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Revelation 6:1-17

First Seal: The Conqueror

6 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."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.

Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

³ When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."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.

Third Seal: 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 of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

Fourth Seal: 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.

Fifth Seal: 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.

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

¹² I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon 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, 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?”

OKAY, HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

Concerning the first horse there's a lot of debate among Bible scholars as to the correct interpretation of who this is. Some see this as Christ the Lord going forth to conquer but to me that doesn't make any sense because it's the Lamb of God that had the authority to open this first seal. I lean toward this being a symbolic figure representing the antichrist because the devil always seeks to counterfeit the things of God. Jesus will return to earth riding a white horse but it will be as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The antichrist will only be allowed to do

what he does according to purpose of God this why he had on a symbolic crown of having authority.

To me the other three horses are almost self-explanatory. They bring forth death, economic crises, famines and wars among the nations. The martyrs under the altar represent all those that have been killed for their faith in the living God and Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. They cry out to God for vengeance knowing that the justice of God will bring judgment on all those that persecuted them but their united voice how long until you act Almighty God?

To the martyrs it may have seemed as if God had forgotten all of their persecution, suffering unto death. But they received a comforting answer to wait and rest a while because there are still yet a multitude of those that will be killed as they were. It seems to me that the book of Revelation shows us that God already knows the events that are going to take place and even the death of many of his precious servants and saints!

The sixth seal causes a great earthquake followed by cosmic disturbances as the stars falling from heaven. It appears that this is such a massive shaking of both heaven and earth that it is designed to shake mankind into acknowledging God. This sounds very similar to what Jesus prophesied would happen just before the coming of the Son of Man in the Gospel of Matthew 24:29-30

*"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.
³⁰ Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

The Bible teaches us that the heavens roll apart like a scroll and mankind is able to see the Lamb of God in heaven and they know that the hour of his wrath and judgment has come so they try to hide in holes and caves in the earth from God almighty and the face of the Lamb but there's nowhere to hide and they are totally exposed in the eyes of God.

WHAT'S THE BOTTOM LINE?

- 1) God promises that he will pour out judgment and wrath upon the wicked.
- 2) The white horse and its rider represent the rise of the antichrist which is a counterfeit Christ.
- 3) All of the other horses and riders bring forth death, war and economic catastrophe on earth.
- 4) The blood of the martyrs is a strong motivation for God Almighty to bring his wrath on humanity. Their prayers for vengeance will be answered in the perfect time and will of God.

5) The sixth seal was prophesied by Christ in Matthew 24 and will bring forth a massive earthquake shakes every human being on earth and causes them to try to hide themselves from the vision of God Almighty in the lamb coming to bring judgment from heaven but there's nowhere to hide!

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