTH OF REVELATION



How long will God allow things
like this to happen?

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Where was God when this happened?

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Why did God allow this to happen?

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3. can be ***addressed***, even without being ***answered***

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Revelation 6:9-10

English Standard Version

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, **how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”**

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¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to **rest** a little longer, **until** the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

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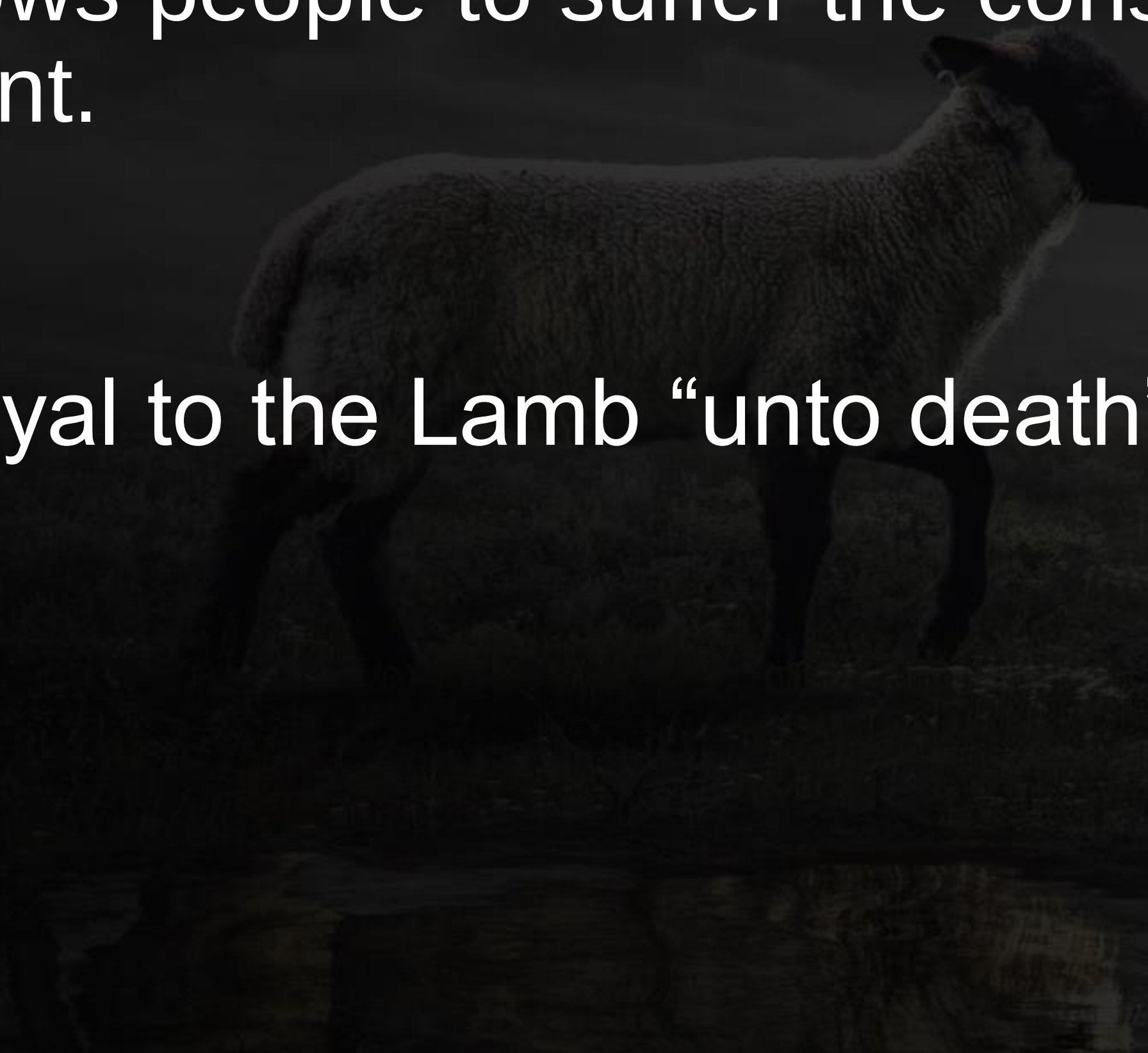
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3. Seventh Seal/Trumpet/Bowl

The world is finally shaken and the earthly kingdoms crumble, but those who are loyal to the Lamb reign with him forever.

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Revelation 6:12-13

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¹² When he **opened the sixth seal**, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale.

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Revelation 6:14-15

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¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains,

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Revelation 6:16-17

English Standard Version

¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and **hide** us from the face of **him who is seated on the throne**, and from the wrath of **the Lamb**, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

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Revelation 7:9-10

English Standard Version

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every **nation**, from all **tribes** and **peoples** and **languages**, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, **“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”**

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Revelation 7:11-12

English Standard Version

¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “**Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**”

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Revelation 7:13-14

English Standard Version

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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Revelation 7:15-17

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15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For **the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

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Revelation 9:20-21

English Standard Version

²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up **worshiping demons and idols** of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, ²¹ nor did they repent of their **murders** or their **sorceries** or their **sexual immorality** or their **thefts**.

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“John may be seeking not so much to communicate about the specific ways in which God will punish a rebellious world, but rather to shape the hearers’ understanding of **the character** of the world in which they are living.”

Source: David A. DeSilva, *Unholy Allegiances: Heeding Revelation's Warning*

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Revelation 12:10-11

English Standard Version

¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. ¹¹ And they have **conquered** him by **the blood of the Lamb** and by **the word of their testimony**, for they **loved not their lives even unto death**.

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“Taken individually or together, these visions of judgment create a literary, rhetorical, and emotional experience of shock and awe. Their primary purpose, however, is not to instill fear but to provide **a wake-up call** for those who are sleeping, not merely through life, but **through empire**.”

Source: Michael J. Gorman, *Reading Revelation Responsibly: Uncivil Worship and Witness*

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5. Love not your life “even unto death.”

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