

**“Hope for the World”
A Study in Revelation
Week Four- Chapters 6 and 7
The First Six Seal Judgments against the antichrist and explanation
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**Chapter 6
The Seals**

Verses 1-8: Scrolls One through Four

- ❖ This vision that comes from the first four seals finds their origin in _____.
- ❖ These are the _____ of the Apocalypse.
- ❖ These seem to stand for four great destructive forces which are in the times before the end to be dispatched against the evil world by the wrath of God.
- ❖ The similarities John uses from Zechariah are the symbols of the horses and their colors. Instead of putting them with a chariot, they each have a rider whom each plays out the interest of the vision.
- ❖ What John gives us when each horseman is described is more of a _____ scene than a complete description and explanation.
- ❖ John shows us that what we see here is the judgments of God, being worked out on the plane of _____.
- ❖ Let's take a look at each of the horses and those who rode them.
- ❖ The White horse of _____:
- ❖ Obviously, this stands for war.
- ❖ The white horse seems to stand for a triumphant military campaign, and a conquering desire of the _____.
- ❖ The bow is a sign of military power.
- ❖ There are many OT descriptions of God breaking the bow of a nation.
- ❖ Their warriors rode on white horses and were the most famous bowmen in the world.
- ❖ Many believe that the white horseman symbolizes these warriors, and most certainly means _____.
- ❖ War is not as heroic and romantic as we try to make it, it is tragic. John sets this tone with this first horse and rider.
- ❖ The Blood-Red Horse of _____:
- ❖ The function of this horse and rider is to take _____ from the earth. This will set man against man and nation against nation. People will slaughter each other like no other time in history.
- ❖ The vision of the end time was a vision of a time when all human relationships were destroyed, and the world was a horrible place of bitter hate.
- ❖ The Black Horse of _____:
- ❖ Warfare will be followed by inflation and famine.
- ❖ Remember that these things that John says are not necessarily the end things, but the signs of the things that precede the end and give _____ to the end.
- ❖ In this time, there will still be those who have plenty and those who have nothing. Those with plenty will be able to charge whatever they want to those who have nothing.
- ❖ People will have to work a whole day for one day's food for one person. The only affordable food will be lesser food.
- ❖ The Pale Horse and _____:
- ❖ The actual color of this horse is probably more along the way of the color of decaying flesh. Hades, the ruler of the dead, comes with this horse.
- ❖ Here we have the _____ of war- famine, pestilence, and the final devastation when wild animals overrun the world that was once the habitat of people.
- ❖ These disasters are the results of the working out of God's righteous laws for the _____.
- ❖ God is not for all of these bad things, but they are what must follow if people persist in opposing God's rule.
- ❖ The _____ described here are the result of not taking seriously God's command to be holy and achieve community and justice.

Verses 9-15: The Fifth and Sixth scrolls

- ❖ Here the action shifts from heaven to _____.
- ❖ The _____ seal shows that the souls of the martyred Christians are under the altar in heaven, crying out for divine justice upon those who had shed their blood.
- ❖ They are told that they must wait until God's appointed time.
- ❖ _____, which was the bowls of the prayers of persecuted Christians?
- ❖ They were given a white robe and allowed to enjoy heaven
- ❖ It also says that there were still some yet to be killed.
- ❖ The _____ seal shows God resuming His punishment on the wicked of the world.
- ❖ There are many OT symbols and uses that are described here.
- ❖ Let's look at Jeremiah 4: 23-26, this establishes all the things we see here.
- ❖ It seems difficult to determine what all of the colorful language is meant to mean.
- ❖ John clearly describes the terror of an impenitent world.
- ❖ _____ will be affected, but I believe that the "judgments" will not hurt the people of God.
- ❖ Those of the earth are not so much afraid of death, but of the revealed _____ of God and the righteous anger of Christ.
- ❖ They want to be hidden from God, because He has the right to bring _____ on them.

Chapter 7

The Explanation and Multitudes

Verses 1-8

- ❖ Before the time of great terror and judgment, the faithful followers of God will be sealed with the seal of God so that they will survive His judgments. The people of God will _____, but will not be destroyed with the evil of the world.
- ❖ Here is _____, specifically the people of God: followers of Christ may face a time of terrible events awaiting the time when Christ will put an end to all evil, but those who endure will experience the complete joy of all that is available in salvation.
- ❖ The seal of the living God. Verse 2.
- ❖ The origin of the seal probably comes from _____. The forehead of the marked cannot be touched.
- ❖ Each individual is marked with a seal on their forehead.
- ❖ This is the King's seal and showed that they belonged to God and are under the _____ of God.
- ❖ The protection when considering chapter 11 does not seem to be physical, but spiritual.
- ❖ The twelve tribes symbolize the new Israel, the _____.
- ❖ It is the church which is the Israel of God, so I believe that the reference, even though it is one of the 12 Tribes, is the new Israel, God's people founded in Christ.
- ❖ 144,000 is not a number of limitation, but completeness and perfection. None of the redeemed are missing from this number.
- ❖ 144,000 is made up of 12 multiplied by 12, which is a perfect square.
- ❖ What do you think is important about the number?

Verses 9-17

- ❖ There is a great multitude that no one _____ standing before the throne and the Lamb.
- ❖ They wear robes of white and carry the palm branches of victors.
- ❖ In the first vision of this chapter the throng is counted, not in this one.
- ❖ The first vision speaks of being prepared of imminent peril: the second of being victorious and secure.
- ❖ The _____ vision is to bring encouragement to the believers by revealing what awaits them in heaven.
- ❖ Washing robes in _____ to make them white is not possible in our terms, but is consistent with the symbolism throughout the whole New Testament.
- ❖ It is a vivid way of saying that their present blessedness and their ability to appear in the presence of God have been won for them by the sacrificial death of Christ.
- ❖ Noticed that they washed their robes. _____, work out your salvation.
- ❖ What should we take from these chapters?