

BOOK OF REVELATION — REVELATION 6: 1-17 - REVISITED THE THINGS SEEN AND ARE AND WHAT SHALL TAKE PLACE

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THE 6 SEAL JUDGMENTS — REVISITED, REV 6: 1-17

Overview of Events in Daniel 2 and Daniel 7

“in the Days of those Kings”, Dan 2:44 > 10 Kings, 11 Kings, and 8 Kings, Dan 7:7-27

10 Toe Kings Strong, but Divided Brittle & Not Adhere, Dan 2:41-43

God’s Kingdom Crushes & Ends, All these Kingdoms, Dan 2:44

God sets up a Kingdom, Never Destroyed, Endures Forever, Dan 2:44

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Rise to Power, with 7 Kings, Dan 7:7-8, 7:20-25

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Blaspheme and Warring with the Saints, Dan 7:21, 7:25

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Saint’s Kingdom and God’s Everlasting Kingdom, Dan 7:21-22, 7:27

The Millennial Kingdom and God’s Everlasting Kingdom, Dan 7:22, 7:27

Daniel 2 and Daniel 7 Events should line up with Revelation Events

Daniel 2

10 Toe Kings Strong, but Divided Brittle & Not Adhere, Dan 2:41-43

Feet/10 Toe Kings Gentile Kings of Iron Roman Empire Part Iron & Part Clay, Dan 2:33	Feet/10 Toe Kings Iron & Clay, Divided Kingdom Tough as Iron, though mixed with Clay Dan 2:41	Feet/10 Toe Kings mixed Iron & Clay, Kings Some Strong Some Brittle, Dan 2:42	Feet/10 Toe Kings mixed Iron & Clay, combine in seed of Men, But Not adhere, Dan 2:43
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God’s Kingdom Crushes & Ends, All these Kingdoms, Dan 2:44
God sets up a Kingdom, Never Destroyed, Endures Forever, Dan 2:44

The Stone Struck, Crushed Feet/Toes, Stone Became Great Mountain Filled the Earth, Dan 2:34-35	In the Days of those Kings, God will setup a Kingdom, Never Destroyed, Dan 2:44a	That God Kingdom will Crush & End All these Kingdoms Endure Forever, Dan 2:44b
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Daniel 7

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Rise to Power, with 7 Kings

10 Horn Gentile King Kingdoms of Future Roman Empire will Arise, Dan 7:24, 7:7	11th Little Horn (Antichrist) Gentile King Kingdom, will Arise after 10 Kings, Dan 7:24, 7:8	11th Little Horn (Antichrist) Gentile King Kingdom, will Subdue 3 of 10 Kings, Dan 7:24	7 Horn King Kingdoms, remain with 11th Little Horn (Antichrist) King Kingdom Dan 7:8, 7:20
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“in the Days of those Kings”, Dan 2:44

Little Horn’s (Antichrist’s) Blaspheme and Warring with the Saints

3 ½ Years

Little Horn (Antichrist) King, will speak out against the Most High God, Dan 7:25	Little Horn (Antichrist) King, will wage war and overpower the saints, Dan 7:21	Saints will be given into (Antichrist’s) hand for 3 1/2 years, Dan 7:25
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The Wrath of Antichrist for 3 1/2 years

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Overview of Events in Daniel 9 and Daniel 12

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(Antichrist) stops Sacrifice and Israel in Distress, but Rescued, Dan 9:27, 12:7, 12:1

The Wrath of Antichrist, "time of distress" for 3 1/2 years, Dan 12:7, 12:1

Daniel 9 and Daniel 12 Events should line up with Revelation Events

Daniel 9 and Daniel 12

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The intrigue of Antichrist, skilled in intrigue, Dan 8:23

(Antichrist) stops Sacrifice and Israel in Distress, but Rescued

At 3 1/2 years (Antichrist) stops sacrifice and offering in the Temple, Dan 9:27	At 3 1/2 years (Antichrist) will be the abomination who makes desolate in the Temple, Dan 9:27	For 3 1/2 years Israel, under a time of an unprecedented time of distress, Dan 12:7	At that time, 3 1/2 years, your people (Israel), found in book, will be rescued, Dan 12:1
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Overview of Events in Matthew 24 and Luke 21

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3 1/2 Years			
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3 1/2 Years			
the Abomination of Desolation, (Antichrist) of Daniel, will stand in the Holy Place, Matt 24:15	For there will be Great Tribulation with No precedent, subsequent, or equal, Matt 24:21	For sake of Elect of Israel, Great Tribulation will be cut short, save their lives, Matt 24:22	these are Days of Vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled, Lk 21:22

The Wrath of God for 7 years

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The Wrath of God for 7 years

LEADING UP TO THE 7 SEAL SCROLL JUDGMENTS, 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 Judgments

- 1) **The Father** (is the Source or Origin of the 4 Seal Judgments) >
- 2) **The Lamb (Jesus)** (is the possessor, initiator, and breaker of the 4 Seal Judgments) >
- 3) **The 4 Living Creatures (Angels)** > (Command the Riders “to come”, “to go”,
or come forth in Judgment)
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 Judgments)

Summary:

The 4 Seal Judgments 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 Judgments come from **God**, and are carried out by **His Agents**, the **Riders/Horses**.

The Seal Judgments - 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 JUDGMENTS

Read Revelation 6:1-8 The First 4 Seal Judgments

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 Judgments** 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 Judgments** 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 Judgment/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 Judgments**, **Rev 8:7**, **8:8**, **8:10**, **8:12**, **9:1**, **9:13**, **11:15**

Also, **Angels** initiate by pouring all **7 Bowl Judgments**, **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 Judgments** 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

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

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The 4 Seals, Rev 6:1-8

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. I (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

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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 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

Matt 24:6-8, Wars and War Rumors, (Time) Not End Yet, For Nation against Nation, Famines and Earthquakes

Matt 24:6-8, These Things (Wars + Nations) are (Time) the Beginning of Birth Pangs,

The 4 Seals, Rev 6:1-8

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 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 Judgment.

[See discussion previously on the 4 Riders]

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

Matt 24:6-8, Wars and War Rumors, (Time) Not End Yet, For Nation against Nation, Famines and Earthquakes

Matt 24:6-8, These Things (Wars + Nations) are (Time) the Beginning of Birth Pangs,

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. 1 (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				
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	5 th 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 2:2, Zeph 1:15, Amos 5:20
 - C. and the whole moon became like blood; Joel 2:2, Acts 2:20, Zeph 1:15, Amos 5:20
 - 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 Judgments, 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 Judgments 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 Rev 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
Killing by the Nations		Killing by Wrath of God
Initiated by Jesus' Seal from Father		Initiated by Jesus' Seal 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**