



## “The Opening of the Sealed Scroll”

### Lesson 7: The Beginning of God’s Wrath

#### Introduction

##### Where We Are in the Timeline

Before we open Revelation 6, we must anchor ourselves in the book's structure. Revelation is not random symbolism. It is a chronological unveiling given by the Lord Himself.

##### The Divine Outline (Revelation 1:19)

John was told to write three categories of things:

- “The things which thou hast seen” The glorified Christ (Chap. 1)
- “The things which are” — The Church Age (Chap. 2–3)
- “The things which shall be *hereafter*” — The future following the Church Age (Chap. 4–22)



The phrase “*hereafter*” (Greek: *meta tauta*) signals a shift in time. Beginning in Revelation 4:1, the scene moves forward into events that follow the Church Age in a progressive fashion.

##### The Church in Heaven (Revelation 4–5)

In Chapter 4, John is called up to heaven. The earthly Church scene disappears. The word *ecclesia* (church) is no longer used in Chapters 4–18. Instead, we see:

- A throne in heaven
- Twenty-four elders seated on thrones
- Crowns of gold
- White garments



These elders cannot be angels, Israel, or Tribulation saints. Their characteristics match promises made to the Church (Rev. 2–3). They represent a completed, glorified body of redeemed believers.

**Important:** The Church is seen in heaven before the seals are opened. That is foundational to the timeline.

##### Quick Review Points

- ✓ Church Age ends in Chapter 3
- ✓ Scene shifts to heaven in Chapter 4
- ✓ The redeemed are enthroned and crowned
- ✓ The Lamb receives the sealed scroll in Chap.5
- ✓ Judgment does not begin until Chapter 6

## The Seven-Sealed Scroll (Revelation 5)

In Chapter 5, a scroll appears in the right hand of Him who sits on the throne. It is sealed with seven seals.

This is not merely a book. It is best understood as the title deed to the earth — legally sealed, awaiting a qualified redeemer. To open it, one must be:

- ✓ A kinsman (related to Adam)
- ✓ Able to redeem
- ✓ Willing to redeem
- ✓ Able to assume the obligation

No angel qualifies. No man qualifies. John weeps. Then the announcement is made:

- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah
- The Root of David
- The Lamb as though slain



In a moment of transfer, the Lamb takes the scroll. He is not a passive observer of judgment. He is the One initiating it.

### Where Chapter 6 Stands

We now move from worship in heaven to judgment on earth. Up to this point:

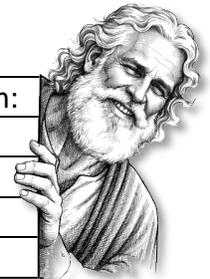
- Christ has been revealed
- The Church has been addressed
- The redeemed are in heaven
- The Lamb has taken the scroll

Now the seals begin to open. Revelation 6 is not symbolic religious poetry. It is the beginning of the Day of the Lord. The Lamb breaks the first seal — and the world changes.

We must understand what kind of period is starting. Revelation 6 is not merely the rise of evil men or unfortunate global instability. It is something far more serious.

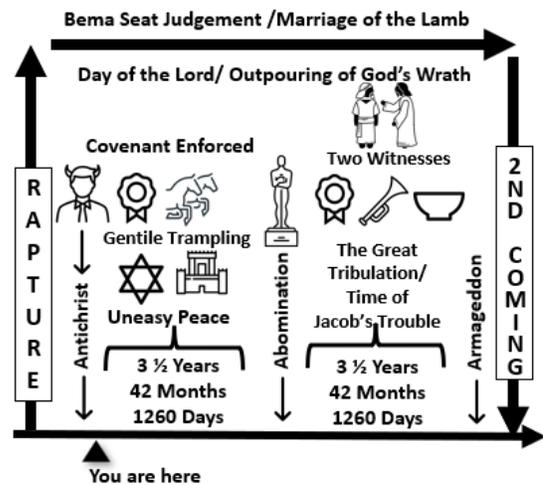
### The Beginning of the 70th Week of Daniel: The Day of the Lord

When the first seal is opened in Revelation 6, we enter the period described in:		
• Daniel 9:27	→	The 70th Week of Daniel
• Jeremiah 30:7	→	The Time of Jacob's Trouble
• Daniel 12:1	→	The Day of the Lord
• Matthew 24	→	The Beginning of God's Wrath



These are not separate events. They describe the same prophetic period from different vantage points.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Week



The phrase “**Day of the Lord**” is a prophetic term used throughout the Old Testament and repeated in the New Testament. It does not mean a 24-hour day. It refers to a defined period when God intervenes directly in human history to judge, correct, and ultimately establish His rule. It is referred to in several different ways through the Bible:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Day of the Lord</li> <li>✓ The Day of Wrath</li> <li>✓ The Day of the Lord’s Wrath</li> <li>✓ The Day of Darkness</li> <li>✓ The Time of Trouble</li> </ul> | <p><b>This period includes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 70th Week of Daniel</li> <li>• The Time of Jacob’s Trouble</li> <li>• The Tribulation</li> </ul> |
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These are not separate eras. They are overlapping descriptions of the same future period.

If the Church Age is God allowing man to run the world with the Gospel extended in grace, the Day of the Lord is when God steps in and says, “**Enough.**”

It is divine intervention.

- ✓ Not symbolic church history
- ✓ Not general human suffering
- ✓ Not merely Satan’s activity
- ✓ It is God’s judicial response to rebellion



It is also called **The Time of Jacob’s Trouble**

This period has a specific focus: Israel. Jeremiah calls it “the Time of Jacob’s Trouble.” Daniel connects it to Israel’s unfinished prophetic program. Jesus quotes Daniel when describing it in Matthew 24. The Church Age interrupted Israel’s timeline. The Rapture removes the Church. The prophetic clock resumes.

It is crucial to distinguish something that many confuse.

<p>Yes, Satan is active during the Tribulation.          Yes, the Antichrist rises.          Yes, demons are unleashed.</p>	<p>But the seals are opened by the Lamb.          This is not Satan slipping through the cracks.          This is an authorized judgment.</p>
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God may use wicked men as instruments, but the authority originates in heaven.

### The Progressive Structure

Revelation unfolds in a deliberate pattern:



Think of it like birth pains — increasing frequency and intensity.

- ✓ The seals **destabilize** the world.
- ✓ The trumpets **escalate** environmental and supernatural judgment.
- ✓ The bowls **culminate** in full-scale wrath immediately before Christ’s return.



The wrath of God begins with the opening of the seals and continues progressively through the trumpets and bowls until Christ returns in Revelation 19. This is why Scripture says believers are not appointed to wrath and that the Church is not seen on earth during this period.

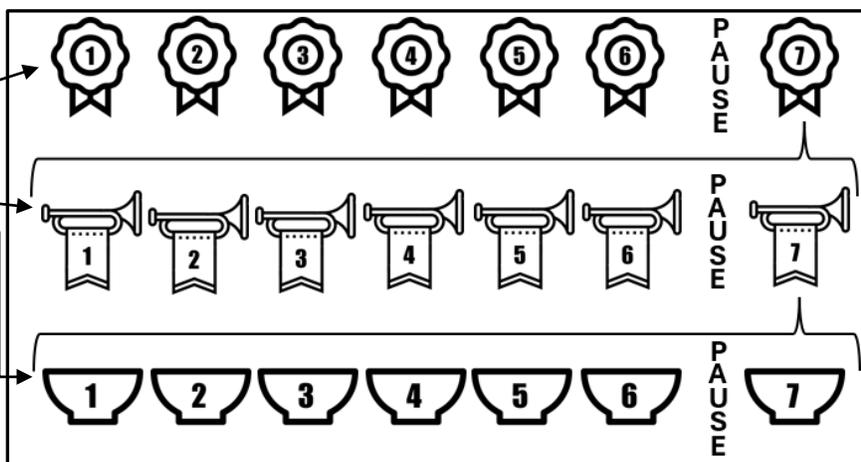
## The Heptadic (Sevens) Structure

⑦ Seals

⑦ Trumpets

⑦ Bowls

Each series of judgments intensifies. Each series of judgments moves forward in time. And each series of judgments brings the



world closer to the return of Christ. The seventh seal will introduce the seven trumpet judgments, and the seventh trumpet will introduce the bowl judgments.

**Each of these judgments escalates; they do not repeat.**

These judgments are:

- Mostly global in scope
- Increasing in severity
- Measured and purposeful
- Judicial, not chaotic

God is not losing control.  
He is reclaiming the legal  
right to the earth.

## The Seal Judgements

As we embark on the next fourteen action-filled chapters that detail the “70th Week” of Daniel, recognize that the style of communication has been engineered to provide a timeless message of truth to **every generation**, not just to those who are alive when these events occur (Rev 13:9; 16:15; 22:7; 18-20 highlight the timelessness of the message).



We need to stress and understand the gravity of what is coming when the tribulation period starts, not for us, but for the unsaved. It is akin to watching a powerful thunderstorm coming at you across the plain at night. You see the darkness, the flash of lightning, and the tremendous rumble of thunder that shakes the ground. You know what is coming, and it’s not good. However, this is not run-of-the-mill evil (not to downplay Satan’s methods), no, this is the judgment of God. It will take the meaning of destruction to a whole new level. It is a hard concept for many Christians to understand, and when it happens, it will be very fearful for those who remain and dwell on the earth. This is Christ’s unfulfilled mandate (Isa 61:1,2). He is the “*Avenger of Blood*” (Isa 61:2), and His wrath is finally starting.

## The “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”

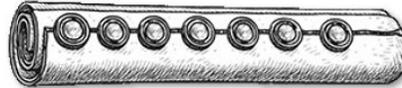
In popular culture, the first four seals of Revelation 6 are commonly referred to as “**The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**.” The phrase itself comes from the imagery of four mounted riders released in succession: the white horse, the red horse, the black horse, and the pale horse. Artists, films, novels, and even political cartoons frequently use these figures symbolically to represent:

- Conquest
- War
- Famine
- Death

This expression has become shorthand in Western culture for catastrophic global collapse. When commentators speak of “the four horsemen riding,” they usually mean society is entering a period of extreme upheaval.

However, in Revelation, these are not mere poetic symbols of recurring human troubles. They are sequential judgments initiated by the Lamb at the beginning of the 70th Week of Daniel. What culture treats as metaphor, Scripture presents as prophetic reality. The imagery is dramatic because the events will be dramatic. The first four seals form the opening phase of the Tribulation—systematically destabilizing political order, global peace, economic stability, and human life itself.

### The 7-Sealed Scroll



### First Seal – The White Horse

 **Rev. 6:1]** *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.***



Jesus opens the first seal. The Greek word translated “Come” (erchomai) means to proceed, follow, to appear, come forth, to go, to follow one. The middle voice of a primary verb means to come from one place to another and is used of persons arriving.

Please Notice This



It is interesting to note that, from now on, when the subject concerns heaven, the elders speak (“one of the four beasts”). When it comes to things going on on the earth, either the Angels or the specialized living creatures speak.

 **Rev. 6:2]** *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.*

- A white horse appears.  
Its rider has:
- A bow
  - A crown (*stephanos*)
  - A mission: conquering, and to conquer

This is conquest  
without open warfare.

- ✓ **No** arrows are mentioned.
- ✓ **No** bloodshed is described.
- ✓ **No** war is initiated—yet.



### Why This Is Not Christ

Many assume that because the rider is on a white horse, it must be Jesus. That is incorrect for several reasons.

1. **Christ is the One opening the seals.**
2. The rider wears a *stephanos* — a victor’s crown.
3. Christ in Revelation 19 wears *diadems* — sovereign crowns.
4. The next three riders bring devastation. This rider belongs with them.

White does not always mean righteous. It can also represent imitation or deception. This rider resembles Christ—but he is not Christ. He is a counterfeit.

### The Nature of The White Horse’s Rider’s Conquest

The bow is present, but arrows are not mentioned. This suggests authority without visible warfare. If this is the antichrist, as some scholars believe, then Daniel gives us clarity:

- “By peace shall destroy many” (Dan. 8:25)
- He confirms a covenant for one week (Dan. 9:27)

This rider corresponds directly with:

- Matthew 24:4–5 — False Christs
- The beginning of the 70th Week

He emerges as a peacemaker.  
He does not begin with tanks and missiles.  
He begins with diplomacy.

### The Bow – What Does It Mean?

The Greek ‘*toxon*’ can mean a weapon, but it can also relate to a bow shape. Several possibilities have been suggested:

- Symbol of conquest at a distance
- Echo of Nimrod, the ancient hunter and first global ruler
- Symbol of covenant (as in the rainbow of Noah)
- A deliberate wordplay indicating treaty enforcement

Scripture does not explicitly explain the bow. What we know with certainty is that his rider:

- ✓ Conquers
  - ✓ Consolidates
  - ✓ Gains authority
- And the world receives him.



**Dan. 8:25]** *And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes, but he shall be broken without hand.*

The four horses represent progressive destruction. The first horse sets the stage. This rider promises **stability, economic recovery, political unity, and protection**. At this point, the world is exhausted by the chaos, and they welcome him. This is how deception works. He does not look like a tyrant at first.

When this rider rides, this is not random geopolitics that you see in the news every day. When he rides, there has been a shift in dispensation. This is the beginning of the final Gentile world system. God allows this ruler to rise as part of judicial process. The world has rejected the true King. Now it will receive a false one.



### Summary Snapshot – First Seal

✓ The Lamb breaks the seal	✓ Peace precedes chaos
✓ A white horse appears	✓ Conquest begins without visible war
✓ A deceptive world ruler rises	

The Tribulation does not start with explosions. Instead, it starts with a signature on a covenant, and the world thinks it has finally found peace.

### Second Seal – The Red Horse



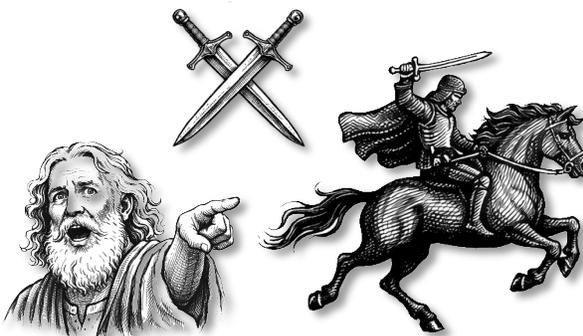
**Rev. 6:3]** *And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.*



**Rev. 6:4]** *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.*

The Lamb opens the second seal. Immediately, the atmosphere in the world changes. The first seal introduced deceptive (uneasy) peace; the second seal removes it. John sees:

- A red horse
- A rider granted power
- Peace taken from the earth
- A great sword given



Almost universally accepted by scholars as the Horseman known as “**War**.” The text is very precise. The rider, who is always depicted as riding a fiery red steed, is **given** authority, and peace is **taken** from the earth.

This is a permitted judgment. The color red in Scripture is consistently associated with:

- Blood
  - Violence
  - Terror
  - Slaughter
- Later in Revelation, both the dragon (Rev. 12) and the beast (Rev. 17) are described in red imagery associated with bloodshed. This rider does not pretend to bring peace. He removes it.

Notice the wording. It does not say he kills them directly. It says he takes peace so that **people kill one another**. This suggests:

- ✓ Civil unrest
- ✓ Ethnic violence
- ✓ Regional wars
- ✓ Revolutions
- ✓ Internal collapse

This is not necessarily one single world war at this stage. It is global destabilization. The world leader of the first seal may still appear to be managing things, but the ground is already cracking.

The word used in v. 4 for “great sword” (*machaira*) means a short sword used in close combat. This is not long-range warfare. It implies that this warfare involves personal violence, street-level bloodshed, and internal conflict. This makes the world more volatile. **When order weakens, violence fills the vacuum.**



### Summary Snapshot – Second Seal

✓ The Lamb opens the seal	✓ Humanity turns on itself
✓ Peace is removed	✓ Bloodshed increases across the earth
✓ Widespread violence erupts	

The first horse offered false peace. The second horse shows how quickly peace evaporates when truth is absent. The storm has moved from diplomacy to violence. And it has only begun.

### Third Seal – The Black Horse



**Rev. 6:5]** *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.*



**Rev. 6:6]** *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.*

The Lamb opens the third seal. The pattern continues. **False peace** → **war** → **now famine**. This is not random. War and fighting disrupt supply lines, infrastructure collapses, production slows, and scarcity follows. The black horse rides. John sees:

- A black horse
- A rider holding a pair of scales
- A voice declaring food prices

Black is very often connected with famine (Lam 4:4-8; 5:10; Jer 14:1-2). The balances or scales are key. They symbolize rationing, measured distribution, and controlled access. At this point, food is no longer abundant.



The voice declares, “A measure of wheat for a denarius”, and “Three measures of barley for a denarius.” The word for penny (denarius) was equivalent to a full day’s wage. A “measure” (choenix) was roughly a daily ration for one person. In simple terms:

A man works all day... just to feed himself.  
There is nothing left for:

- Family
- Savings
- Stability



Barley, normally used as animal feed, becomes human food, implying survival-level living.

Interestingly, the scripture says, “Hurt not the Oil and the Wine.” This is a striking phrase. Oil and wine represent non-essential luxury goods used by the wealthy. So the bottom line is, there is scarcity, but not for everyone. The poor suffer while the elite retain comfort. This is more than just a famine; it is controlled inequality.

Historically, famines are often political before they are agricultural. Distribution collapses long before production does. The rider's scales imply control.

This is a Foreshadowing of Revelation 13, where the coming world leader will control buying and selling and require allegiance for economic participation. This third seal sets the stage. **When food is scarce, people comply.** Hunger is a powerful motivator.

Please Notice This



**A Deeper Layer – Spiritual Famine.** Amos 8:11 speaks of a famine of hearing the Word of God. When truth is scarce, deception spreads. Physical famine and spiritual famine often travel together. As the world centralizes politically and economically, truth becomes marginalized. People will be starving physically and spiritually.

Escalation pattern: **Seal One: False Unity** → **Seal Two: Violence** → **Seal Three: Scarcity**  
**Political Instability** → **Conflict: Military and Civil** → **Economic collapse**

This famine is not an accidental climate fluctuation caused by global warming. It is judgment where God allows the world system to experience the consequences of its own consolidation and corruption. The earth was entrusted to man, and man mismanaged it.



#### Summary Snapshot – Third Seal

✓ The Lamb opens the seal	✓ Economic control intensifies
✓ Food is rationed	✓ Inequality increases
✓ Inflation skyrockets	

Up to this point, peace has failed, civil and regional conflicts have erupted, and scarcity grips the earth. And the judgments are only intensifying.

### Fourth Seal – The Pale (Green) Horse



**Rev. 6:7]** *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.*

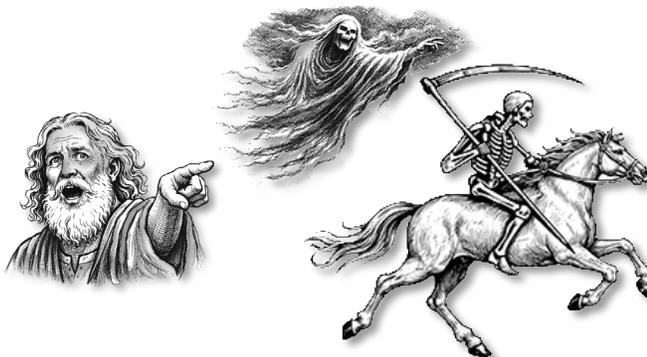


**Rev. 6:8]** *And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.*

The Lamb opens the fourth seal. The pattern continues: **False peace** → **war** → **famine** → **death**. Now death falls upon the earth on a scale the modern world has never seen. John sees:

- A pale horse
- A rider named Death
- Hades is following close behind

The word translated as “pale” (chloros) is a sickly green. It is the color of decay, disease (leprosy), and a corpse. This is not a symbolic gloom. It is the color of mortality (Mark 6:39; Rev 8:7; 9:4).



**Notice carefully:** The rider is named **Death**. **Hades** follows him. This is matched devastation.

- ✓ Death claims the body. The text personifies these two because the destruction is systematic.
- ✓ Hades claims the soul.

They are given power over **one-fourth of the earth**. The means of death are listed:

- Sword
- Hunger
- Death (pestilence, disease)
- Beasts of the earth



The sequence makes sense

**War destabilizes → Famine weakens → Disease spreads → Violence increases**

Collapse compounds collapse. If the first three seals knock the legs out from under society, the fourth seal crushes what remains.

- Illness spreads rapidly
  - Sanitation fails
  - Law enforcement collapses
  - Predators, both human and animal, multiply
- When people are starving and infrastructure is broken: The world becomes dangerous at every level.

One-fourth of the earth comes under their authority. Scholars debate whether that means one-fourth directly die, or one-fourth are within the sphere of devastation. Either way, the numbers are staggering. With today's population, that represents billions affected, possibly billions dead. This is the most concentrated death toll in human history.

**“Beasts of the Earth”** in v. 8 encompasses several meanings. This can include:

- Wild animals as civilization collapses
- Predatory violence
- Possibly even microscopic “beasts” — pathogens

Leviticus and Ezekiel (Lev. 26:21-26; Ez. 14:12-23) list these same four categories of judgment:

- Sword
  - Famine
  - Pestilence
  - Wild beasts
- Revelation is not inventing a new pattern. It is fulfilling an established one.



- Seal One:** Political deception
- Seal Two:** Violence
- Seal Three:** Scarcity
- Seal Four:** Mass death

The first four seals are commonly called the “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse” because together they represent a cascading collapse of civilization. They are not random disasters. They are sequential destabilizations.

We must always remember that Jesus is opening the seals. This is not Satan seizing control; it is an authorized judgment. Humanity has insisted on self-rule apart from God. Now it experiences the full consequence of corrupted governance, corrupted economics, and corrupted morality. The earth groans.





Summary Snapshot – Fourth Seal	
✓ The Lamb opens the seal	✓ One fourth of the Earth is devastated
✓ Death rides	✓ War, famine, disease, and violence converge.
✓ Hades or Hell follows	

The storm that began with diplomacy now becomes global mortality. And the seals are not yet finished.

### Fifth Seal – The Martyrs Cry for Justice



**Rev. 6:9]** *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:*



**Rev. 6:10]** *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?*



**Rev. 6:11]** *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 fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.*

With the fifth seal, the scene shifts. The first four seals affected the earth physically. Now John sees something happening in heaven. The Lamb opens the fifth seal, and instead of another horse, we see souls under the altar. John sees:

- The souls of those who had been slain
- Under the altar
- Because of the Word of God
- Because of the testimony they held



These are not Church-age martyrs. The Church has already been seen crowned and enthroned in heaven (Ch. 4–5). These are believers who came to faith during the Tribulation and were killed for it. The persecution has begun.

Notice something critical. These souls are aware, speaking, remembering, and waiting. Their bodies were killed on earth during the first portion of the tribulation, but they are fully awake in heaven. They know what happened, and they know justice has not yet been completed. This is direct evidence of conscious existence after death.

**They cry out, “How Long, O Lord?”** Notice their cry is not for revenge but for justice. They ask the lord “How long... until You judge and avenge our blood?” This is a recurring cry throughout Scripture (cf. Ps 74:9-10; 79:5; 89:46; 94:3-4; Hab 1-2). It is a cry for vindication of God’s holiness. God’s justice has not been denied. It has been delayed.

They are given white robes. In scripture, white garments represent righteousness, acceptance, and honor. They are told to rest “for a little season.” More martyrs from this period will join them as persecution will intensify. The world ruler who promised peace now reveals his true character.

The first four seals dealt with:

- 🔍 Political deception
- 🔍 War
- 🔍 Famine
- 🔍 Death



The fifth seal reveals the spiritual cost.

As global control tightens, allegiance becomes mandatory. Those who refuse will be killed. The Antichrist's system will not tolerate dissent.

This fifth seal reveals something profound. Heaven is not indifferent to suffering; God hears, and it is not ignored. Justice is scheduled. Revelation will later show that the blood of the saints will be avenged, the world system will be judged, and all the persecutors will be destroyed.



#### Summary Snapshot – Fifth Seal

✓ The Lamb opens the seal	✓ They are given white robes
✓ Martyred believers in heaven	✓ More persecution is coming
✓ They cry for justice	✓ Judgement is not yet complete

### Sixth Seal – Cosmic Disturbance and Global Terror



**Rev. 6:12]** *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;*



**Rev. 6:13]** *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.*



**Rev. 6:14]** *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

When the Lamb opens the sixth seal, the scale changes to epic proportions. The first four seals affected society. The fifth seal revealed persecution. However, the sixth seal shakes creation itself. This is no longer regional instability affecting sections of the Earth. Instead, the impact of this seal is global and cosmic.

John first sees a great earthquake. The Greek word *seismos* means "shaking" or "violent disturbance". This is the first of three major earthquakes in Revelation (6:12; 11:13; 16:18–19).

These are literal earthquakes (Ex 19:18; 20:18-19; 1 Kings 19:11; Matt 27:51-52). These earthquakes cause the sun to turn dark (Joel 2:2, 10, 30-31; cf. Matt 24:39; Mark 13:24-25; Luke 21:25)



Scripture repeatedly associates earthquakes with:

- Divine intervention
- Judgment
- The presence of God

This is not routine tectonic activity. It is global destabilization.

John then records:

- ✓ The sun becomes black as sackcloth
- ✓ The moon becomes as blood
- ✓ The stars fall from heaven

These signs were foretold in:

- Isaiah (Isa 13:10)
- Joel (Joel 2:10; 2:51)
- Ezekiel (Ez. 32:7-8)
- Matthew 24

Jesus described the same sequence in Matthew 24:

### **False Christs → Wars → Famines → Death → Persecution → Cosmic signs.**

Revelation 6 follows that order precisely fulfilling Jesus' predictions.

Imagine the sky itself malfunctioning.

- The sun darkens.
- The moon turns red.
- Meteor-like objects fall.



The normal rhythm of day and night becomes terrifying. Humanity realizes something is wrong at a planetary level.

John then says, "*The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together.*" This language suggests:

- The fabric of space is disturbed
- Atmospheric or cosmic disruption
- A tearing or bending of what appears stable



Throughout Scripture, God is described as "*stretching out the heavens*" (2 Sam. 22:10, Ps. 144:5, Isa. 51:13, Job 9:8, Isa. 40:22, Jer. 10:12, Job 26:7, Isa. 42:5, Jer. 51:15, Job 37:18, Isa. 44:24, Ezek. 1:22, Ps. 18:9, Isa. 45:12, Zech. 12:1, Ps. 104:2, Isa. 48:13) Here, what was stretched is shaken and creation convulses.

### **Mountains and Islands Moved: "*Every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*"**

This is large-scale topographical restructuring.

These are not just tremors, but complete displacement.

The stability of the Earth is removed.

Humanity's sense of permanence collapses.

The Sixth seal involves:

- ✓ Global earthquake
- ✓ Solar and lunar disturbances
- ✓ Falling celestial objects
- ✓ Sky disturbed
- ✓ Mountains and islands shifted



**Rev. 6:15]** *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;*



**Rev. 6:16,17]** *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: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

## The Human Response

Now the focus shifts to humanity. John lists Kings, Great men, Rich men, Military leaders, Slaves, and Free men. This encompasses all classes of ‘earth dwellers,’ and they respond the same way:

They hide in caves. They cry out to the mountains: “*Fall on us.*” They would rather be crushed than face “*The wrath of the Lamb.*” This is remarkable for they know and they recognize this is divine. Still, they do not repent but instead they seek concealment.



Around the world today, **tens to low hundreds of ultra-wealthy individuals** are known or widely reported to have built, are building, or are commissioning underground bunkers. **A broader set of wealthy (but not hyper-rich) clients** has purchased or commissioned private bunkers via survival-shelter firms. Many bunker and survival-shelter builders are busy, with demand significantly higher than in previous years and often trending upward.

At the sixth seal, humanity explicitly identifies what is happening for the first time. They understand:

- This is not climate change.
- This is not a coincidence.
- This is not political instability (war, conflict)

**This is wrath**, and it comes from the Lamb, the One who was slain, who is now the Judge.



- Seal One: False peace
- Seal Two: War
- Seal Three: Famine
- Seal Four: Death
- Seal Five: Martyrs
- Seal Six: Cosmic terror

### So far:

- ✓ Society has fractured
- ✓ Billions are affected
- ✓ Persecution is raging
- ✓ Creation is shaking

The intensity is accelerating. We are not yet at the trumpet judgments. The world realizes something irreversible has begun.



### Summary Snapshot – Sixth Seal

✓ The Lamb opens the seal	✓ The Earth’s geography shifts
✓ A global earthquake strikes	✓ Humanity hides in terror
✓ Sun and moon darken	✓ The Day of Wrath is acknowledged
✓ Celestial disturbances occur	

The Tribulation has moved from a political crisis to a cosmic crisis. The storm is no longer on the horizon; it is now overhead, and it is unmistakably divine.

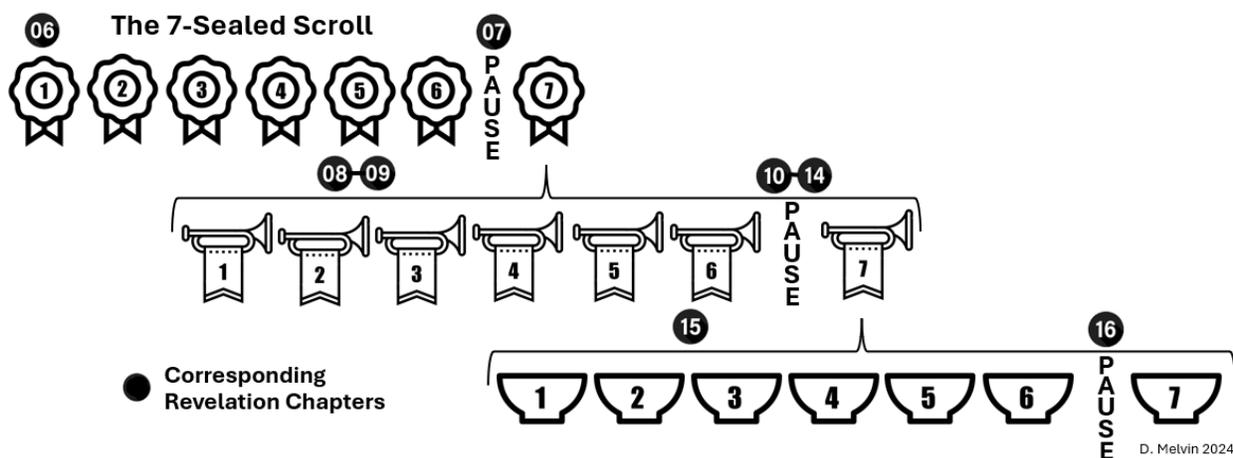
The sixth seal answers the martyrs’ question of “How long?” Justice is moving. Not yet complete — but undeniable. The question now becomes: “Who shall be able to stand?” That question sets up the pause in Chapter 7.

**Next Lesson:** Read Revelation Chapter 7, which is the parenthesis or pause between the sixth and seventh seals. It deals with the sealing of the 144,000.

## Appendix: References for Revelation Chapter 6

Group of Signs				
	Matthew	Luke	Revelation	
<b>False Christs</b>	24:4-5	21:4	6:1-2	White Horse
<b>Wars</b>	24:6	21:9,10	6:3-4	Red Horse
<b>Famines</b>	24:7a	21:11	6:5-6	Black Horse
<b>Death</b>	24:7b-8	21:12	6:7-8	Pale Horse
<b>Martyrs</b>	24:9	21:24	6:9-11	5 <sup>th</sup> seal
<b>Global Upheaval</b>	24:10-13	21:25	6:12-17	6 <sup>th</sup> Seal

### The Heptadic Structure - Judgments



### Revelation 6

E N I M A F D O J Z I U V D E R D O E F	LAMB
E V R K A P Y F Y H R R Q D R P P Z Z J	SEAL
F K Q E Q S X N U C B Z L R C K T U O H	SCROLL
C O R K H M J B L A C K X O D E R T G Y	WHITE
T M E A E P A V J O B C C W X U S H E P	RED
Q K U U T S C R O L L M H S K I Z I S A	BLACK
K R Q Q I G U H T M A S B J F Z I H D L	PALE
S Q N H H X Z A R Y L M B A F X B B G E	CONQUER
U H O T W S A D G A R P B S P H M I L C	SWORD
H J C R Q H A E E W P S D E A T H D M L	FAMINE
C X L A M O I S V J P R U V D T N H W O	DEATH
Q E T E A O N F T D W R A T H B B D D V	HADES
	MARTYRS
	EARTHQUAKE
	WRATH

Birth Pains (Matt. 24:6,8; Mark 13:8)

The Rapture of the Church

(1 Thess. 4:13-18, Rev. 3:10)

Strengthened Covenant with World Ruler (Dan. 9:27, Isa. 28:15-18)

Bema Seat Judgement / Marriage of the Lamb

42 Months, 1260 Days, 3 1/2 Years

Uneasy peace with increasing intensity of problems.

42 Months, 1260 Days, 3 1/2 Years

Midpoint - Abomination of Desolation, Satan cast down (Rev. 12:7-17, Dan. 9:27, Matt. 24:14-22)

"Unimaginable Suffering"

~The Great Tribulation~ Matt. 24:21

Ezekiel 38 War(?), Two Witnesses

7 Bowls/Vials (Rev. 15:1 - 16:21)

7 Thunders (Rev. 10:1-4)

7<sup>th</sup> Seal

7 Trumpets > 3 Woes (Rev. 8:1-11:19)

6<sup>th</sup> Cosmic Upheaval (Rev. 12:12-17), 4 Angels (Rev. 7:1-3), Seal The 144,000 (Rev. 7:4-8)

5<sup>th</sup> Seal Start of The Great Tribulation or Time of Jacob's Trouble - Martyrdom (Jer. 30:7, Rev.6:9-11, 13:3-8, Dan. 7:21-27, 12:1-7, Matt. 24:21-30)

4<sup>th</sup> Seal - The Rider on the Pale Green Horse: Death & Judgments (Rev. 6:7-8)

3<sup>rd</sup> Seal - The Rider on the Black Horse: Famine (Rev. 6:5-6)

2<sup>nd</sup> Seal - The Rider on the Red Horse: Wars & Rumors of War, Peace taken from the earth (Rev. 6:3-4)

1<sup>st</sup> Seal - The Rider on the White Horse: The rise and reign of the coming world ruler (Rev. 6:1-2)

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming - The Day of the Lord