

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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

THE SEALS ARE OPENED – PART TWO – REVELATION 6

Last week in part one we saw the opening of the first seal and were introduced to the infamous rider whose standard operating procedure is _____. We learned about his peaceful takeover of earth during the first half (the first 3 ½ years) of the 7 year tribulation period. As we move through the rest of the chapter we will see the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth seals of the book being opened. These seals begin the second half (the last 3 ½ years) of the 7 year _____ bringing an end to the temporary peace established by this white horse rider—the _____.

1. The other horsemen and seals of Chapter 6 – Revelation 6:3-17

a. The second seal – verses 3-4

- The second horseman is revealed – murder and worldwide _____
He is riding a _____ horse...
Power was given to him to _____ peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another...
There was given unto him a great _____...
- During this time the entire world is in conflict with each other—not just nations, but neighbor against neighbor...
- The one-world religious and governmental rule of Satan will now seek to kill as many human beings as possible, in order to damn them to hell before they have a chance to hear the gospel (from the 144,000 male Jewish witnesses sent by God) and be saved (Jo. 8:44).

b. The third seal – verses 5-6

- The third horseman is revealed – total economic collapse and worldwide _____
He is riding a _____ horse...
He has a pair of balances in his hand...
- During this time the average person is poverty-stricken and experiencing a _____. All the necessities will be scarce, while luxury items that cannot sustain life will be in abundance...

A shadow of the trouble this third horseman brings: According to 2025 statistics, over 2 billion people do not have daily access to pure water, 730 million people will go to bed hungry tonight, and 9 million people will die this year of hunger related health complications.

c. The fourth seal – verses 7-8

- The fourth horseman is revealed – worldwide _____

He is riding a _____ horse...

His name is Death, and Hell _____ with him...

Power was given *them* to kill ¼ of the earth's population

They kill them with sword, hunger, death, and beasts...

- During this time the entire world is devastated by an escalation of crime and violence, accompanied by plagues and epidemics, with _____ animals ravenously roaming about the landscape attacking people...

The shadows of the trouble brought in by this horseman are seen today: Strains of incurable diseases, a world-wide COVID pandemic, rampant increases in riots, irrational subsidized protests, heinous crime and personal aggression, innumerable unsuspected serial killers living among us, use of chemical and biological weapons, a sharp rise in terrorist activity upon innocent populations, an unusual rise in rabies with frequent animal and aquatic attacks worldwide.

d. The fifth seal – verses 9-11

- The _____ of martyrs appear in heaven – worldwide martyrdom

They were slain for the word of God and their personal testimony of Jesus Christ...

They cry aloud unto God for vengeance...

They are given *white* robes...

They are told to _____ a little season until they are joined by their fellow-servants...

- During this time those that will _____ worship the antichrist or receive the mark of his beast will be murdered. Perhaps even some will be sacrificed to Satan in the temple...

The shadow of this trouble has been marked with a trail of blood. According to Heb. 11:36-37 the faithful saints of old were persecuted and killed; throughout church history it is estimated over 50 million saints were martyred by a governmental and religious system, and here in 2025 it is estimated that approximately 380 million men, women and children are persecuted, with nearly 5,000 killed every year for believing the word of God and for their personal salvation testimony.

e. The sixth seal – verses 12-17

- Catastrophic natural events occur – worldwide _____ and the great day of the Lord's _____

A great earthquake

Sun blackened, moon red, stars fall to earth, and heaven departed as a scroll

Every mountain and island moved out of their places...

Lost unrepentant humans on earth acknowledging that Almighty God is responsible
Lost unrepentant humans on earth acknowledging that this is the wrath of the Lamb
Lost unrepentant humans on earth acknowledging that no one can stand up to Jesus Christ

- This time marks the _____ of the tribulation period, as our glorious Lord and Saviour returns to the earth to make all things right. This is the day when he takes control of the earth by force. This end begins with natural disasters marking his _____ return.

The shadow of this time is seen by the lukewarm state of Christianity, the compromising of the church with the world, the lack of Bible preaching, the effeminizing of men worldwide, and the lack of good Christian character. All these traits are demonic and ungodly; they necessitate judgment and the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The end of Revelation's _____ journey through the tribulation

- a. Chapter 6 is one of four journeys through the 7 year tribulation period. Chapters 4-5 are actually included in this first trip, but they focus on the events in heaven surrounding the throne of God.

- As there are four gospels explaining Jesus *first coming*, there are four explanations of the events surrounding his *second coming*.

- b. The word of God is so powerful. It never contradicts itself. It always confirms the truth it speaks.

- A comparison of Jesus' description in Matthew 24 with Revelation 6 is astounding:

Matthew 24 – six signs of the end times

First sign - false Christ's – vs. 4-5
Second sign - wars and rumors of wars – vs. 6
Third sign - famines – vs. 7
Fourth sign - pestilences – vs. 7
Fifth sign - martyrdom – vs. 8-9
Sixth sign - The Second Coming – vs. 29-30

Revelation 6 – six seals of the ends times

First seal – false Christ – vs. 6:1-2
Second seal – world war – vs. 3-4
Third seal – famines – vs. 5-6
Fourth seal – pestilences – vs. 7-8
Fifth seal – martyrdom – vs. 9-11
Sixth seal – The Second Coming – vs. 12-16