

The Scene In Heaven - Revelation 5

What Is Heaven Looking Forward To?

A. The Seven Sealed Book (5:1-4)

1. Where it is (5:1)

2. What it is (5:1)

3. Who can open it (5:2-3)

a. Supreme worthiness required

b. Absolute worthlessness of man revealed

4. Weeping results (5:4)

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B. The Savior Accepts The Challenge (5:5-7)

1. His Worthiness (5:5-6)

- a. In royalty and power as Lion of the tribe of Judah - Genesis 49:10**
- b. As heir to the throne as the Root of David and who has prevailed - Acts 13:22, Psalm 110:1**
- c. In redemption as the Lamb of God
1 Peter 1:19-20**

2. His work (5:7)

Daniel 12:7-9

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C. Heaven's Reaction (5:8-14)

- 1. The Four Beasts and Four And Twenty Elders**
 - a. Worship (v 8)**
 - b. Praise (v 9)**
 - c. Thankfulness (v 10)**
- 2. The Angels (5:11-12)**
 - a. Significance of their number (11)**
 - b. Seven things Christ is worthy to receive (12)**
- 3. Creation (5:13)**
- 4. Refocused on the Throne (5:14)**

The First Six Seals

Revelation 6

God's Judgment Comes On Time

Matthew 24:3-10

3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Matthew 24:3-10 - continued

5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.

9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Matthew 24:3-10 - continued

10 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-4

3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

I. The First Seal: The White Horse Rider, False Peace

Revelation 6:1-2

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2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

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I. The First Seal: The White Horse Rider, False Peace

A. A false Messiah

2 Corinthians 11:14

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

B. A false victory

A victor's crown versus a sovereign crown

C. An empty quiver

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Daniel 9:26-27

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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.

II. The Second Seal: The Red Horse Rider, War

Revelation 6:3-4

3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

II. The Second Seal: The Red Horse Rider, War

A. An ineffective peace

Isaiah 48:22

There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

B. Not in Satan's character

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

III. The Third Seal: The Black Horse Rider, Famine

Revelation 6:5-6

5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, 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.

III. The Third Seal: The Black Horse Rider, Famine

A. Quantifying the famine

1. Measure – Quart

2. Penny – Denarius – Day’s wage

3. Barley – Poor substitute for wheat

B. Qualifying the famine

“Hurt not the oil and wine”

Trying to hang on to what remained

IV. The Fourth Seal: The Pale Horse Rider, Mass Death

Revelation 6:7-8

7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

IV. The Fourth Seal: The Pale Horse Rider, Mass Death

A. The ominous agents

- 1. Pale – Ashen green (decomposing corpse)**
- 2. Hell = Hades**

B. The onerous amount

- 1. 25% of the earth's population**
- 2. Result of war, famine, violence**

V. The Fifth Seal: Martyrdom of Believers

Revelation 6:9-11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were 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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

V. The Fifth Seal: Martyrdom of Believers

A. Their location

B. Their legacy

Matthew 23:35

That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.

C. Their longsuffering

VI. The Sixth Seal: Physical Disturbances

A. Everywhere one looked on earth

Revelation 6:12-14

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was 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, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

VI. The Sixth Seal: Physical Disturbances

B. Everyone on earth affected

Revelation 6:15-17

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens 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 that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Where Will You Be?

