

THE APOCALYPSE THE UNVEILING OF
JESUS THE KING

TITLE: WAR

TEXT: REVELATION 6:9-17

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The Fifth Seal: Martyrs

⁹ When *the Lamb* broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who live on the earth?" ¹¹ And a white robe was given to each of them, and they were told that they were to rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brothers *and sisters* who were to be killed even as they *had been*, was completed also.

The Sixth Seal: Terror

¹² And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. ¹⁴ The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the eminent people, and the

commanders and the wealthy and the strong, and every slave and free person hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶and they said to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the sight of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; ¹⁷for the great day of Their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

I. GOD’S AFFLICTION IS STARTED.

1. The tribulation period commences with the opening of the seal.
2. The first four seals form a unity (the four horsemen of the Apocalypse).
3. The destruction described in the first four seals is a preview of what is to come in the trumpet and bowl judgment.
4. The pattern of Revelation is to give us the big picture and then fill in the details.
5. Seal five and six deal with things in Heaven (martyrs & cosmic disaster)
6. The seventh seal (8:1) ushers in the seven trumpets.

The Seal Judgements

1. White Horse: Conquest (Anti-Christ)
2. Red Horse: War and Blood Shed
3. Black Horse: Famine and Disease
4. Pale Horse: Death (with hell following behind)

5. Martyrs: Saints who die in Tribulation

6. Earthquake & Heavens Shaken: “Great Day of His Wrath”

7. Seven Trumpets: Silence; then Disaster

8. The martyrs “under the altar” died for the word of God and for their personal testimonies.

9. The sixth seal resulted in a great earthquake.

10. The judgment in chapter six is called the wrath of the Lamb.

11. The Four Horseman of the Apocalypse

a. A White Horse: Domination

b. A Red Horse: Division

c. A Black Horse: Depression

d. A Pale Horse: Destruction