

F A M O U S
L A S T  W O R D S
a study in revelation

7. “The Last Word on Evil”
The Vineyard Church of Conroe
Joel Looney
October 11, 2015
Sermon Outline Notes

The Famous Last Words of Scripture PAINT A PORTRAIT OF
CHAOS, INJUSTICE, AND SUFFERING

Which FORCES US TO CONFRONT THE REALITY OF EVIL

I saw the tears of the oppressed—and they have no comforter; power was on the side of their oppressors—and they have no comforter. ² And I declared that the dead, who had already died, are happier than the living, who are still alive. ³ But better than both is the one who has never been born... Ecclesiastes 4:1-3

I. Revelation 6:1-17 - War, Famine, Sickness

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals...² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. ³ When the Lamb opened the second seal...another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other...⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal...there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand...⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal...there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth. ⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained... ¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind...

These Famous Last Words REVEAL JESUS AS CONQUEROR

- A. Battling WAR & VIOLENCE**
- B. Battling FAMINE & POVERTY**
- C. Battling DEATH & DISEASE**
- D. Battling PERSECUTION & OPPRESSION**
- E. Battling NATURAL DISASTER**

Matthew 9:35-36

II. Revelation 7:1-12

² Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³ “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” ⁴ Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel... ⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands...

These Famous Last Words GIVE US HOPE & COURAGE TO WORSHIP WHILE OUR WORLD IS FALLING APART

Hebrews 12:26-28

III. Revelation 7:13-17 - Salvation, Blessed, Fulfilled

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?” ¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.” And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 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 ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

These Famous Last Words REMIND US THAT EVIL HAS AN END

John 10:27-28 VOICE