THE PERFECT STORM IS ON THE HORIZON

I. Review

A. Revelation Chapters 4 & 5

- 1. Interlude between the Church Age (Rev. 2-3) and Tribulation (Rev. 6-19), Messianic Kingdom Age and Eternal State of both the believers and non-believers (Rev. 20 -22)
- 2. Introduction to the seven sealed Scroll which contains the events of the 7 year Tribulation. Jesus alone can open the Scroll by breaking its seals.

B. Revelation Chapter 6 verse 1-2

- 1. Reminder of the outline given in Chapter 1:19
- 2. Introduction to the Anti-Christ as represented by the first seal being broken

II. Soon Coming Apocalypse...Tribulation (chapters 6-19)

- A. Definition of Apocalypse disaster, catastrophe, destruction, day of reckoning, and judgment day.
- B. 14 chapters of Revelation or about 64% of the entire Book is devoted to the seven year Tribulation.

III. Setting the Stage for the Tribulation

- A. Promise of Redemption and Reclamation (Gen. 3:15)
- 1. Adam abrogated his position as God's representative
- 2. Satan usurped or appropriated God's Kingdom on Earth (cf. Matt. 4:8-9)

B. Ongoing Battle between Satan and God Set in Motion

- 1. Satan's desire...to be like God even to replace Him
 - a. To be like God and even replace Him (Isa. 14:12-15; Eph. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:4a)
- 2. Seed of Satan pitted against the seed of the woman
 - a. John 8:44 and in particular the Anti-Christ and the False Prophet (Rev. 13:1a,2, 3b-7, 11-15)
 - b. Seed of the woman 1 John 5:1 and in particular the Messiah Jesus (Jn. 1:1, 14 cf. Matt. 1:1

IV. <u>Universal Punishment Lay Just Ahead (Jeremiah 25:29-33)</u>

- A. Begins with Israel (Dan. 8:19; Dan. 9:27; Zech. 13:8)
- B. Expanded to the Gentile World (Ps. 2:1-6, 8-9; Rev. 13:1a-2; Rev. 6:15-16)