



Revelation 6

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The 1st 6 Seal Judgements

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- i. **Tim Hawkins Live in Concert at Calvary Chapel SJ, Friday, Sept 20, 2024, 7:00-9:00PM**
 - a. 20% discount with code "INSIDER" at <https://tinyurl.com/ycxxaapx>
- ii. **New Bonhoeffer Documentary from Angel Studios: Bonhoeffer – Pastor, Spy, Assassin**
 - a. 2/3 off discount (\$5 ticket available at <https://tinyurl.com/27hzfyhm>)
- iii. **Understanding The Times:** Jan Markell rebroadcasts the June 6th Understanding the Times Prophecy Conference. Dr. Mark Hitchcock outlines 7 events to come on the last days' panorama of events. Many believe the Church is absent from some of these. Also discussed:
 - a. As the 'Church Age' comes to an end, what are some of the events to watch for?
 - b. What of the '3rd Temple'? Is it necessary for 3rd Temple to be built?
 - c. What of the Peace Treaties that have been set & what Treaties need to come yet?
 - d. Does the Rapture start the 7-year Tribulation?
 - e. OliveTreeViews: <https://bit.ly/31WMM0s> YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/3cbvd5hn>
- iv. **Amir Tsarfati Weekly Update:** <https://tinyurl.com/mryvxb5y>
- v. **Sign up for Amir's Telegram page & daily alerts at** <https://t.me/s/ beholdisraelchannel>

II. **Revelation 6: The first Six Seals Judgements**

- a. **A background on Judgements**
 - i. From chapter 5, we saw the scroll being read contains the history & destiny of mankind & creation, and only Jesus – the Lamb – had the right to loosen the seals on this scroll of the _____
 - ii. If the scroll details the culmination of history, the things associated with the removal of the seals must happen *before* the scroll is opened. It's not the fulfillment of history itself, but the *preparation* for it. (note: The actual culmination is detailed in Revelation 19)
 - iii. The "Seal Judgements" are referred to in both Revelation 6:1-17 (seals 1-6) & the final 7th Seal in Revelation 8:1-5 (Chapter 7 is an
 - iv. There are 3 sets of judgements: Seal, Trumpet & Bowl
 - v. **Video commentary on Revelation 6:** <https://www.gotquestions.org/seven-seals-Revelation.html>
- b. The first 4 seals of the Scroll bring 4 Horsemen (verses 1-2)
 - i. "... ***behold, a white horse***": this isn't a cowboy movie, & the guy on a white horse isn't a good guy. Jesus does return on a **white horse** in Rev 19:11-16; but ***this*** is a satanic dictator who ***imitates*** Jesus.
 - ii. He rules ("***a crown was given***"); he rules with a **bow**, not a sword; and he exercises dominion over the earth ("***went out conquering and to conquer***").
 - iii. **A bow can represent falsehood, deceit (Psalms 64:3 & 64:4 ; Hosea 7:16 ; Jeremiah 9:3)**.
 - iv. "The whole context and character of these seals absolutely forbid our thinking of this rider being the Lord Jesus, as so many affirm. *Jesus' reign shall not bring war, famine, and strife in its train.*" (Jennings Bible Commentary)
 - v. **NOTE:** This can be an interpretive crossroad of the Book of Revelation. You can sometimes tell much about how a person understands this book and God's **prophetic plan** by how they see this first rider. Those who think Revelation is mostly a book of *history* (i.e. Preterists) believe that this rider is Jesus, the apostles, or the Roman emperors. Those who believe that this is a **prophetic** passage, yet to be fulfilled, usually see this rider to be the antichrist.
 - vi. "***He went out conquering and to conquer***": he will be more terrible than all previous dictators. He'll rule over men as a **false messiah**, and lead man in organized rebellion against God, in the pattern of Nimrod, his 1st predecessor.
 - vii. The idea of a satanic dictator over men goes back to Nimrod, the ruler over Babel in Genesis 10:8-14, where it says he was a "***mighty hunter before the LORD***". Here he will be a mighty hunter of **men**, an offensive to God.

- viii. **“Come and see”**: With the war, political uncertainty in the US, economic fragility, etc., modern political & social scene is primed for the emergence of such a political leader. All that waits is for the Lord to allow it in His timing.
- ix. **“And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. 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.”** ([2 Thessalonians 2:6-7](#))
- x. The first seal opened brings this dictator to prominence. The Seventieth week of Daniel 9 begins when this dictator will **“confirm a covenant with [the] many”**, referring to the Jewish people.
- c. **The ‘Red Horse’ brings war and conflict (verses 3-4)**
 - i. **“Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth”**: This rider won’t **bring** war and destruction. All he’ll need to do is **take** peace from the earth. Peace is God’s gift to man. Once taken, **men rush in with war & destruction**.
 - ii. Peace between men & among nations is a gift from God. It is **NOT** the *natural* state of relations between men, but a result of Adam’s fall.
 - iii. **“... and it was granted”**: This authority was **granted** to the horseman. This is, directly or indirectly, the judgment of God.
 - iv. **“... that people should kill one another.”**: Our modern age is marked by war and conflict. Since World War II, there have been more than _____ ‘State-Sponsored’ conflicts. (3.6/yr)
- d. **The Black Horse brings scarcity & inequity (verses 5-6)**
 - i. **“A black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand”**: Scales imply need to carefully measure & ration food, inferring **scarcity**.
 - ii. **“a quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius”**: These prices are about 12x higher than normal. This means it would cost a day’s wage to buy the ingredients for a loaf of bread. This describes “a time of famine when life will be reduced to the barest necessities.” (John Walvoord, *“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”*)
 - iii. **“... do not harm the oil and the wine”**: Yet, the nicer things will still be available for those who can afford them. There will still be **the oil and the wine** that should not be harmed.
- e. **The Pale Horse brings death (verses 7-8)**
 - i. **“... a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death”**: This last rider shows there will be a tremendous death toll from the dictator, war, famine & other calamities described by the previous 3 horsemen.
 - ii. Jesus said of this time *For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.* ([Matthew 24:21](#))
 - iii. **“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.”** Power was given to the horseman, and given by God. Though all hell breaks loose on the earth, God is **ALWAYS** very much in control. He still holds the scroll and opens the seals.
- f. The 5th & 6th Seals are opened (verses 9-11)
 - i. The fifth seal brings forth the **‘cry of the martyrs’**.
 - ii. **“I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God”**: As the souls were **under the altar** it shows their life blood was poured out as an offering to God. (see Lev. 4:7)
 - iii. It’s best to see this as an example of the cry of **all martyrs for God’s truth**.
 - iv. We don’t think of God’s people crying out for vengeance, but here it’s clearly stated they made their cry to God, & leave the matter to Him.
 - v. When God’s people are persecuted, _____. It isn’t wrong for God’s people to ask Him to do what He promised (Corrie Ten Boom).
 - vi. The blood of Abel cried out from the ground for vengeance ([Gen 4:10](#)).
 - vii. **“It was said to them that they should rest a little while longer”**: These saints were instructed to **wait**... but how long must they wait?
 - viii. **“... until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed”**. This may mean that they should wait until *all* God’s appointed martyrs are killed.
 - ix. We are to be WITNESSES for Chris. It is character – the way that one *lives* – that makes a martyr, but that can include the way that one *dies*.
 - x. The Greek word for witness is ... martus (mar-toos μάρτυς), from where we get our word ‘martyr’
 - xi. **We can sometimes forget the full cost of being ‘witnesses for Christ’**
- g. The 6th seal brings cosmic disruption
 - i. Prior examples: Zephaniah 1:14-16 & Joel 2:10-11
 - ii. **“The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth”**: It is best to regard these pictures as *real*, but *poetic*.
 - iii. **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**: All people are equally brought low by God’s wrath.
 - iv. **Hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne**: They hid not only from the terror of the judgments, but **from the face of Him who sits on the throne**.
- h. **“Who is able to stand”?**

- i. **Only believers justified by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, the only One who can offer salvation.**
- ii. Reiterated in Romans 5:1-2, 1 Cor 15:1 & 1 Peter 5:12