

“THROUGH THE BIBLE”

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THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

CHAPTER 6

“VISIONS, JUDGMENT ON THE EARTH, SEVEN SEALS”

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“All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” (2 Tim. 3:16 NKJV).

“...Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and the end of the (world) age”? (Matt. 24:3 NKJV).

“...Take heed that no one deceives you...” (Matt 24:4 NKJV).

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come...” (2 Tim. 3:1 NKJV).

INTRODUCTION

The Bible prophesied exactly how this “present age” and the world will end. We know that we live in a world of unrest, chaos, an uncertainty. We only have to watch the first five minutes of the media/cable news to realize that we are now living in the “last days”. We have amazing Bible prophecies, and God’s’ specific and accurate plan for the advancement of His Kingdom, and the future of His Church. The greatest message of the Bible is always Jesus!

NOTE: We will see John describing the first half of Daniel’s 70-Weeks prophecy, known as the “seven-year period of tribulation”. (Dan. 9:27 NKJV). The Lamb is about to declare war on the godless/Christ-rejecting world. The opening of each symbolic “seal” represents an important event to take place on the earth. The “Worthy Lamb” will regain His “title deed” to creation, which Satan now holds. The Great Tribulation is also known as “Jacob’s Trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7).

OUTLINE

- I. THE NEW TESTAMENT FUTURE PROPHECY (Mt. 24:4-31; Mark 13)**
 - A. The Signs and Words of Christ**
 - 1. The Beginning of Sorrows and Deception**
 - 2. Preliminary Sorrows: Trouble and Evil in Society and Nature**
 - 3. Wars, Rumors of Wars, Unparalleled Trials, Lawlessness**
 - 4. The Gospel Preached-Evangelism to Nations Continue**
 - 5. The Son of Man Coming**
 - B. The Great Tribulation: Seven-Seal Judgments/Four Horsemen (Revelation 6)**
 - 1. First Seal: White Horse. The Antichrist (false Christ) Rises to Power. Symbol of peace and safety (6:1-2).**
 - 2. Second Seal: Fiery Red Horse (War). The Antichrist, given authority and a huge sword, to take peace out of the earth. People kill each other. Symbol of terrible wars, conflict, and violence (6:3-4).**
 - 3. Third Seal: Black Horse. The Antichrist government controls the food supply. Symbolic of famine, rationing of food, scarcity and shortage of food. The poor get poorer (6:5-6).**
 - 4. The Fourth Seal: Pale Horse: The Antichrist is the Rider's Name is Death and Hades. God gives them authority to kill a fourth of earth's population. Wild animals will attack humans (6:7-8).**
 - 5. The Fifth Seal: Vision of the Martyrs (saints who were killed). They gave their lives for their faith in Jesus Christ. They pray for judgment/vengeance. They will be given white robes, symbolic of Christ's righteousness, and will share in the glory of His coming (6:9-11).**
 - 6. The Sixth Seal: World Chaos. The Antichrist will rule over the revived "Roman Empire" of Europe. He will wreck the economies of the nations, and there will be great poverty as well as wealth. The people of the world would rather "hide" from the physical destruction of the heavens and earth, than pray (6:12-17).**

NOTES: "For the great day of His Wrath has come and who is able to stand." (Revelation 6:17).