

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION						
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL	SEVENTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS	RAPTURE
						
Rev 6:2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth shakes Sun darkens moon turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes (like a scroll)	Rev 8:1 Heaven silent about half hour Rev 11:12 Come up Here!

*The Seven Seals
 of
 Revelation Chapter Five*

Over twenty years ago, near Waco, Texas, FBI agents demanded surrender of a group known as Branch Davidians, led by David Koresh. He was a cult leader who held his group with outrageous theology and demands. Among his teachings was this: Only he, Koresh, knew the correct interpretation of Revelation chapter 6, which deals with the seven seals of the Book of Judgement in God's hand. Koresh was wrong, of course, for all Bible students have a basic understanding of this vital portion of Scripture. What were those seals? What did they mean? And will we be a part of their fulfillment?

1 **IMPORTANT REVIEW:**

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3 Following our last study of Revelation which included chapter four, the
4 natural question arises: What happened to the church for there seemed to be
5 no reference to it following this chapter? From here on in God's Word,
6 there are no references to "the church" as we know it. Why? It has been
7 raptured by Christ Himself: 1 Thes. 4:16-18 ***For the Lord himself shall***
8 ***descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and***
9 ***with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: [17] Then we***
10 ***which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the***
11 ***clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.***
12 ***[18] Wherefore comfort one another with these words.***

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14 From Revelation 4 on, the redeemed of Christ, the born again, are in the
15 presence of God around the throne. There a fantastic drama unfolds as
16 recorded by John in Rev. 5:1-7 ***And I saw in the right hand of him that sat***
17 ***on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven***
18 ***seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is***
19 ***worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? [3] And no man in***
20 ***heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book,***
21 ***neither to look thereon. [4] And I wept much, because no man was found***
22 ***worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. [5] And one***
23 ***of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda,***
24 ***the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven***
25 ***seals thereof. [6] And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the***
26 ***four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been***
27 ***slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of***
28 ***God sent forth into all the earth. [7] And he came and took the book out of***
29 ***the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.***

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31 God holds a scroll (book) in His right hand the book that describes the seven
32 year tribulation to come on earth. No one feels worthy to take it from the
33 Creator; but then Jesus steps forward to take the scroll. It is sealed with
34 seven seals. In chapter 6, one by one Jesus unseals the book. And what is
35 found is just devastating to the lost without Christ.

1 You and I, as redeemed and raptured believers, will see with our own eyes
2 this drama revealed. Our wildest imaginations cannot conceive of this event:

4 THE FOUR HORSES OF THE APOCALYPSE

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6 One definition of “apocalypse” is this: The final destruction of the world as
7 we know it. The four horses are the first revelations of that dreadful
8 endtime as described by Jesus Himself and recorded in Revelation chapter 6:

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10 Rev. 6:1-2

11 *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it*
12 *were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. [2]*
13 *And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow;*
14 *and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to*
15 *conquer.*

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17 Verse 1: “The Lamb...” This is none other than Jesus Christ Himself.
18 Scroll (of tribulational judgement in His hands) He tears off the first seal.

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20 One of those four mighty seraphim call out - His voice sounding like claps of
21 thunder rending the skies, “Some and see!” John adds: “....and I saw.”

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23 Now appearing comes a rider on a white horse. Satan gets overrated, I
24 believe. He is NOT an original thinker but a copy cat. *We know from*
25 *scripture that at the SECOND COMING OF CHRIST (not the rapture)*
26 *that Jesus will astride a white horse: Rev. 19:11-16 And I saw heaven*
27 *opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called*
28 *Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12]*
29 *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and*
30 *he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was*
31 *clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of*
32 *God. [14] And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white*
33 *horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. [15] And out of his mouth*
34 *goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall*
35 *rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the*

1 ***fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture***
2 ***and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF***
3 ***LORDS.***
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5 Satan understands that when Jesus Christ makes His grand appearance on
6 earth (Zech. 14:1-4 ***Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall***
7 ***be divided in the midst of thee. [2] For I will gather all nations against***
8 ***Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and***
9 ***the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and***
10 ***the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. [3] Then shall***
11 ***the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the***
12 ***day of battle. [4] And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of***
13 ***Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives***
14 ***shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and***
15 ***there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove***
16 ***toward the north, and half of it toward the south.)*** He will arrive astride a
17 white horse (Rev. 19:11 ***And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white***
18 ***horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in***
19 ***righteousness he doth judge and make war.)*** so Satan has his messiah, his
20 counterpart to the real Christ, arrive on a white horse as well.
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22 **THE FIRST SEAL JUDGMENT IS THE UNLEASHING OF ANTICHRIST**
23 **ON THIS EARTH.**
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25 *This world is headed for a coming world dictatorship under which all*
26 *nations shall be consolidated into one great world empire that will center in*
27 *the worship of Satan. This system will be characterized by lawlessness,*
28 *godlessness and absolute authoritarianism. It will be the aim of this*
29 *dictator to exterminate every believer in Jesus Christ and to outlaw God from*
30 *this universe.*

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33 Scripture refers to Antichrist as “the lawless one.” In recent past weeks we
34 have seen several of our great American cities attacked by mobs of looters
35 and destroyers wreaking havoc night after night. During the reign of
36 Antichrist that will all seem as child’s play. Antichrist will reject all laws

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The fatal fire at the Branch Davidian compound near Waco, Texas, which killed many of the cult including the leader, David Koresh.

for three and a half years.

Some teach today that we are living in the tribulation period. This cannot be, for all sorts of scriptural reasons. However, I believe we are living in a time in which the whole world is bracing for something major to happen. And we believe and pray for the reality of the Rapture of the saints of God to be that event.

With Antichrist ruling the world, or most of it, during the tribulation period, all eyes will again be on Israel. He will give them an early hope for peace, as the rider on the white horse come with a bow but no arrows. This world desperately wants peace but has not had it for untold decades. Israel has sustained a wartime budget for a long time but when Antichrist offers them

1 THE SECOND SEAL JUDGMENT WILL BE WAR.

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3 **Rev. 6:3-4 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second**
4 **beast say, Come and see. [4] And there went out another horse that was**
5 **red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the**
6 **earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto**
7 **him a great sword.**

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9 We read in verse 8 that these hellish horsemen kill one-fourth of the
10 remaining world population. We remember the viciousness of World War
11 II which caused the death in one manner or another of well over fifty million
12 people. There are currently over 7 billion people living on this planet; let's
13 suppose that 3 billion went up to God in the Rapture (which I rather
14 question). That would leave four billion left behind to face the ravages of
15 Antichrist. Scripture says one-fourth will die; that's ONE BILLION
16 PEOPLE during a seven year period! One billion! Compare that to the
17 fifty million of WWII.

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19 THE THIRD SEAL JUDGMENT WILL BE FAMINE

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21 Rev. 6:5-6

22 *And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say,*
23 *Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him*
24 *had a pair of balances in his hand. [6] And I heard a voice in the midst of*
25 *the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of*
26 *barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.*

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28 What a double-barreled slaughter; first the global war and then the loss of
29 food and goods because of the war. Note Jeremiah's dire warning:
30 Lament. 4:8-9 *Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in*
31 *the streets: their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like*
32 *a stick. [9] They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be*
33 *slain with hunger: for these pine away, stricken through for want of the*
34 *fruits of the field.*

35 Just fifty years ago, the great observer of life on this planet, British

1 philosopher Arnold Toynbee wrote: "Sooner or later food production will
2 reach its limit. And then, if population is still increasing, famine will do the
3 execution that was done in the past by famine, pestilence and war combined."
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5 Remember, Antichrist arrives with a hopeful flourish and ends with disaster.
6 Is that not the record of Satan on this earth? He promises so much and
7 yields so very little, while Christ offers everything and always delivers!
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9 THE FOURTH SEAL JUDGMENT WILL BE WORLD-WIDE DEATH

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11 **Rev. 6:7-8** *And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of*
12 *the fourth beast say, Come and see. [8] And I looked, and behold a pale*
13 *horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with*
14 *him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to*
15 *kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the*
16 *earth.*

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18 Jesus offers LIFE, yet so many turn Him away and embrace death. John
19 10:10 ***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I***
20 ***am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more***
21 ***abundantly.***

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23 There is no question that Satan kills and Jesus sustains. That truth will
24 reach its fulfillment during the tribulation period when Antichrist rules for
25 those terrible seven years. Knowing his time now is very limited before
26 God banishes him to the pit, Satan will work harder than ever to destroy the
27 lives of all. 1 Cor. 15:26 ***The last enemy that shall be destroyed is***
28 ***death.*** God did not create us to die but to live. But during Antichrist's
29 rule, death will be rampant: Jesus said, Matthew 24:22: **And except those**
30 **days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the**
31 **elect's sake those days shall be shortened.** What days? The says of the
32 seven years of tribulation.

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34 THE FIFTH SEAL IS THE DEATH OF THOSE IN THE TRIBULATION
35 WHO DO NOT ACCEPT THE MARK OF THE BEAST OR

1 ANTICHRIST'S RULE AND ARE MARTYRED.

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3 Some folks declare they may not accept Christ now but they promise to do so
4 during the Tribulation. They kid themselves, in my opinion. If they
5 cannot live for Jesus now, in this free nation, how in the world could they
6 hold true when to do so would cost them their very lives?

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8 THE SIXTH SEAL JUDGMENT

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10 Rev. 6:12-13

11 *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a*
12 *great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the*
13 *moon became as blood; [13] And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,*
14 *even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty*
15 *wind.*

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17 As gruesome as the first 3 ½ years of the Tribulation will be, the second half
18 will be infinitely more brutal. Joel 3:9-17 *Proclaim ye this among the*
19 *Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw*
20 *near; let them come up: [10] Beat your plowshares into swords, and your*
21 *pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. [11] Assemble*
22 *yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round*
23 *about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. [12] Let the*
24 *heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there*
25 *will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. [13] Put ye in the sickle, for*
26 *the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats*
27 *overflow; for their wickedness is great. [14] Multitudes, multitudes in the*
28 *valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision.*
29 *[15] The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw*
30 *their shining. [16] The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice*
31 *from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord*
32 *will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.*
33 *[17] So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my*
34 *holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers*
35 *pass through her any more.*

1 We will come to the seven seal in our next study. It introduces the second
2 set of God's wrath on His world that has rejected Jesus. Here, in order, are
3 the three sets:

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- 5 1. Seal Judgments
- 6 2. Trumpet Judgments
- 7 3. Vial Judgments
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9 But in summary, after the first six seals judgments, how do the leaders and
10 rank and file of this earth, who have rejected Christ, react?

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12 Rev. 6:15-17

13 *And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the*
14 *chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free*
15 *man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; [16]*
16 *And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face*
17 *of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: [17] For*
18 *the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

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20 No wonder God warns us:

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22 2 Cor. 6:2

23 *(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of*
24 *salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold,*

25 *now is the day of salvation.)*

