

# **The First Six Seals - Revelation 6**

## **God's Judgment Comes On Time**

### **A. The First Seal: The White Horse Rider, False Peace (6:1-2)**

- 1. A false Messiah - 2 Corinthians 11:14**
- 2. A false victory - A victor's crown vs a sovereign crown**
- 3. An empty quiver - Daniel 9:26-27**

### **B. The Second Seal: The Red Horse Rider, War (6:3-4)**

- 1. An ineffective peace - Isaiah 48:22**
- 2. Not in Satan's character - 1 Peter 5:8**

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### **C. The Third Seal: The Black Horse Rider, Famine (6:5-6)**

#### **1. Quantifying the famine**

**a. Measure – Quart**

**b. Penny – Denarius – Day's wage**

**c. Barley – Poor substitute for wheat**

#### **2. Qualifying the famine**

**“Hurt not the oil and wine”**

**Trying to hang on to what remained**

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### **D. The Fourth Seal: The Pale Horse Rider, Mass Death (6:7-8)**

#### **1. The ominous agents**

**a. Pale – Ashen green (decomposing corpse)**

**b. Hell = Hades**

#### **2. The onerous amount**

**a. 25% of the earth's population**

**b. Result of war, famine, violence**

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### **E. The Fifth Seal: Martyrdom of Believers (6:9-11)**

**1. Their location**

**2. Their legacy - Matthew 23:35**

**3. Their longsuffering**

### **F. The Sixth Seal: Physical Disturbances (6:12-17)**

**1. Everywhere one looked on earth**  
**(6:12-14)**

**2. Everyone affected on earth**  
**(6:15-17)**

# **The Redeemed Of The Tribulation**

## **Revelation 7**

**The witness (and mercy) of God is always  
present**



## **Matthew 24:8-14**

**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.**

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

**11 And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**

**12 And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.**

**13 But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

**14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

## **Matthew 24:21-22**

**21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

**22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.**

## **Romans 9:15**

**For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.**

# **I. Time For Redemption (7:1-3)**

## **Revelation 7:1-3**

**1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.**

**2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,**

**3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.**

# **I. Time For Redemption (7:1-3)**

**A. A question answered**

**B. A calm decreed (7:1)**

**C. A cause decided (7:2-3)**

**Where God's Judgment Is, There Is Mercy**

**Psalm 25:16**

**Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.**

## **2 Thessalonians 2:6-12**

**6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.**

**7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.**

**8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:**

**9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

## **2 Thessalonians 2:6-12 - continued**

**10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

**11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**

**12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.**

## **The Church Is Taken Out Of The Way**

**The Holy Spirit and Word of God are still present in the  
Tribulation**

## **Zechariah 8:12**

**For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.**

**God must keep His promises**

## **II. The Witnesses Sealed (7:4-8)**

### **Revelation 7:4-8**

**4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.**

**5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.**

**6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.**

## **II. The Witnesses Sealed (7:4-8)**

### **Revelation 7:4-8 - continued**

**7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.**

**8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.**

**A. The total given (7:4)**

**B. The tribes identified (7:5-8)**

## **II. The Witnesses Sealed (7:4-8)**

### **C. Two tribes missing**

#### **1. Dan and Ephraim**

**Judges 18:30**

**And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land.**

**Hosea 4:17**

**Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.**

**Lost the opportunity to witness**

## **II. The Witnesses Sealed (7:4-8)**

**D. Lost opportunities does not mean lost inheritance  
Ezekiel 48:1, 5**

**Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazarenan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a portion for Dan.**

**5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a portion for Ephraim.**

# **III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)**

## **A. A great number (7:9)**

### **Revelation 7:9**

**After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;**

### **III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)**

#### **B. A great Savior (7:10)**

#### **Revelation 7:10**

**And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God  
which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.**

# **III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)**

## **C. A great scene (7:11-12)**

### **Revelation 7:11-12**

**11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,**

**12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)**

#### **D. A great answer to John (7:13-14)**

#### **Revelation 7:13-14**

**13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**

**14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

# III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)

## E. Their great service (7:15)

### Revelation 7:15

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne **shall dwell among them.**

### **III. A Great Multitude Saved (7:9-17)**

#### **F. Their great satisfaction (7:16-17)**

##### **Revelation 7:16-17**

**16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.**

**17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

***Comparisons Between to the Two Groups Described in [Revelation 7](#)***

144,000 of 7:1-8

The Multitude of 7:9-17

Are Israelites only, 12,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel.

Come out of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues.

Consist of a specific number.

A great multitude which no one can number.

Still upon the earth in mortal bodies that need the protection of God.

In a state of glory before the very throne of God.

Church Age Saints	Tribulation Saints
Kept out of the Tribulation by the rapture (3:10)	Come out of the Great Tribulation through Martyrdom (7:14)
Clothed in white raiment or garments (simulation, mantle, cloak (3:5; 4:4)	Clothed in white robes (stolh, a festal robe) (7:9)
Sit on thrones about the throne (4:4)	Stand before the throne (7:10)
Wear crowns (stefanos, the victor's crown as promised to the church) (4:4)	No crowns mentioned
Have harps and golden bowls full of incense (5:8)	Palm branches in their hands (7:9)
Sing a new song (5:9)	Cry out with a loud voice (7:10)
Declared to be a kingdom of priests who will reign with Christ (5:10)	Serve Him day and night (7:15, cf. 20:4)

