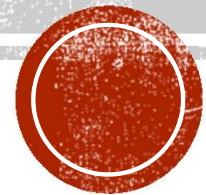


REVELATION – THE OPENING OF THE SEALS

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OUTLINE OF REVELATION

- 1-3 - Introduction
 - 4-11 - Salutation & Occasion
 - 12-18 - Vision of the Risen Christ
 - 19 - Outline of the Book
 - 20 - Prep for Chapters 2 and 3
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- Write^[i] the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this. (Rev. 1:19)



CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON

- Man tells us that the world is getting better.
- **God says they will become increasingly worse**
- Man says that peace among nations is close at hand,
- **God says there will be wars and rumors of wars, kingdom against kingdoms**
- Man expects to win the battle against disease, famine, and hardship;
- **God says there is to be fearful judgments of disease, famine, and hardship**



THE TRIBULATION – SEQUENCE

- Tribulation doesn't begin until the Lamb opens the seal
- The Lamb doesn't receive the Scroll until after the 24 Elders place their crowns on the glassy sea
- The 24 Elders (and the seven lampstands) are in heaven when the Tribulation begins



THE TRIBULATION BEGINS

- “for the great day of the wrath of the Lamb is come, and who shall be able to stand?” Rev. 6:16-17
- “in the days of the voice of the seventh angle, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished” Rev. 10:7
- “and thy wrath is come” Rev. 11:18
- “seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them is filled up the wrath of God” Rev. 15:1
- “pour out the bowls of the wrath of God upon the earth” Rev. 16:1
- “it is done” Rev. 16:17



“DAY OF THE LORD”

- 20 times in 8 OT prophetic books; 3 times in NT
 - Acts 2:20, Joel 2:31, 1 Thess. 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10
- “day of God” 2 Pet. 3:12
- “day of wrath” Zeph. 1:15
- “days of the Lord’s wrath” Zeph. 1:18
- “day of Darkness” Joel 2:2, Zeph. 1:15



REV. CHAPTER 6 – OPENING THE SEALS





SEALS 1 - THE CONQUEROR

- Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; ^[a] and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” 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.
- “Horses” = judgments → 2 Kgs. 6:15-18; Jer. 46:9-10; Joel 2:3-11; Nahum 3:1-7; Zech. 1:8-11, 6:1-7



A BOW?

- “Bow”; Darts, arrows vs. sward?
 - Rev. 19:15; Eph. 6:16; Mt. 10:34
- Symbol of Nimrod the hunter?
- Same word as the token of the covenant with Noah
 - Gen. 9:13
 - Hebrew: qesheth
 - Greek (LXX): toxon
 - A weapon: also, rainbow
- Bow being a covenant?



THE BOW

■ Daniel 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.

■ Daniel 9:27

- And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.



SEALS 2 - CONFLICT ON EARTH

- ³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.”^[b]⁴ Another horse, **fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that *people* should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.



SEALS 3 - SCARCITY ON EARTH

- ⁵ When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So I looked, and behold, a **black** horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart^[c] of wheat for a denarius,^[d] and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”
- Black is often connected with famine – Lam. 4:4-8, 5:10; Jer. 14:1-2
- “To eat bread by weight” Lev. 26:25-33 cf. Ezek. 4:10, 11, 16



SEALS — 4 WIDESPREAD DEATH ON EARTH

- ⁷ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.”⁸ So I looked, and behold, a **pale horse**. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.



THE FOUR HORSEMEN?

- ²¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: “How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it?”
- Ezekiel 14:21



SEALS 5 - THE CRY OF THE MARTYRS

- ⁹ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both *the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were*, was completed.



AVENGING THE BLOOD OF THE SAINTS

- “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” Rev. 6:10
- “for they have shed the blood of the saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink” Rev. 16:6
- “And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” Rev. 17:6
- “For God hath avenged you on her” Rev. 18:20
- “and in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth” Rev. 18:24
- “and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand” Rev. 19:2



SEALS 6 - COSMIC DISTURBANCES

- ¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold,^[e] there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon^[f] became like blood. ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders,^[g] the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”



EARTHQUAKES

- 1st of 3: Rev. 6:12; 11:13; 16:18-19
- Literal earthquakes: Ex. 19:18, 20:18-19, 1 Kgs. 19:11; Mt. 27:51-52
- Earthquakes and sun turning dark: Joel 2:2, 10, 30-31; cf. Mt 24:39; Mk. 13:24, 25; Luke 21:25
- Seismos = Shaking – Isa. 24:1, 3, 4, 19, 23; 34:2-4; Ps. 148:3-6; Heb. 12:26-29; Hag. 2:6; Joel 2:1, 10-12, 30-31; 3:15; Zep. 1:15; Isa. 13:9-10; 34:2-4; Ezek. 32:7-8



COSMIC UPHEAVALS

- Sun “became black as sackcloth” Isa. 13:10; Joel 2:10
- Moon “became like blood” Isa. 13:10; 24:23; Joel 2:51, Mt. 24:29
- Stars “fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs” Matt. 24:29
- Sky “and the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together” Isa. 34:1-8
- “every mountain and island were moved out of their places” Jer. 4:23-24; Rev. 16:20



UNDERSTANDING

- **Job 37:5**

- God thunders marvelously with His voice;
He does great things which we cannot comprehend.

- **Philippians 4:7**

- and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- **Ephesians 3:18-19**

- ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.



JOSHUA VS. REVELATION

- (Yehoshua is a variant of Yeshua)
- A military commander dispossessing the usurpers
- 7 years campaign
 - Against 7 (of an original 10) nations
- Torah ignored at Jericho (Sabbath ignored; Levites involved)
 - First sent in “Two Witnesses”
 - Seven Trumpets Events
 - (preceded by “Silence in heaven for ½ hour”)
- Enemies confederated under a leader in Jerusalem
 - Adoni-Zedek, “Lord of Righeousness”
- Ultimately defeated with
 - Hailstones and fire from heaven
 - Signs in the Sun, Moon, etc.
- Kings hid in caves (“Rock fall on us...”)



WHY IS GOD DOING ALL THIS:

- **Isaiah 23:9**
- **The LORD of hosts has purposed it,
To bring to dishonor the pride of
all glory,
To bring into contempt all the
honorable of the earth.**

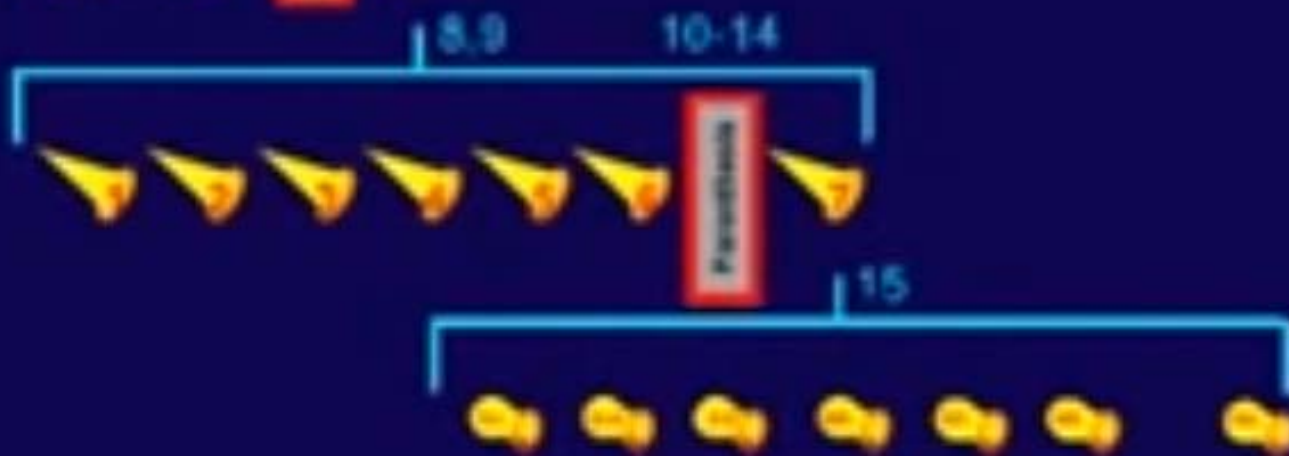


GROUP OF SIGNS

	Matthew	Luke	Revelation
False Christ	24:4-5	21:4	6:1-2
Wars	24:6	21:9-10	6:3-4
Famines	24:7a	21:11	6:5-6
Death	24:7b-8	21:12	6:7-8
Martyrs	24:9	21:24	6:9-11
Global chaos	24:10-13	21:25	6:12-17



The 7-Sealed Scroll



FOR NEXT STUDY

- 1. Read Revelation 7 & 14
- 2. Which Tribes are missing and why?
 - Summarize the mysterious prophecies of the Tribe of Dan
- What is the role of the 144,000?

