

# REVELATION SERIES - LESSON 11

## REVELATION 6

Context - Ch 6 - 18 are some of the heaviest chapters not only in Revelation but also in the entire Bible.

As I have said “sometimes God has to work in rather harsh ways to get people to yield”.

God is patient and longsuffering and gives us so many opportunities to come to Him. However if we are hard headed, God will turn up the heat to do what is necessary.

We will see in Ch 6 - 18 there will be a series of judgements that escalate in intensity.

Seals > Trumpet > Bowls = God is giving us a glimpse of what is to come.

The church is missing in the wrath period of Ch 6 - 18.

There will be 7 years of wrath known as tribulation with the last 3 ½ known as "Great Tribulation".

Some think tribulation will happen immediately or instantly. Nothing in Bible indicates this to be the case.

I believe rapture is before tribulation but don't know how much before.

In Ch 6, the seals are opened and the first 4 are attached to horses.

This is sometimes known as the 4 Horsemen of Apocalypse.

White

Red

Black

Pale (light green)

Each of these seals are a kind of God's wrath and it's coming on the earth.

Ch 6:1 - The Lamb opens first seal and appears a white horse with a rider.

Vs 2) - says rider has a bow but no arrows.

Bow = symbol of peace

This one is coming under the guise of peace but will be bringing war.

The arrows are missing and hidden for now.

“Crown” - 2 Greek words in N. T.

Stephanos - that's one he is wearing

Diadem - Rev 19 Jesus is wearing

So this rider is wearing a crown that's not royal but inferior and was given to wear.

“Conquering and to Conquer” - white horse is ridden I believe by the Antichrist.

He will come and appear during the Tribulation Period.

Let me say a few things about him.

1) Titles

2) Traits

3) Timing

Titles - Man of lawlessness - II Thess 2

Abomination that causes desolation - Matt 24:15

Daniel refers to this in Dan. 9:27.

II Thess 2:3-4, says He will set himself up literally or a statue of himself. And this is the abomination of desolation.

## (2) Traits

He will blaspheme God, oppose God, exalt himself, set up himself in temple and proclaim to be God. II Thess 2

Also in Dan 7, 9, 11 and Rev 13.

Daniel says he will be charismatic and political leader.

## (3) Timing

After rapture of the church overthrown and destroyed by the Lord Jesus when He returns.

“Destroyed” - not annihilated cause in Rev 19:20, he will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire.

Vs 3 - 4 Red = color of terror and bloodshed.

2nd seal is a foretelling of war on the planet.

Vs 5 - 6 Quart of Wheat = loaf of bread  
Denerius = days wage \$200

Bible says economic collapse and famine.

“Oil & wine” = idioms of the wealthy and some will and others will not.

Vs 7 4th Seal

Pale = “chloros” we get our word chlorophyll.

It represents “death of many unbelievers”.

Death is coming with this horse.

4 = weapons sword (War), famine, plagues, wild beasts.  
(Different ways to die)

Vs 9 5th Seal

This is talking about believers. People will die for their faith in tribulation.

It's the record of believers (1) dying for not worshipping the beast or (2) not receiving mark of beast. Rev 13:15-18



Vs 12 - 13 - Universal natural catastrophes.

EARTHQUAKES

VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS

METEOR SHOWERS

ASTEROIDS

TSUNAMIS

So Bible predicts natural calamity like never seen before.

Vs 14 - Part of a hymn

Vs 15-16 - So bad people will cry out for rocks to fall on them so they can die.

Vs 17 - Sad because instead of kneeling and bowing to the Lord they hide themselves and ask for mountain to fall on them.