

SEVEN SEALS

Scope: This lesson details the seven seals that will be opened as described in Revelation.

The Name REVELATION come from the creek word APOKALYPSIS which means unveiling, uncovering, disclosure, or revelation. It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:1)

Chapter 5

The context of chapter 5 create the setting for where the 7 seals came from.

Rev. 5:1-14

“And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? [3] And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. [4] And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. [5] And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. [6] And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain,

having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. [7] And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. [8] And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. [9] And



they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; [10] And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. [11] And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; [12] Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. [13] And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea,

and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. [14] And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever." KJV

7 Horns- Symbolize strength

7 Eyes- Symbolize sees all.

24 Elders are a representation of all God's people, Jews and Gentiles.

The scroll contained God's plan of action at the end hour. John wept because as long as it was closed (sealed) Satan will continue to have dominion in this world. The seals needed to be broken and the scroll opened in order for God's plan to come to pass.

No one was worthy to loose the seals except for Jesus Christ. He was the only one that conquered death and was able to initiate the end of the prophecies.

CHAPTER 6

1st SEAL

Rev. 6:1-2

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2] And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." KJV

This horse is a counterfeit (false Christ) of the one riding the white horse in Revelation 19:11.

Rev. 19:11

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war." KJV

He is a fake Christ who will be a ruler (he had a crown) who will not gain his power through war and violence but through diplomacy (skill and tactful in dealing with international relations) thus the bow without the arrow.

This is a fulfillment of Jesus' prophecy from the Olivet Discourse. The Olivet Discourse describes prophecies that have not been fulfilled in its entirety. The prophecies of Matt. 24 will be fulfilled prior to Christ's 2nd coming. Therefore, these prophecies will be fulfilled in their entirety during the Tribulation Period.

Matthew 24:4-5

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. [5] For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many." KJV

The rider on the white horse is the Anti-Christ. He is the first figure mentioned to begin the tribulation period.

- Recall that the antichrist will emerge as supreme leader of the final world kingdom made up of 10 nations (10 toes).
- It is the anti-christ who will make a pact with the Jews for a period of 7 years that will start the tribulation period. (Daniel 9:27)
- The Anti-christ will set himself in the newly constructed temple as god.

2 Thess 2:3-4

3 Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. NKJV

Other References that Anti-christ will sit at the temple (Matt. 21:15-21, Mark 13:14)
The antichrist will bring diplomatic solutions to growing tensions among nations. He will become a world leader and authority.

Personal note: I don't believe there will be peace on earth. There has not been peace on earth since the beginning. There will be growing tensions and global issues will continue to grow. It will be during these tough times that the world will look to a leader who has great solutions (Anti-christ). Nations will be in distressed which will force them ask for outside assistance to help them cope with their nation's problems. The Anti-christ will come with wisdom and provide the solutions they are seeking for.

2nd SEAL

Rev. 6:3-4

"And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. [4] And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword." KJV

When this seal opens, there is going to be massive war on earth. There will be no more peace on the earth but people will hate each other and there will be people killing each other.

Matthew 24:6-7

"And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." KJV

Israel will probably be invaded. Many theologians say that Russia will invade Israel. Not only Russia,



but more nations. **This is the time of Jacob's trouble.**

THE TIME OF JACOBS TROUBLE (Jer. 30:7)

The tribulation period is determined for Israel not really the gentile nation. The time of grace and the church has passed and God directs His full attention to Israel once again.

The 70th week is a prophecy for Israel and not the church.
The world is going to experience the judgments as well.

What about us? Since there is no peace, violence all around the world will break out. There will be lack of law and control. Murder will be a common sight.

3rd SEAL

Rev. 6:5-6

“And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. [6] And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.” KJV

Matthew 24:7

“...and there shall be famines...” KJV

The rider of the black horse is going to bring mass starvation unlike never seen.

Here are some examples in the Bible of the way life was when the food was scarce.

Ezekiel 4:10-17

Leviticus 26:26

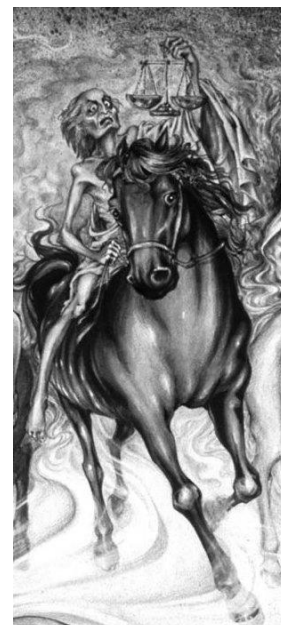
“And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.” KJV

The rate in those days will be a measure (1 quart or 16 ounces) of wheat for 1 penny (denarius or day's wage)

If you make \$100.00 a day- you could buy 16 ounces of wheat with your paycheck.

Many people will starve to death. If now, thousands are dying because of starvation, how much more then?

In that day, the inflation will sky rocket. Gold will be meaningless.



Ezekiel 7:19

“They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the stumblingblock of their iniquity.” KJV

Matthew 6:19-21

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: [20] But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: [21] For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” KJV

4th SEAL

Rev. 6:7-8

“And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.” KJV

Death will come to the earth and he will kill with the sword- War

He will also kill with hunger- Famines
He will also kill people with lions, snakes, and other animals.

Their souls will be taken by death and hell.

A total of ¼ of the earth will die. If there is 6 billion people on the earth, then 1.5 billion people will die. That like everyone in US (280 mil), Canada (30 mil), Mexico, and probably south America.

At this point, about 4.5 billion people are left on the earth not to mention the ones that were raptured. There will probably be about 4 Billion left.



5th SEAL

Rev. 6:9-11

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: [10] And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? [11] And white robes were given

unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." KJV

Matthew 24:9-10

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. [10] And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another." KJV

There will be much affliction of the saints due to their dedication to Jesus.

This group is made up of both Jewish saints and converted gentiles. Scripture does support that gentiles will be saved during the tribulation period (Rev. 7:9-15).

Authorities under the direct influence of the antichrist will search for all saints and persecute them and kill them.

These people will not meet with the church at the judgment seat of Christ nor the marriage supper of the lamb. However, they will have to wait until the 7 years are over and when Christ comes back and establishes His millennial kingdom..

Ref. Matt. 10:32 and Phil. 1:21.

There is one more wave of persecution to the saints when they refuse to receive the mark. (Rev. 20)

6th SEAL

Rev. 6:12-16

"And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. [14] And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. [15] And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; [16] And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:" KJV



There will be earthquakes and physical destruction.

Matthew 24:29

“Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.” KJV

The seals 1-5 are under the jurisdiction of the Anti-christ. But seal 6 and on are under the supernatural power of God.

Here is a summary of seal No. 6.

1. A Great Earthquake
2. Sun become black
3. Moon turns to blood
4. Stars of Heaven fall to earth
5. Heavens Roll as a scroll
6. Mountains and Islands move

7th SEAL

Rev. 8:1

“And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.” KJV

There is no dramatic event that occurs here. It is just a pause before the next set of events. The next set of events are the 7 trumpets.