

BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 6: 1-17

THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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THE 6 SEAL JUDGEMENTS, REV 6: 1-17

The Son's Enemies will be a Footstool under **His** feet

Psalm 110:1-7

1 **The Lord** (the Father) says to **my** (David's) **Lord** (the Son):

“Sit at **My** (Father's) **right hand**

Until I (the Father) make **Your** (Son's) **enemies** a footstool for **Your** (Son's) feet.”

Matt 22:44, Mk 12:36, Lk 20:42-43, Acts 2:34-35, Heb 1:13, 10:12-13, 1 Cor 15:25-27, Eph 1:22

2 **The Lord** (the Father) will stretch forth **Your** (Son's) strong **scepter** from **Zion**, saying, Ps 45:6

“**Rule** in the midst of **Your** (Son's) **enemies**.”

3 **Your** (Son's) **people** will volunteer freely in **the day of Your power**, [Come in Power, Matt 24:30c]

In holy array, from the womb of the dawn, **Your** youth are to **You** as the dew.

4 **The Lord** (the Father) has **sworn** and **will not change His** mind,

“**You** (the Son) are a **priest forever**, Gen 14:18,

According to **the order of Melchizedek**.” Heb 5:6, 5:10, 6:20, 7:21,

5 **The Lord** (the Son) is at **Your** (Father's) **right hand**, Eph 1:20, Col 3:1, Heb 1:3

He (the Son) will **shatter kings** in **the day of His wrath**. Ps 2:8-9, Rom 2:5, Nahum 1:2-6, Zeph 1:2-18

6 **He** (the Son) will **judge** among **the nations**, **He** will fill **them** with **corpses**, Isa 66:24, Matt 24:28, Rev 19:21

He (the Son) will **shatter** the **chief men** over a broad country.

7 **He** (the Son) will drink from the brook by the wayside, Therefore **He** will lift up **His head**.

The Son, Jesus, will have a **day of His wrath** where **He** will shatter **Kings** and **Judge the Nations** and fill **the Nations** with **corpses** and shatter the **chief** or **Ruling Men**.

The Son, Jesus, will make **His** enemies a footstool under **His** feet (Submit).

Psalm 110:1-7

Matthew 24:27-28

27 “For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will **the coming of the Son of Man** be.

28 “Wherever the **corpse** is, there the vultures will gather. “the **Great Supper of God**”, Rev 19:17-18, 21

LEADING UP TO THE 7 SEAL SCROLL JUDGEMENTS, REV 4 AND REV 5

First A **Throne** in **Heaven** with **Him** on **it**, 4:1-3, Around the **Throne** 24 **Elders**, 4:4-8,

Then **Book/Scroll**, with 7 **Seals**, is in the Right Hand of **Him** on **Throne**, 5:1,

Who is worthy to Open **the Book**, 5:2-5,

Between the **Throne** and Beings, **A Lamb** Standing, 5:6,

He, the Lamb, took **the Book/Scroll** out of Right Hand of **Him** on **Throne**, 5:7,

The **Living Creatures** and **Elders** Sang, Worthy is **the Lamb**, to take **the Book**, and Break **its 7 Seals**, 5:8-14,

The 7 Seal Book/Scroll, belongs to **the Father**, and is taken from **the Father** by **the Lamb**, 5:7

The Chain of Command - for the 4 Seal Scroll Judgements

- 1) **The Father** (is the Source or Origin of the 4 Seal Judgements) >
- 2) **The Lamb (Jesus)** (is the possessor, initiator, and breaker of the 4 Seal Judgements) >
- 3) **The 4 Living Creatures (Angels)** > (Command the Riders “to come”, “to go”, or come forth in Judgement)
Greek, *erchomai* (2064), the most frequent verb, denoting either “to come, or to go,”
[Vine's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words](#) (Vol. 2, p. 108).
- 4) **The Riders/Horses** > (Obey Command and carry out, perform, or accomplish the Judgements)

Summary:

The 4 Seal Judgements come from the Father, are taken and initiated by the Son, are Commanded by the Living Creature Angels, and Carried out by the Riders/Horses.
The 4 Seal Judgements come from God, and are carried out by His Agents, the Riders/Horses.

Q: WHY can we call the 4 Seals, “Judgements” ?

A: These 4 Seals lead to the Punishment of Men, based on God's Will, Authority, and Plan.

This Punishment is what Jesus' Judging, Judgements, and Avenging in Revelation are about, [Rev 6:10, 19:2](#)

[Revelation 6:10](#)

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 dwell on the earth ?”

[Revelation 19:2](#)

2 because His judgments are true and righteous,

for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her immorality,

and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her.”

The Seal Judgements - The Judicial Judgement of God

Judgement typically is making a formal Decision as in a Person's Guilt or Innocence.

But these Seal Judgements of God are more related to His Judicial Judgement.

The Judicial Judgement of God includes both the Decision, the Sentencing, and the Punishment

- A. God identifies an offense (Sin), then God makes a Judgement/Decision based on His Law,
- B. God declares the offending (Sinful) Party's Guilt based on His Law,
- C. God Sentences the offender (Sinner), and assigns the Punishment, based on His Law,
- D. God carries out His legally authorized Punishment for the offender (Sinner), as Death, [Rom 6:23](#)

Therefore, the Seal Judgements focus on the last part of the Judicial Judgement of God, the Punishment.

This Punishment is for offenders (Sinners) and Not for those whose sin has been forgiven. [2 Cor 5:21](#)

“Punishment” Def. 2a: suffering, pain, or loss that serves as retribution [Websters](#)

“Punishment” Def. 2b: a penalty inflicted on an offender through judicial procedure [Websters](#)

The Seal Judgements - The Wrath of God

The Word “Wrath” is used 39 times in 37 verses in NT

Wrath (Punishment), Greek, *orge*, (3709), 28 times in 23 verses

“the punitive (punishment) outpouring of God's righteous indignation (anger) at sin” [Bible Sense Lexicon](#)

Wrath (Punishment), Greek, *orge*, is used specifically in the following verses in the NT:

[Matt 3:7](#), [Luke 3:7](#), [21:23](#), [Rom 1:18](#), [2:5](#), [2:8](#), [3:5](#), [4:15](#), [5:9](#), [9:22](#), [12:19](#), [13:4](#), [13:5](#), [Eph 2:3](#), [5:6](#), [Col 3:6](#),
[1 Thes 1:10](#), [2:16](#), [5:9](#), [Rev 6:16](#), [6:17](#), [11:18](#), [14:10](#)

These verses, in context, help us determine when Wrath is spoken of as (punishment) or (fury, anger),

Wrath (fury, anger), Greek, *thumos*, (2372), 9 times in 9 verses

[Eph 4:31](#), [Col 3:8](#), [Heb 11:27](#), [Rev 12:12](#), [14:10](#), [14:19](#), [15:1](#), [15:7](#), [16:1](#)

Sometimes Wrath (Punishment) and Wrath (fury, anger) are used in the same verse.

OVERVIEW OF THE FIRST 4 SEAL JUDGEMENTS

Read **Revelation 6:1-8** The First 4 Seal Judgements

The Lamb broke **First Seal**, 1st of 4 **Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go, Rider** on a **White Horse** went out, **6:1-2**

The Lamb broke **Second Seal**, 2nd of 4 **Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go, Rider** on a **Red Horse** went out, **6:3-4**

The Lamb broke **Third Seal**, 3rd of 4 **Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go, Rider** on a **Black Horse** went out, **6:5-6**,

The Lamb broke **Forth Seal**, 4th of 4 **Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go, Rider** on an **Ashen Horse** went out, **6:7-8**

Q1: In **Verse 8**, WHO or WHAT are “**Death**” and “**Hades**” ? **Read Rev 1:18** and **Rev 20:13-14**

A: “**Death**” and “**Hades**” are **Places** and Not **Persons** or **Horse Riders**.

Q2: In **Verse 8**, WHAT is “**Hades**” (Sheol in OT) ?

A: “**Hades**” (Sheol) is the **grave**, a temporary location that holds the **body** prisoner at **death**, as in **unbelievers**, until released by **the Lord**, as in **Rev 20:13-14**

Q3a: IF “**Death**” and “**Hades**” are Not **Persons**, then WHO is “**them**”(NAS) or “**they**”(ESV), in **Verse 8** ? Does “**them**” or “**they**” include and refer to all 4 **Horses and Riders** ?

A: I think “**them**” or “**they**” in **Rev 6:8b** refers to all 4 **Horses and Riders**, in **Rev 6:1-8**

Q3b: Is there any more evidence that supports all 4 **Horses and Riders** as “**them**” or “**they**” ?

A: In **Rev 6:8b** it says, “**Authority** was given to **them** over a fourth of **the earth**, to **kill** with **sword** and with **famine** and with **pestilence** (plague) and by the **wild beasts** of **the earth**.”

These 4 **Judgements** in **Rev 6:8b**, seem to lineup with the 4 **Horses and Riders** Commanded tasks.

White Horse was Commanded, and “went out” to “**conquer**” or to **Kill** as in **War**

Red Horse was Commanded, and “went out” to “**take peace**” with a “**great sword**” or to **Kill** as in **War**

Black Horse was Commanded, and brings “**famine**” or to **Kill**, as in **starvation** from **War**

Ashen Horse was Commanded, and is not given a way to **Kill**, but **he** is associated with **Death** and **Hades**.

“**he** (rider) who sat on **it** (horse) had the name **Death**, and **Hades** was following with **him**.”

All 4 **Horses** are **given** (granted) **authority** (power to act) over **1/4 of the Earth**, in **Rev 6:8b**

Q4: WHO **gave** or **granted authority** to the 4 **Horses and Riders** over **1/4 of the Earth**, in **Rev 6:8b** ?

A: The 4 **Seal Judgements** come from **the Father**, are taken and initiated by **the Son**, are Commanded by the **Living Creature Angels**, and Carried out by the **Riders/Horses**.

All 4 **Horses** are Commanded to **Kill** over **1/4 of the Earth** by one of 4 ways associated with **War**:

(1) to **Kill** by **sword**, (2) to **Kill** with **famine**, (3) to **Kill** with **pestilence** (plague), (4) to **Kill** by **wild beasts**

This is like the **Olivet Discourse**: **War**, **Matt 24:6-7**, **Famine**, **Matt 24:7**, to **Kill**, **Matt 24:9**

The Riders of the 4 Horses

Q5: WHO are the 4 **Riders** of the 4 **Horses** ? Are they **Men** or **Angels** or **Jesus** or the **Antichrist** ?

First: WHO is the **Rider** on the **White Horse** ?

A: View A - Some think the **Rider** on the **White Horse** is **Jesus**, because **He** rides a **White Horse** in **Rev 19:11**.

But then you have **Jesus** initiating **Himself** and the **Living Creatures** commanding **Jesus** to go to **War**.

View B - The most common view is **The Rider** on the **White Horse** is the **Antichrist**.

They say the **bow** is a symbol of **war**, and the absence of **Arrows** implies that this victory is a peaceful one made by **Covenant** of the **Antichrist**, as in **Dan 9:27**, but not by **war** where people are **killed**.

But the **bow** argument doesn't make sense to me because if one is armed with a **bow** and goes to **war**

then it implies he does have **Arrows**, not lack of **Arrows**. **2 Sam 1:22**, **Ps 7:12**, **Jer 6:23**

This “absence of **Arrows View**” is “*an argument from silence*”.

Also this speaks nothing of **peace** or a **covenant** but only of “**conquering**” by defeating the enemy in **war**.

“**conquering**” Grk. *nikao*, (3528), “to win a victory as in a military conflict” or **war** *Bible Sense Lexicon*

Also, **he** has a “**crown**” given to **him**. A “**crown**” a victor's **crown** or wreath as in **War**, a *metaphor*.

Also, The **Red Dragon** has Not caused, the **Woman** (Israel) to **flee** to wilderness for **3 ½ years**, Rev 12:1-6
 Also, **Antichrist** delays warring with the **saints** for **3 ½ years**, Dan 7:21, 7:25, 12:7, 12:1, See Rev 13:1-6
View C - My view is **The Rider** on the **White Horse** is an **Angel** or **1 of 4 Angel Horse Riders**, in Rev 6:1-8
 This has **Jesus** initiating **judgement/war/killing** by sending **Angels** as **His** agents, as is the norm in OT and NT.
Read Zech 6:1-8, where **Angels** as “**spirits**” are sent and go forth from **the Lord** to **appease His wrath**.
 Also, **Angels** initiate by blowing all **7 Trumpet Judgements**, Rev 8:7, 8:8, 8:10, 8:12, 9:1, 9:13, 11:15
 Also, **Angels** initiate by pouring all **7 Bowl Judgements**, Rev 16:2, 16:3, 16:4, 16:8, 16:10, 16:12, 16:17
 Also, **4 Angels** are granted by **God** to harm the **earth**, in **Read Rev 7:2-3**, as **they** do in Rev 8:7-13
 Also, **4 Angels/demons** are released to **kill 1/3 of Mankind**, **Read Rev 9:13-15**.

Conclusion: as to WHO are the **4 Riders** of the **4 Horses**? **All 4 Riders are Angels**

The **4 Seal Judgements** come from **the Father**, are taken and initiated by **the Son**,
 are commanded and sent by **4 Living Creature Angels**, and carried out by **4 Angel Riders/Horses**.
Military Warfare typically has a **Leader** (like **Jesus**) sending his **Armies** (like **Angels**) out in **War**.

The First of Seven **Seals** Broken by **the Lamb** and administered by **White Horse Rider**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 6:1-2** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:1-2

- I. 1 Then **I (John)** saw when **the Lamb** (**Jesus**) broke **one of the seven seals**, 5:1
 - A. and **I (John)** heard one of the **four living creatures** (**Angels**) saying 4:6, 5:6, 8, 11, 14
 1. **as** with a voice of thunder, “**Come** (to Go).” 6:3, 6:5, 6:7
- II. 2 **I (John)** looked, and behold, a **white horse**, 6:4, 6:5, 6:8
 - A. and **he** (**Angel**) who sat on it (**horse**) had a **bow**,
 1. and a **crown** (victor’s) was given to him, 9:7
 2. and **he** (**Angel**) went out (6:4) **conquering** (defeating) and to **conquer** (defeat). 6:8b

The Father is the Source of **the Scroll**, **Jesus** now possesses **the Scroll**, **Jesus** breaks the **1st Seal** on **the Scroll**,
1st of 4 Living Creatures (**Angels**) dispatches **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**), and **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**) went out.

The Lamb broke **1st Seal**, **1st of 4 Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go**, **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**) went out, 6:1-2,
 “**he** (**Angel**) who sat on it (**horse**) had a **bow**”, a weapon of **War**
 “a **crown** was given to him”, a victor’s **crown** or **wreath**, Warrior’s **crown** in **War**. 9:7
 “**he** went out **conquering** (defeating) and to **conquer** (to defeat), as part of **War**.”

This **White Horse** with a **Rider** is a **conquering Warrior**, as in **War**, that **God** uses to carry out

His Judicial Judgment on **Mankind**, by being a part of **Killing** up to 1/4 of the **People** on **Earth**, 6:8b

Authority given (granted) to **4 Riders** over **1/4 of Earth**, to **Kill** with **Sword**, **Famine**, **Pestilence**, **Beasts**, 6:8b

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4 th Seal Ashen Horse, Rider (Angel), Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts, War, Killing > 1/4 Earth			
1 st Seal White Horse, Rider (Angel) Bow, Crown, to Conquer, War, Killing	2 nd Seal Red Horse, Rider (Angel) Take Peace, with Sword, War, Killing	3 rd Seal Black Horse, Rider (Angel) Scales, Famine, War, Killing	4 th Seal Ashen Horse, Rider (Angel) Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts War, Killing
Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father
Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14			
Seals 1-4, God's Wrath, Judging Killing Man by His Angels			

The Second of Seven Seals Broken by the Lamb and administered by Red Horse Rider

Working Outline > Read Revelation 6:3-4

(Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:3-4

- I. 3 When He (Jesus) broke the second seal,
 - A. 1 (John) heard the second living creature (Angel) saying, "Come (to Go)." 6:2, 6:5, 6:7
 - II. 4 And another, a red horse, went out (6:2);
 - A. and to him (Angel) who sat on it,
 1. it (to Angel) was granted to take peace from the earth, 6:8b
 2. and that men would slay (slaughter, kill) one another; 6:8b
 3. and a great sword was given to him (Angel). 6:8b

The Father is the Source of the Scroll, Jesus now possesses the Scroll, Jesus breaks the 2nd Seal on the Scroll, 2nd of 4 Living Creatures (Angels) dispatches the Horse/Rider (Angel), and the Horse/Rider (Angel) went out.

The Lamb broke 2nd Seal, 2nd of 4 Living Creatures, says Come/Go, the Horse/Rider (Angel) went out, 6:3-4, "to him (Angel) who sat on it"

"it (Angel) was granted to take peace from the earth", taking peace results in war

"that men would slay (slaughter, kill) one another", slaying or killing in war

"a great sword was given to him (Angel)", the sword an instrument of war used to kill, 6:8b

Authority given (granted) to 4 Riders over 1/4 of Earth, to Kill with Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts, 6:8b

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Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider
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Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14			
Seals 1-4, God's Wrath, Judging Killing Man by His Angels			

The Third of Seven Seals Broken by the Lamb and Administered by Black Horse Rider

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 6:5-6** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:5-6

- I. 5 When **He** (Jesus) broke the **third seal**,
 - A. **I** (John) heard the **third living creature** (Angel) saying, “**Come** (to Go).” 6:2, 6:3, 6:7
- II. **I** (John) looked, and behold, a **black horse**;
 - A. and **he** (Angel) who sat on **it** had a **pair of scales** in **his** hand.
 - B. 6 And **I** heard something like a voice in the center of the **four living creatures** (Angels) saying,
 - C. “A quart of **wheat** for a **denarius**, and three quarts of **barley** for a **denarius**;
 - D. and do not **damage** (harm) the **oil** and the **wine**.”

The Father is the Source of **the Scroll**, **Jesus** now possesses **the Scroll**, **Jesus** breaks the **3rd Seal** on **the Scroll**, **3rd of 4 Living Creatures** (Angels) dispatches **the Horse/Rider** (Angel), and **the Horse/Rider** (Angel) went out.

The Lamb broke **3rd Seal**, **3rd of 4 Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go**, **the Horse/Rider** (Angel) went out, **6:5-6** “**he** (Angel) who sat on **it** had a **pair of scales** in **his** hand”, implies **scales** to measure out **food**.

“A quart of **wheat** for a **denarius**, and three quarts of **barley** for a **denarius**”,

“**denarius**”, a Roman coin equal to a days wages, is implied to buy **wheat** or **barley**,

Therefore it will take an entire days wages, to purchase **wheat** or **barley**, for food.

War causes **Food** shortages, that cause **Famine/Death**, that cause high **Food prices** or a days wages.

“do not **damage** (harm) the **oil** and the **wine**”, the **oil** and **wine** are not to be harmed only **Food** shortages.

Authority given (granted) to **4 Riders** over 1/4 of **Earth**, to **Kill** with **Sword**, **Famine**, **Pestilence**, **Beasts**, **6:8b**

Like “the **four Angels** to **whom** it was **granted** (given) to harm the **Earth** and the **Sea**”, **7:2**

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Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father
Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14			
Seals 1-4, God's Wrath, Judging Killing Man by His Angels			

The Forth of Seven **Seals** Broken by **the Lamb** and Administered by **Ashen Horse Rider**

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 6:7-8** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:7-8

- I. 7 When **the Lamb** (**Jesus**) broke the **fourth seal**,
 - A. **I** (**John**) heard the voice of the **fourth living creature** (**Angel**) saying, “**Come** (to Go).” 6:2, 6:3, 6:5
- II. 8 **I** (**John**) looked, and behold, an **ashen horse**;
 - A. and **he** (**Angel**) who sat on **it** had the name **Death**;
 - B. and **Hades** was following with **him** (**Angel**).
- III. **Authority** was **given** to **them** (4 **Angels**) over a **fourth** of the **earth**,
 - A. (Authority) to **kill** with **sword** and with **famine**
 - B. and (Authority to **kill**) with **pestilence** (plague) and by the wild beasts of the **earth**.

The Father is the Source of **the Scroll**, **Jesus** now possesses **the Scroll**, **Jesus** breaks the 4th **Seal** on **the Scroll**, 4th of 4 **Living Creatures** (**Angels**) dispatches **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**), and **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**) went out.

The Lamb broke 4th **Seal**, 4th of 4 **Living Creatures**, says **Come/Go**, **the Horse/Rider** (**Angel**) went out, 6:7-8 “**he** (**Angel**) who sat on **it** had the name **Death**”, the **Angel** is identified with **Death** or **Killing** of **Men**. 6:8b “**Hades** was following with **him** (**Angel**)”, “**Hades**” the **grave**, a temporary location that holds the **body** prisoner at **death**, as in **unbelievers**, until released by **the Lord**, as in **Rev 20:13-14**

This **Angel** is associated with **Death** but is given no particular way to cause **Death** or **Killing** as **Seals 1-3**. But **he** was given **authority** to **kill** with **sword**, **famine**, **pestilence** (plague), and **wild beasts** as **Seals 1-3**.

I see this concluding 4th **Angel** as summarizing all that the 4 **seal Angels** administer, in **Killing men**.

This 4th **Angel** is involved with **Killing men**, but I see **him** as head of the cleanup of the **killed** at that time, that end up in **Hades**, the abode of the **Dead**.

There are Not 2 Persons, an **Angel Rider Death** and a **Person Hades** following the **Angel Rider Death**.

Verse 6:8b is a **Final Condensed Statement** concerning “**them**” the 4 **seal Angel/Riders**.

These **four severe** (types) of **judgments** are explained in, **Read Ezek 14:21, Jer 14:12, 24:10, 29:17-18**,

For thus says **the Lord God**, “How much more when **I send My four severe judgments** against **Jerusalem**: **sword, famine, wild beasts** and **plague** (pestilence), to **cut off** (kill) **man** and **beast** from **it**! **Ezek 14:21**

These **four severe** (types) of **judgments** summarize how **God** will **send** the 4 **seal Angels** in **judgement**.

[See discussion previously on the 4 **Riders**]

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The Fifth of Seven Seals Broken by the Lamb and Martyrs in Heaven

Working Outline > **Read Revelation 6:9-11** (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:9-11

- I. 9 When **the Lamb** (Jesus) broke the **fifth seal**,
 - A. **I** (John) saw underneath **the altar** Ex 29:12, Lev 4:7
 1. **the souls** of **those** (martyrs) who had been **slain** (killed) because of **the word of God**, 20:4, 7:13-14
 - a. and because of the **testimony** which **they** (martyrs) had maintained; 1:2, 12:17
 - B. **10** and **they** (martyrs) cried out with a loud voice, saying,
 1. “How long, O **Lord**, holy and true, 8:3-5,
 2. will **You** refrain from **judging** and **avenging our blood** 14:18, 18:20, 19:2, Deut 32:34,
 - a. on **those** who dwell on the **earth** ?”
 - C. **11** And there was given to each of **them** (martyrs) a **white robe**; 3:4-5, 7:9, 7:13-14,
 1. and **they** were told that **they** should rest for a little while longer,
 - a. until the number of **their fellow servants** and **their brethren**
 - i. who were to be **killed** even as **they** had been, 17:6,
 - a. would be completed also. 17:6,

The Father is the Source of **the Scroll**, **Jesus** now possesses **the Scroll**, **Jesus** breaks the **5th Seal** on **the Scroll**, **John** sees **martyrs** underneath **the altar** crying out for **the Lord** to **judge** and **avenge their blood**.

The Lamb broke the **5th Seal**, and **John** sees **martyrs** underneath **the altar**, 6:7-8

The **souls** of the **martyrs** > the immaterial part of a person, the heart, mind, conscience, Matt 10:28, 2 Cor 5:8

The **martyrs** > **those slain** (killed) because of **the word of God** and because of **their testimony** awaiting the **resurrection** of **their new bodies**, in Rev 20:4.

The **martyrs'** lives or shed **blood**, was given sacrificially to **God**, Ex 29:12, Lev 4:7

These **martyrs** were **those killed** by **the nations**, by **those** who hated **them**, Matt 24:9, “under **the altar**”, In the OT, at the base of “the **altar of burnt offering**”, Lev 4:25, at “the doorway of the **tent of meeting**”, Lev 4:7, or the **tabernacle**, Ex 33:7-11.

judging and **avenging our blood** > the **martyrs** cry out for **the Lord** to **judge their murderers** and **avenge their deaths**. The **martyrs'** deaths are later **avenged** by **the Lord**, Rev 19:2, Isa 34:8

They were given a **white robe**, identifying them as **saints** or **believers**, 3:4-5, 7:9, 7:13-14,

They were told to rest for a little while longer, until the number of **their fellow servants** or **brethren**

were **killed**, as **they** were **killed**, as **martyrs**. That is “the **blood** of the **witnesses** of **Jesus**”, Rev 17:6

This implies that **martyrs** are **sacrificed** at an appointed time, in **God's** timing

and that a Time of **Tribulation**, **suffering**, and **death** that had not been completed yet.

The 5 Seals, Rev 6:1-11

4 th Seal Ashen Horse, Rider (Angel), Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts, War, Killing > 1/4 Earth				
1st Seal White Horse, Rider (Angel) Bow, Crown, to Conquer, War, Killing	2nd Seal Red Horse, Rider (Angel) Take Peace, with Sword, War, Killing	3rd Seal Black Horse, Rider (Angel) Scales, Famine, War, Killing	4th Seal Ashen Horse, Rider (Angel) Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts War, Killing	5th Seal Martyrs Killed by Nations during Seals 1, 2, 3, 4
Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Nations Killed by Angel Rider	Killing by the Nations
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father
Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14				
Seals 1-4, God's Wrath, Judging Killing Man by His Angels				
Seal 5, No Wrath of God, God allows Nations to Kill Martyrs				

These **martyrs** are **those** both **Jew** and **Gentile** **who** came to faith

during the Time of the **First 4 Seals**

and were **martyred** by

Unbelieving Mankind/the Nations,
both **Jew** and **Gentile**

“**those** who had been **slain** because of **the Word**
of God and because of the testimony

which **they** had maintained”, Rev 6:9-11

The Sixth of Seven Seals Broken by the Lamb and the Wrath of the Lamb

Working Outline > Read Revelation 6:12-17 (Paragraph ¶ from NAS Bible)

Revelation 6:12-17

- I. 12 I (John) looked when He (Jesus) broke the sixth seal,
 - A. and there was a great earthquake;
 - B. and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, Joel 2:31, Isa 13:10, 24:23
 - C. and the whole moon became like blood; Joel 2:31, Isa 13:10, 24:23
 - D. 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, Isa 13:13,
 1. as a fig tree casts its unripe figs (stars) when shaken by a great wind.
 - E. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, Isa 34:4
 - F. and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. Isa 13:13, 24:1-3, 24:9, Rev 16:20
- II. 15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders Isa 34:2-3
 - A. and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man
 1. hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;
 - a. 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks,
 - i. “Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him (Father) who sits on the throne,
 - ii. and (hide us) from the wrath of the Lamb (Jesus); Isa 13:11, Rev 11:8, 14:10, 14:19, 15:1, 15:7
 2. 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand ?” Rev 16:1, 16:19, 19:15

“there was a great earthquake”, (Not Matt 24:7)

“the sun became black”, (These 3 are Not Matt 24:29, for they occur after the Great Trib, in Matt 24:15-26)

“the whole moon became like blood”, (Is Not Matt 24:29, for it occurs just before 2nd Coming, Matt 24:30)

“the stars of the sky fell to the earth”, (Is Not Matt 24:29, for it occurs just before 2nd Coming, Matt 24:30)

“as a fig tree ... shaken”, (This is Not Matt 24:32)

“The sky was split apart”, (This is Not Matt 24:29)

“every mountain and island were moved”, (Not mentioned in Matt 24:29)

“Then the kings (great men, commanders, rich, strong, slave, free) of the earth” “hid themselves”,

They “hid themselves”, in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains

“they said to mountains/rocks” “Fall on us and hide us” from the Father and from the wrath of the Lamb

“for (Reason) the great day of their (these men’s) wrath (of the Lamb) has come”

Q1: WHY hide from the wrath of the Lamb? **A1:** Because of the Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances.

Great Earthly Disturbances > a great earthquake, every mountain and island moved

Great Heavenly Disturbances > the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky, a Time of Darkness.

A Time of Darkness and Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances.

Q2: WHY hide from the wrath of the Lamb? **A2:** Because “the great day of their wrath has come”

The First 4 Seal Angels are “given authority to kill with sword, famine, pestilence (plague), and wild beasts”

The First 4 Seal Angels are “given authority” by the Lamb (Jesus), over 1/4 of Earth,

The 5th Seal, the martyrs killed during the Time of the First 4 Seals, cry out for justice and vengeance.

The 5th Seal, is initiated by the Lamb’s breaking of this Seal

The 6th Seal, there is no Angel or War mentioned, then there are Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances

The 6th Seal, is initiated by the Lamb’s breaking of this Seal, concerning All Earth/Heavens.

A Time of Darkness and Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances, that effect All Mankind in 6:15.

“for (Reason) the great day of their (these men’s) wrath (of the Lamb) has come”

Matt 24 focuses on how the Tribulation will affect the Nation of Israel on Earth, in Judea and Jerusalem.

Matt 24:29 is after the 7 year Tribulation, and before Christ’s 2nd Coming, Matt 24:30.

Rev 6 focuses on how the Tribulation will affect the Nations or Unbelievers over 1/4 or All of Earth.

Rev 6:12-17, is part of the 7 year Tribulation, with No reference to Christ’s 2nd Coming.

After Rev 6:12-17, is more of Tribulation, the 7th Seal, 7 Trumpet and 7 Bowl Judgements, then the 2nd Coming.

The 6 Seals, Rev 6:1-17

4 th Seal Ashen Horse, Rider (Angel), Sword, Famine, Pestilence, Beasts, War, Killing					
1 st Seal War, Killing	2 nd Seal War, Killing	3 rd Seal War, Killing	4 th Seal War, Killing	5 th Seal Martyrs Killed	6 th Seal Earth/Heaven Disturbances
Killing by Angel Rider	Killing by Angel Rider	Killing by Angel Rider	Killing by Angel Rider	Killing by the Nations	Killing by Wrath of God
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father
Matt 24:4-14				Matt 24:9	Not in Matt 24
Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14					* See Note

Seals 1-4, God's Wrath, Judging Killing Man by His Angels
 Seal 5, No Wrath of God, God allows Nations to Kill Martyrs
 Seal 6, God's Wrath, Killing Man by Earth/Heaven Disturbances

* Matt 24:29 mentions Darkness and Heavenly Disturbances,
 after Great Tribulation and just prior to 2nd Coming. Joel 2:2, Zeph 1:15, Amos 5:20
 * Rev 6:12-14 mentions Darkness and Heavenly/Earthly Disturbances,
 without Great Tribulation and without 2nd Coming.

The 6 Seal Judgements in Revelation 6 and Matthew 24

- I. bow, crown, military conquering, war, killing, (Matt 24:6-7, Rev 6:1-2, 1st Seal),
 - A. Angels given authority to kill with sword, famine, pestilence (plague), and wild beasts
- II. take peace, war, sword, killing, (Matt 24:6-7, Rev 6:3-4, 2nd Seal),
 - A. Angels given authority to kill with sword, famine, pestilence (plague), and wild beasts
- III. famine from war, killing, (Matt 24:7, Rev 6:5-6, 3rd Seal),
 - A. Angels given authority to kill with sword, famine, pestilence (plague), and wild beasts
- IV. sword, famine, pestilence, wild beasts, killing, (Matt 24:7-9, Rev 6:7-8, 4th Seal),
 - A. Angels given authority to kill with sword, famine, pestilence (plague), and wild beasts
- V. the slain in war martyrs, killing, (Not in Matt 24, Rev 6:9-11, 5th Seal),
 - A. the martyrs killed by Mankind during the Time of War, the Time of the First 4 Seals
- VI. earthquake, heavenly disturbances, (Not in Matt 24:29, Rev 6:12-14, 6th Seal)
 - A. A Time of Darkness and Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances, that effect All Mankind in 6:15.
 - B. Wrath on Nations, Leaders hide from Wrath of God, (Not in Matt 24:29, Rev. 6:15-17, 6th Seal).
 - C. Many of All Mankind are killed by Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances

The Focus of the 6 Seals in Rev 6

The Focus of the 6 Seal Judgements Events, in Revelation 6

1. The Focus on > Jesus' Warring/Wrath on Unbelieving Mankind/the Nations,
by His Angels, Rev 6:1-8
2. The Focus on > the Wrath of the Lamb on Unbelieving Mankind/the Nations,
by Great Earthly/Heavenly Disturbances, Rev. 6:12-17
3. The Focus on > those both Jew and Gentile who came to faith
during the Time of the First 4 Seals
and were martyred by Unbelieving Mankind/the Nations, both Jew and Gentile
"those who had been slain because of the Word of God
and because of the testimony which they had maintained", Rev 6:9-11
This is a Time when "Nation will rise against Nation, and Kingdom against Kingdom,
and in various places there will be Famines and Earthquakes", Matt 24:7
This is "the End of the Age", named in Matt 24:3, and explained in Matt 24:4-14

Timing of The Tribulation and The Great Tribulation

To decide what verses in **Matt 24** and **Rev 6** pertain to, you must define what the **Tribulation** and the **Great Tribulation** are and what length of Time **they** cover.

We defined 3 different **Tribulations** in Lesson 13, **Matthew 24**, see more discussion there.

tribulation, The Tribulation, and The Great Tribulation

You must distinguish between “**tribulation**”, “**The Tribulation**”, and “**The Great Tribulation**”.

Reformed (Covenant) Theology > **A-Mill**, **Post-Mill**, and **Historical Premillennial Prophecy Views**, don’t distinguish between, the 3 **Tribulations**, **they** say all 3 are one in the same, “**tribulation**”, because we as **Believers** endure “**tribulation**” continuously until the **Second Coming** of **Jesus**.

They say the Rapture/Resurrection of those in **Christ** does not occur until the **Second Coming** of **Jesus**.

But I think there are 3 separate things, “**tribulation**”, “**The Tribulation**”, and “**The Great Tribulation**”.

Timing of Tribulation - Great Tribulation

VIEW ONE Reformed (Covenant) Theology

A-Mill, Post-Mill, and Historic Pre-Mill - **Prophecy Views**

Tribulation Covers > about **2000 years** > during **this Age = the Church Age**

Great Tribulation part of Tribulation > Therefore, No Distinction

Tribulation Events > A-Mill, were Fulfilled Historically

Tribulation Events > Post-Mill, were Fulfilled in the 1st Century

Tribulation Events > Historic Pre-Mill, are being Fulfilled Historically

Tribulation/Great Tribulation > Now, about **2000 years**

VIEW TWO Dispensational Theology

Contemporary Pre-Mill - **Prophecy View** (Preferred)

Tribulation Covers > the Entire **7 year** period > at the **End of the Age**, **Matt 24:3**

The **Tribulation begins** exactly **7 years** before the 2nd Coming, in **Rev 19:11**, **Matt 24:30**

Great Tribulation Covers > the Final **3½ years** of the **7 year** period

The **Great Tribulation begins** exactly **3½ years** before the 2nd Coming, **Rev 19:11**, **Matt 24:30**

The **Antichrist Wars** with and Overpowers **Saints**, for **3½ years**, **Dan 7:21**, **Dan 7:25**, **Rev 13:5**

The **Woman (Israel)** Flees to wilderness for **1260 days (3½ years)**, **Rev 12:6**, **12:14**

Tribulation Events > Pre-Mill, will be Fulfilled in the **Future**

Tribulation > the Entire **7 year** period

Great Tribulation > the Final **3½ years**

The 7 Seals, Rev 6:1-17 & Rev 8:1

1 st Seal	2 nd Seal	3 rd Seal	4 th Seal	5 th Seal Martyrs Killed	6 th Seal Earth/Heaven Disturbances	7 th Seal Silence in Heaven
Who is Killing Whom ?				Killing by the Nations	Killing by Wrath of God	Killing by Wrath of God
				Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father
				Matt 24:9	Not in Matt 24	
Beginning and Early Tribulation, Matt 24:4-14				* See Note		

Seals 1-4, **God's Wrath**, Judging **Killing Man** by **His Angels**
Seal 5, **No Wrath of God**, **God** allows **Nations** to **Kill Martyrs**
Seal 6, **God's Wrath**, Judging **Killing Man** by **Earth/Heaven Disturbances**
Seal 7, **Silence in Heaven**, **Fire to Earth**, **Thunder**, **Lightning**, **Earthquake**

* **Matt 24:29** mentions **Darkness** and **Heavenly Disturbances**, after **Great Tribulation** and just prior to 2nd Coming. **Joel 2:2**, **Zeph 1:15**, **Amos 5:20**
 * **Rev 6:12-14** mentions **Darkness** and **Heavenly/Earthly Disturbances**, without **Great Tribulation** and without 2nd Coming.

The 7 Seals, Rev 6:1-17 & Rev 8:1

5 th Seal Martyrs Killed	6 th Seal Earth/Heaven Disturbances	7 th Seal Silence in Heaven, Rev 8:1 Prelude to: Following 14 Judgments
		7 Trumpet Judgements
		7 Bowl Judgements
Killing by the Nations	Killing by Wrath of God	Killing by Wrath of God
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father	Initiated by Jesus' 7 th Seal, Rev 8:1 from Father
Matt 24:9		Not in Matt 24
Early Trib		Early Tribulation

The 7th Seal includes > **7 Trumpet** Judgements + **7 Bowl** Judgements

Then the 7th Seal Judgement, **8:1**, Consisting of the **6 Trumpet** Judgements, **8:7-21**

Then the 7th **Trumpet** Judgement, **11:15**, Consisting of the **7 Bowl** Judgements, **16:1-18:24**

Then the Prelude to the 2nd Coming, **19:1-10**, Then the 2nd Coming of **Jesus**, **19:11-21**