

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 6 – The *First* Journey Through the Tribulation Period on Earth

THE SEALS ARE OPENED – PART ONE – REVELATION 6

The close of Chapter 3 marks the end of the Church Age. In Chapter 4 the church is raptured, and a spectacular heavenly worship service takes place before the *throne* of God. In Chapter 5 the Lord Jesus Christ victoriously takes the book with _____ from the right hand of God the Father. This event causes another throng of worship to break out as the elders, beasts, angels, raptured church age saints, and every creature praise and worship Christ—the Lamb of God.

As we will see in Chapter 6, Jesus is now opening the _____ of the book. This entire chapter is the _____ of *four separate accounts* detailing the 7 year tribulation on earth. It is *the time of Jacob's trouble* when Israel will be persecuted by *that man of sin* with unparalleled dreadful events and catastrophic judgments befalling the planet. However, the first 3 ½ years will be a time of great _____ with the first seal *alone* focusing on this particular period. This temporary peace and prosperity is necessary for the antichrist to tighten his grip gaining full international control, deceiving the populace to follow him as he seeks to establish his *throne* and his diabolical *kingdom*.

1. The first seal is opened – Revelation 6:1-2

a. The lead horseman of the apocalypse is revealed

- This first seal is a _____ takeover – Daniel 11:21
 - He is riding a _____ horse
 - He has a bow with _____ arrows
 - A crown was _____ to him
 - He goes forth conquering, and to conquer

b. His identity is a _____

- He resembles Jesus Christ at his _____ coming
 - Jesus rides upon a white horse – Rev. 19:11
 - Jesus has a sword (peace thru strength) – Rev. 19:15
 - Jesus has many crowns upon his head – Rev. 19:12
 - Jesus goes forth conquering, and to conquer – Rev. 19:14-15
- The white horse rider is actually _____—the counterfeit Christ, the antichrist
 - He is a man of peace – Matthew 24:4-5; Daniel 8:25; 11:21, 24
 - Jesus Christ is a peacemaker – Ro. 5:1; Eph. 2:14; 2 Thess. 3:16*
 - He is a husband with a city that is his bride – Rev. 17
 - Jesus Christ is a husband with a city that is his bride – Rev. 21*

He is called an angel of light – 2 Cor. 11:14

Jesus Christ is the light of the world – John 8:12

He is a king – Job 41:34

Jesus Christ is the King of kings – Rev. 19:16

He is a prince – John 12:31; 14:3

Jesus Christ is the Prince of peace – Is. 9:6

He is called the god of this world – 2 Cor. 4:3-4

Jesus is equally 2nd in the Godhead; Thomas called him called “my Lord and my God” – Jo. 20:28

He quotes scripture – Luke 4

Jesus always quoted scripture – see Matthew thru John

He is a lion – 1 Peter 5:8

Jesus Christ is the Lion from the tribe of Judah – Rev. 5:5

2. The rider on the white horse is a _____

a. God records many antichrists like him throughout history – Gen. 3:1-6; Deut. 13:1-5; 18:20-22; Jer. 14:14-16; 23:16, 25-32; 28:15-17; 29:8-9; Mt. 24:21-24; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 1 John 4:1

- There are 18 major types of antichrist in the Bible:

- 1) _____ – “Cain, who was of that wicked one” – 1 John 3:12; the devil was a “murderer from the beginning” – John 8:44; Cain was the first murderer and killed Abel because of his obedience to the word of God – Gen. 4; the Lord set a mark upon Cain – the antichrist is connected to a mark – Gen. 4:15; Rev. 13:16-18
- 2) _____ – His name means “rebel.” He is a king over a kingdom in rebellion against God; he is the first king of Babylon; he was working to establish a unified world empire where everyone on earth will have the same government and religion – Gen. 11; he is the 13th in line from Adam.
- 3) _____ – He is the king of Egypt—which is a clear type of the world throughout scripture. He persecutes the nation of Israel – Ex. 4:12; during Israel’s tribulation in Egypt, Moses preached to Pharaoh for the deliverance of God’s people—Moses will also preach to the antichrist during the tribulation period – Rev. 11
- 4) Balak – The evil Moabite king of Numbers 22-25 that caused Israel to stumble. He was part of a satanic trinity that had Baal as his false god – Balak as the false king – Balaam as the false prophet; this is like the devil’s trinity with a dragon as Satan, the father – the beast as Satan the son – the false prophet as Satan the unholy spirit.
- 5) Sisera – In Judges 4, “He mightily oppressed the children of Israel.” He is defeated at Megiddo, the antichrist is defeat at Megiddo; he dies from a head wound, the antichrist receives a head wound.
- 6) Abimelech – He is a worshipper of Baal. He is a rebel against Jehovah God; he sets himself up as king; he receives a deadly head wound – Judges 9:53.

- 7) _____ – 1 Samuel 17 – He comes against the nation of Israel, he taunts them into fighting with him in order to destroy them; he is in the lineage of devilish giants – Gen. 6:1-4; David bruises his _____ – Gen. 3:15; David defeats him in a valley and ultimately takes him out with a sharp two-edged _____ – Rev. 19:15
- 8) _____ – The king chosen and received by the people before God's anointed King David. He tried to usurp the priesthood – 1 Samuel 13; 2 Thess. 2:4; he was possessed by an evil spirit – 1 Samuel 28; Rev. 13; he was a self-willed ruler who constantly disobeyed God's word; he relentlessly persecuted God's man; his ultimate demise was by his own doing – 1 Samuel 31:4.
- 9) Nabal – He rebelled against King David – 1 Samuel 25. He was called the "*son of Belial*" in 1 Samuel 25:17; this term was used for Satan in 2 Cor. 6:15. In 1 Samuel 25:38, "*The Lord smote Nabal*" just as he will smite the antichrist.
- 10) Absalom – His name means, "*Father of peace*," yet he continuously rebelled against King David and stirred up trouble in David's house. In his rebellion against the King, he took a third of the men with him – Rev. 12:4; in 2 Samuel 18:17-18 when he dies he goes to "*his own place*" ... his own place was a pit.
- 11) _____ – He is associated with the number "_____" in 1 Kings 10:14 and 2 Chron. 9:13; he raised heavy taxes against Israel like the antichrist during the tribulation period – 1 Kings 12:9. Solomon is the _____ type of *antichrist* and *Christ* in the entire Bible – 1 Kings 10 pictures Christ in the kingdom, while 1 Kings 11 pictures the antichrist. He was the wisest man alive yet he disobeyed God and worshipped false gods due to the fornicating relationships he had with strange women.
- 12) Jeroboam – He was the first king of the divided Northern Kingdom; he led Israel into rebellion against God and set up images for worship – 1 Kings 12; Rev. 13.
- 13) _____ – He is Israel's most evil king – 1 Kings 16:30. His wife is Jezebel. She is defined in Rev. 2:20 as a religious system; she is the woman riding the beast in Rev. 17:3; she is the one-world religion of the antichrist used to unify the world during the tribulation. She has black robed priests called "_____" using idols as aids in worship in their "*house of gods*" – Judges 17-18.
- 14) Nebuchadnezzar – He is the evil king of Babylon that besieged Jerusalem and took God's people captive; he targets God's people to systematically feed them a steady diet of his food in order to change their thinking and ultimately their identity – Daniel 1; he erects an image of himself and decrees the people to worship it – Daniel 3; he is associated with a fiery hot place – Daniel 4; he is ultimately defeated and abased by God – Daniel 4. He is called a "*dragon*" in Jeremiah 51:34; Rev. 13:4.
- 15) Sennacherib – He is the wicked king of Assyria that invades Israel from the North; the Assyrian is a term used to identify the antichrist in the OT; both the word "*Assyrian*" and "*Sennacherib*" are each found 13 times in the Bible.

16) _____ – The wicked ruler who persecutes the Jews in the book of Esther. Because of his intense hatred for one person, he tries to destroy the entire Jewish race from off the face of the earth; he rules during a time when a Gentile bride is removed and replaced by a Jewish bride; he is called: *“the adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman”* – Esther 7:6.

17) Herod – A Roman king in power at the first coming of Christ... a Roman king will be in power at the second coming of Christ. Sought to kill the Messiah by wiping out all children who were potential royal lineage – Mt. 2:16; Rev. 12:4-5. He beheads John the Baptist, whom Elijah during the tribulation is a type of.

18) _____ Iscariot – He is only one of two persons ever called: *“the son of perdition”* – John 17:12, the other is the _____ – 2 Thess. 2:3. In John 6:66 Judas fits the description of the spirit of Antichrist – 1 John 2:19-23 and then is called a *“devil”* in verses 70-71. Satan himself actually enters the body of Judas Iscariot – John 13:27. After his suicidal death he goes to *“his own place”* – Acts 1:25; Rev. 11:7; 17:18.

b. There are many major types of antichrists throughout church history – 2 Thess. 2:7a, 9-12; 1 Jo. 2:18

- 1) Nero
- 2) Constantine
- 3) Charlemagne
- 4) Napoleon
- 5) Hitler



[The above is a] Forged copy of Adolf Hitler's membership card in the German Worker Party (DAP), which would later become the NSDAP. His membership number was actually 555. In a letter from Anton Drexler that was drafted in 1940 but never sent, he said:

No one knows better than you yourself, my Führer, that you were never the seventh member of the party, but at best the seventh member of the committee, which I asked you to join as recruitment director. And a few years ago I had to complain to a party office that your first proper membership card of the DAP, bearing the signatures of Schüssler and myself, was falsified, with the number 555 being erased and number 7 entered.

[Note: membership was counted upwards from 500 (the first 500 members did not in fact exist), so Hitler's party number was 555, when in fact he was the 55th member.]

Kershaw, *Hitler: Hubris 1889-1936*, Penguin Books, p. 127