## Opening the First Seal Revelation 6:1-2 November 15, 2020

### 1. Overview of the Revelation 6-20

## A. Main Structure of the chapters

## **B. Seals, Trumpets, Bowls**

The main structure that drives the book from chapter 6 on are the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls.

They are given in sequential order and are something like a telescope. The last seal IS the seven trumpets, the last trumpet IS the seven bowls.

The first six seals are in chapter 6.

Interlude: chapter 7

The seventh seal opens and the 6 trumpets sound: chapter 8-9.

Interlude: Chapter 10-15 (Seventh trumpet: 11:15)

Seven bowls: Chapter 16

Interlude: Babylon, Chapters 17-18

Second Coming and Kingdom, Chapters 19-10

New Heaven and Earth: Chapters 21-22

#### 2. First Seal—Antichrist

Rev. 6:1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

Rev. 6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

#### A. Some of his names and titles

#### 1. THE ANTICHRIST

## 1 John 2:22 (NKJV)

Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.

## 2-3. THE MAN OF SIN, SON OF PERDITION

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NKJV)

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. THE LAWLESS ONE

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8 (NKJV)

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

#### 5. THE BEAST

## Revelation 11:7 (NKJV)

When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

#### 6. THE LITTLE HORN

## Daniel 7:8 (NKJV)

8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

### 7. THE PRINCE THAT SHALL COME

## Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)

"And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

## **B.** A Brief Summary of His Activity (cf. *Things to Come*)

#### 1. HE WILL NOT APPEAR UNTIL THE DAY OF THE LORD

- 2 Thessalonians 2:2-3 (NKJV)
- 2 not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. 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,

## 2. HE CANNOT BE REVEALED UNTIL THE RESTRAINER IS REMOVED

- 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 (NKJV)
- 6 And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.

## 3. HE WILL BE A GENTILE, SINCE HE IS FROM THE PEOPLE OF ROME

## Daniel 9:26 (NKJV)

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#### 4. HE WILL RULE THE NATIONS

Revelation 13:7 (NKJV)

It was granted to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

#### 5. HE WILL BE WORSHIPED

Revelation 13:8 (NKJV)

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 (NKJV)

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.

# 6. HE WILL MAKE A PEACE TREATY WITH ISRAEL FOR 7 YEARS, WHICH HE WILL BREAK AT THE MIDPOINT OF THE SEVEN YEARS

Daniel 9:27 (NKJV)

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate."

#### 7. HE WILL BE EMPOWERED BY SATAN

Revelation 13:2 (NKJV)

Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority.

#### 8. HE WILL BE DEFEATED BY CHRIST

Revelation 19:19-20 (NKJV)

19 And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

## 3. Revelation 6:2

Rev. 6:2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

#### Lessons