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Topic: Studies in Revelation: God's Wrath Has Come (I)

Scripture text: Revelation 6:1-17

1. People of the world question why the COVID-19 pandemic happened, and believers may also question and doubt. The book of Revelation reveals that the pandemic is just a foretaste of the Great Tribulation to come.

2. The Great Tribulation is a period of God's wrath against the apostasy of the world and Antichrist (2 Thessalonians 2:1-17). God's wrath is necessary to judge the world and vindicate saints. There will be a great falling away before the Great Tribulation. The response of both unbelievers and believers must be to reflect on our lives and repent of our sins. Salvation and forgiveness of sins can be found only in Jesus Christ. As believers, we must understand the nature of the Great Tribulation and be ready for it.

3. Descriptions of the horses in Rev 6:2-8:

- **White horse** (v.2): The Antichrist coming in 'peace' to conquer the world with the promise of fake peace. Nations will give in to the power of Antichrist to have 'world peace'. There will be famines, earthquakes, pestilences, wars and plagues.
- **Red horse** (v.4): Signifies bloodshed. The power to war was given to the Antichrist by God.
- **Black horse** (v.5): Signifies economic turmoil, poverty, famine and hunger.
- **Pale horse** (v.8): Signifies death from war and hunger on a global scale.