

# The Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ

## The Seven Seals - Chapter 6

### Study Pack 7

“It should be noticed also that the four living beings have directly to do with the first four seals. They are connected with the execution of divine judgment being full of intelligence concerning the divine will.”

~~ William Newell, *The Book of the Revelation*, p. 102. ~~

#### I. OPENING NOTES

- A. The seven seals cover the whole \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Notice that \_\_\_\_\_ during this seven-year tribulation period - there \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. When the subject is heaven, \_\_\_\_\_, when the subject is the earth, \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. THE FIRST SEAL, 6:1-2

- A. Many commentators over the centuries have designated the rider on the white horse as Christ. This is a key position of many cults such as the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Seventh Day Adventists. William Newell and A. T. Robertson popularized this view in the last century among evangelicals.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_, including McGee, Ironside, Rice, Sorenson, Knox, Walvoord, Strauss and Larkin.
- C. The events clearly indicate that this is the antichrist. Immediately after the rapture, the antichrist will take advantage of the confusion, \_\_\_\_\_ and seize control of the world. (see II Thessalonians 2:1-10).

#### III. THE SECOND SEAL, 6:3-4

- A. The rider on the red horse indicates that the earth will be \_\_\_\_\_. As the antichrist tries to solidify his control, sporadic violence and local rebellions will break out throughout the earth.

- B. This is the time prophesied in Matthew 24. Both Matthew 24 and Revelation 6 prophesy war, famine, death, martyrdom, the sun darkened, the moon darkened, the stars falling, and a time of divine judgment.

**IV. THE THIRD SEAL, 6:5-6**

- A. The rider on the black horse pictures \_\_\_\_\_. Famine and chaos normally follow the \_\_\_\_\_. Economic chaos is always followed by calls for \_\_\_\_\_ and apparently \_\_\_\_\_ will be initiated.
- B. The penny was a Roman denarius. It was commonly thought of as a \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 20:2-13). A day's wage will only buy enough food to survive. Yet the luxuries will still exist for a few. This is the way it always is in socialist countries (see Cuba and North Korea for example).
- C. Most commentators believe that the voice in v. 6 is Jehovah. He points out the \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. THE FOURTH SEAL, 6:7-8**

- A. Violence reigns on the earth. So does hunger and starvation. Wild animals are no longer controlled and threaten the human population.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ of the world perishes.

**VI. THE FIFTH SEAL, 6:9-11**

- A. The martyrs of the tribulation period are in heaven. Their souls are there though they have no resurrection bodies. Whether they have any bodies or not has been a subject of great debate.
- B. These saints have been killed for their loyalty \_\_\_\_\_ and for their \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. They long for the justice and vengeance of God upon their behalf. This cry for justice is reflected all through Scripture (Psalm 74:9-10, 79:5-6, 89:46, 94:3-4; Habakkuk 1:2-3).
- D. One day \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 79:10, Psalm 58:10, Psalm 68:22-23; Revelation 14:19-20; Deuteronomy 32:43).
- E. The tribulation saints are told to be patient. There are more of them to be martyred, God is in charge and He has his own timing - justice is coming (Psalm 76:10).

- F. They are given white robes - implying some kind of body. White robes symbolize purity.

## VII. THE SIXTH SEAL, 6:12-17

- A. Some commentators believe that this is a series of catastrophic judgments that take place during \_\_\_\_\_ . Others believe that it is a look forward \_\_\_\_\_ . The judgments and the response seem so overwhelming as to indicate a one-time series of events so your teacher believes that it is a look \_\_\_\_\_ . (See Isaiah 13:9-11; Joel 2:1-11; Isaiah 2:10-21, Isaiah 34:4, 64:1-5; II Peter 3:1-13; Luke 23:29-31; Micah 1:3-4.)
- B. There are several events associated with the sixth seal:
1. a great earthquake, v. 12
  2. the sun becomes black, v. 12
  3. the moon becomes scarlet as blood, v. 12
  4. the stars of heaven fall to earth like figs being blown by a great wind out of a fig tree, v. 13
  5. the heaven is changed, it looks like an unrolled scroll being rolled back up, v. 14
  6. the entire topography of the earth is changed - every mountain and island is moved, v. 14
- C. The people of the earth are overwhelmed with fear, v. 15-17. They would plead with the mountains to fall on them rather than face the wrath of the Lamb and of God the Father.
- D. Notice the Lord's frequent use of figures of speech to help us understand.
- E. The seven seals cover the whole period; the seventh seal gives us more detailed information about the second half of the tribulation period.