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"If you carefully study Revelation 6:17, you will see that it is speaking of the Wrath of the Lamb, (Ezekiel 9), and not of the Wrath of God (seven last plagues)."

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"Please tell me how can Rev. 6:12-17 be the purification of the church, when this period comes under the sixth seal, and the seventh seal is not opened yet? SRod says that the half an hour's silence in Heaven is the purification of the church, and this does not take place until after the 7th seal is opened."

May I ask you a question on this same scripture by which question you will see that it is not the SRod that confuses you but rather the thought which someone has injected in your mind? You will note that the "throne" of Rev. 6:16 is the same as in Rev. 5:11 and 13, which is the judgment throne in the heavenly sanctuary (where the four beasts and the 24 elders are--Rev. 6:6,7) before the close of probation showing that the time when "the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bond man, and

every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains" is not the throne of Christ's second appearing in the clouds, for it is not Christ Who sits on the throne but rather the "Ancient of days" (Dan. 7:9; Rev. 4:2) in the heavenly sanctuary while the judgment is still in session.

How could you harmonize the above if Rev. 6:15-17 must meet its fulfillment after the close of probation, at the second coming of Christ at which time He is not sitting on that particular throne?

Moreover, this scripture does not contain the thought that "the kings of the earth, and the great men," are to be destroyed by the "brightness of His coming" but rather are to be frightened only and wish to die, for they desire the mountains and rocks to fall on them.

You say, "In Vol. 9, pp. 267, 268, Sr. White quotes two different scriptures, Rev. 6:12-17, and Rev. 7:9-17. And she says 'In these scriptures (both of them) two parties are brought to view.' One party in Rev. 6 and one in Rev. 7. "But the SRod, Vol. 2, p. 214, makes the statement: 'In these

scriptures two parties are brought to view' which I understand to apply to Rev. 6 only."

If you again consult the SRod, Bro. Buckheister, you will note that it is speaking of both scriptures (Rev. 6:14-17; Rev. 7:9-17), which fact proves that the great multitude of Rev. 7:9 live at the same period of time as the kings and the great men of Rev. 6:14, showing that the great multitude are not the resurrected ones as some claim.

You will have to restudy the Symbolic Code also if you desire to clear yourself in this most important subject. There you will note that the Code is not saying that Ezekiel 9 in all its aspects is invisible. The chapter deals with three subjects: first the sealing, second the slaughter, and third the Lord's visit to earth. The Code does not say Ezekiel 9 is invisible but it rather tries to convey the fact that the Lord's personal presence is invisible. However, though His glorious form will be invisible at the purification of the church, His power will be as visible and as real as it was to the Exodus Movement. They did not see His person but they witnessed the fulness of His power. Thus it will be in the purification of the

church, but when Christ finally appears in the clouds of heaven at His second advent we "shall see Him as He is."

(The kings and the mighty men did not hide themselves in the dens and in the rocks because they saw His person, but rather because they saw His wrath. Moreover, if the wrath of the Lamb comes upon them they will fall breathless to the ground and find no chance to hide themselves or to cry to the mountains and rocks to fall upon them. Hence, the fact is that they saw His wrath fall upon others and thus for fear they prefer the mountains to fall upon them rather than to endure the indignation of an offended God.)

You next inquire: "Please tell me how can Rev. 6:12-17 be the purification of the church, when this period comes under the sixth seal, and the seventh seal is not opened yet? The SRod says that the half an hour's silence in heaven is the purification of the church, but which purification does not take place until after the seventh seal is opened."

If it seems contradictory to you to apply this scripture at the purification of the church, at the time the seventh seal

opens then how could it be more fitting to apply after every event described in the seals closed? If I was to figure out from the point of view you are figuring, I think it is more logical to apply the fulfilment of Rev. 6:15-17 at the opening of the seventh seal rather than after its close. Thus you see that your logic of reasoning instead of carrying the idea to perfection is altogether throwing it out of joint.

(Had the Lord described the incident of Rev. 6:12-17 under the description of the seventh seal, in connection with the half an hour's silence, it would denote to be applicable to the purification of the church only. Again had it been shown to John at the close of the last seal (Rev. 8:5) it would call for the fulfilment of the event just about the time when the judgment of the living shall begin; that is, before the close of probation. Consequently, if Rev. 6:14-17 is to meet its fulfilment only when Christ appears in the clouds, these verses should have been placed under the description of the seventh trumpet (Rev. 11:15-19) and not at all with the seals.)

(The One from Whom all wisdom proceeds placed the incident under the sixth seal to prove the fact that it has a double appli-

ation and that it takes the period from the purification of the church to the second coming of Christ to meet its perfect fulfilment.)

The words, "from Him Who sitteth on the throne" (Rev. 6:16), is not that they see Him in His person with their mortal eyes sitting on the throne, but rather that they perceive that Christ has taken the "reins in His own hands" (TM 300) and that He has manifested His wrath in that "great and dreadful day of the Lord" (Mal. 4:5). Thus in this sense of the word they acknowledge Him sitting on the throne. (The kings and the great men are not of the class from the church but in the world and are to be frightened when Christ manifests His wrath upon the wicked in the church. If Rev. 6:15-17 were placed in Rev. 8:1 then they had to be a part of the church. The most proper place for the verses 15-17 of Revelation 6 is under the description of the sixth seal for in it are revealed the signs of the end.)

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