
REVELATION CHAPTER 6

THE SEAL JUDGMENTS



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The antichristian world leader will be a GENTILE

Dan 7:8, 24b; Rev 13:1

He will disregard his spiritual heritage

He will not regard the Jewish MESSIAH (*the desire of women*)

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He will rise to power peaceably (*Rev 6:2*)

He will maintain his power by FORCE (*Rev 6:4*)

He will eliminate any competition to his sole worship (*he shall magnify himself above all*)

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At this point he is satanically controlled, not possessed.

...a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand...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.

This is part of the Great Tribulation

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: It is even the time of Jacob's trouble

Different horse, same RIDER

The colour of the horse is characteristic of the nature of his reign

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Note the progressive nature of the seal judgments.

escalating conflict (2nd seal)

death (4th seal)

WAR

food shortages

famine (3rd seal)

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- The famine will be GLOBAL
- A day's wages will be required to buy food for one day
- People will live hand-to-mouth
- There will be no money for LUXURIES

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I. By execution (*the sword*)

▶ Religious dissenters

▶ Political dissenters

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2. By starvation (*hunger*)

3. By disease (*death*)

4. By wild animals (*beasts of the earth*)

...I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held...

Why were these martyrs seen “under” the altar?

Ex 29:12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar.

Their blood was poured out as a SACRIFICE

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There will be no guarantee of physical deliverance for those who are **SAVED** during this period.

These are the first **MARTYRS** of a great many to follow.

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A person will choose between God and his own LIFE

Mat 6:25-26 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. ²⁶ For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

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How can a Christian stand firm in the face of certain death?

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God will give them supernatural HELP, as He has always done for His people when they are persecuted.

...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...

How can these events be explained?

- Meteor showers?
 - Volcanoes?
 - Earthquakes?
 - Ash and smoke?

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There will be unprecedented occurrences in the HEAVENS and on EARTH that have never happened before.

Therefore, we SHOULD NOT attempt to explain them based upon what we know.

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Notice that these unbelievers acknowledge God and His power in their fear.

Why don't these people just turn to God in faith?

They are such in the grip of Satan's POWER that they CANNOT turn to God for salvation

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*1Jo 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this
is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*