

Chapter 5

Verse 11- Then I looked, and I heard the voices of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

myriads- (myriads- Daniel 7:10) Highest number in ancient Greek is MM (myriad myriad) or the equivalent of $10,000 \times 10,000 = 100$ million. Could also be used for an indefinable number.

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Verse 12- saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power, wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing."

Worthy- The reason the Lamb was worthy was because he was slain. It is right for us to sing of the blood shed by Jesus on the cross.

The sevenfold nature of the adoration attributed to the Lamb shows His complete and perfect nature.

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Verse 13- And I heard every created thing which is in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, or on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, "To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever."

Every created thing- all of the created universe joins this song of praise.

forever and ever- the curse has been reversed and they praise God endlessly.

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Verse 14- *And the four living creatures were saying, "Amen." And the elders fell down and worshiped.*

fell down and worshiped- We see this constantly in the book (4:10, 5:8, 7:11, 11:16, 19:4).

Songs of praise to God:

4:8- *a quartet of four living beings*

p

4:10- *a quartet plus 24 elders*

mp

5:8-10- *28 voices plus orchestration (harps)*

mf

5:11- *28 voices, orchestration (harps), all angels*

f

5:13- *28 voices, orchestration (harps), all angels, every created thing*

ff

Chapters 6

The first six of seven seals broken-
The beginning of the Great Tribulation

Verses

1-2	Seal One: The white horse
3-4	Seal Two: The red horse
5-6	Seal Three: The black horse
7-8	Seal Four: The pale horse
9-11	Seal Five: Souls under the alter
12-17	Seal Six: The terror of men

This is a preview of the rest of the book.

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The Great Tribulation is predicted 60 times throughout Scripture. It is the third most referenced topic after salvation and The Second Coming

The Day of the Lord- Zephaniah 1:15-18, Joel 2:31, 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3, 2 Peter 3:10

Daniel's 70th Week- Daniel 9:24-27

Great Tribulation- The Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24)

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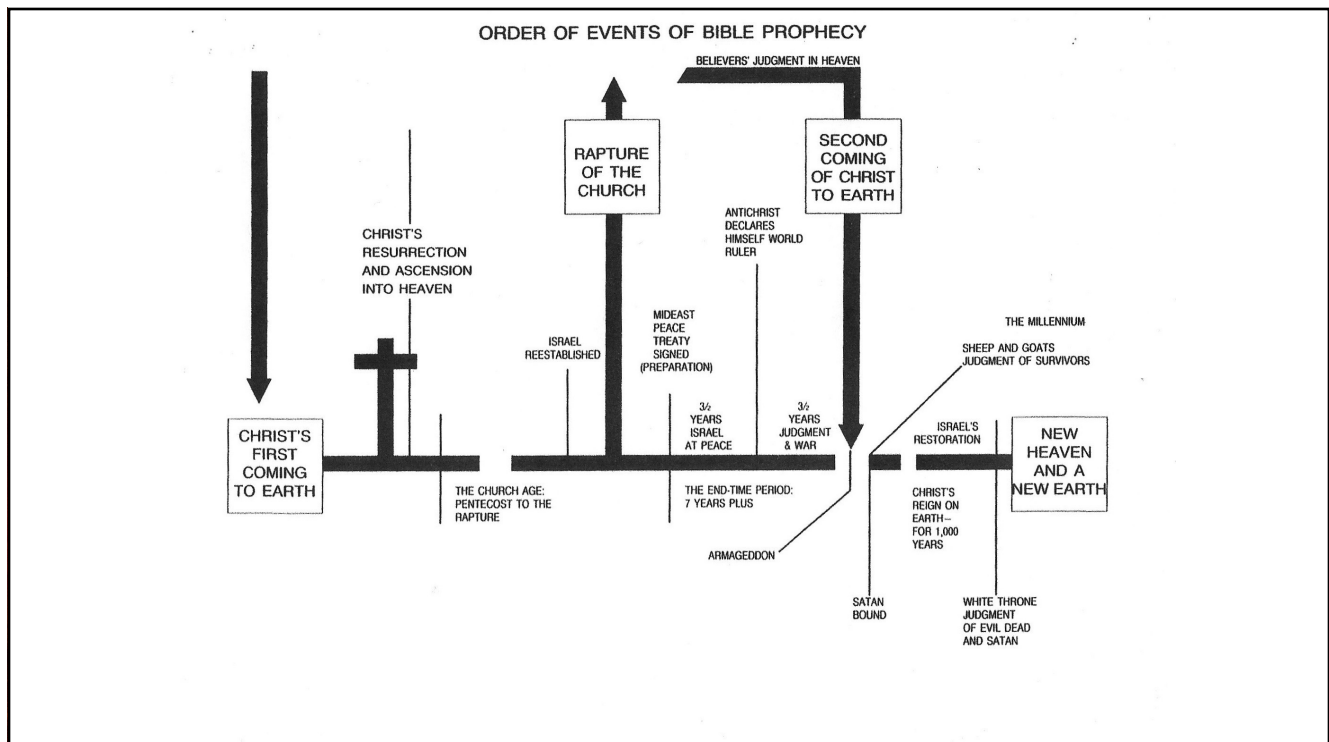
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- **Seals-** (1) The appearance of the Antichrist, (2) great warfare, (3) famine, (4) plague, (5) the martyrdom of believers in Christ, (6) a devastating earthquake causing terrible devastation, and astronomical upheaval, (7) The seventh seal is the first trumpet judgement
- **Trumpets-** (1) hail and fire mixed with blood that destroys one third of the world's trees and all the grass is consumed, (2) the death of a third of the world's aquatic life, (3) a third of freshwater is poisoned, (4) the darkening of the sun and moon, (5) a plague of "demonic locusts" that torture the unsaved, (6) and the march of a demonic army that kills a third of humanity, (7) The seventh trumpet is the first bowl judgment.

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In the Great Tribulation, events get progressively worse:

- **Bowls-** (1) A plague (boils) on those who worship the Beast, (2) the death of the remaining two-thirds of the oceans, (3) rivers and freshwater turn to blood, (4) intense heat from the sun, (5) great darkness (1st Woe), (6) Euphrates river dries up (2nd Woe), (7) Global earthquake (3rd Woe).
- **Armageddon**
- **Second Coming of Christ**
- **Millennial Kingdom**
- **Great White Throne Judgment**



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Verse 1- *Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures (face like a lion?) saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come!"*

Come!- More than an invitation- an imperative (command). This reminds us of the first vision when John is invited into the throne room of God, but this is one of the four living creatures offering the invitation not to John but to the horsemen.

thunder- loud, but also a sign of a coming storm.

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It should be noted that the planet we live on is disposable. We should be good stewards of it (Genesis 1:28), realizing that God's intention is to destroy and remake it. Is there any hope for the world? No. Is there any hope for us? Yes!

Many today "worship the creation instead of the Creator." *For they exchanged the truth of God for falsehood and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Romans 1:25)*

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Verse 2- *I looked, and behold, a white horse, and the one who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.*

white horse- the rider on this horse is a deceiver, a counterfeit “good guy” on a white horse who will promise a false peace. This is not Jesus because He is the one who opens all the seals. He comes on a white horse at the end of the book (Revelation 19:11) with many crowns (*diademata*) on His head. Also, this rider has a *stephanos* that was given to him. This is the Antichrist.

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Three descriptive phrases-

- He held a bow (no arrows)
- He was given a crown
- He rode out as a conqueror

The Antichrist is a political figure. You don't solve **spiritual problems** with **political solutions**.

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- Olivet Discourse (Matthew 24:1–25:46) Jesus addresses the issues of a false leader, war, famine, and death- all four horsemen.
- The first four seals are the first half of the Tribulation (birth pains- Matthew 24:8)

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Verse 3- When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come!"

Come!- another of the four living creatures (face like an ox?) commands the second horseman to come forth after the Lord (Lamb) breaks the second seal.

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Verse 4- *And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that people would kill one another; and a large sword was given to him.*

red horse- Red is from the root word (*pyrros*) for “fire.” This horse is “fiery red.” The peace promised by the rider on the white horse (the Antichrist) doesn’t last. This rider is “Warfare” personified.

God uses these horsemen to execute His wrath on the earth.

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Three descriptive phrases-

- He was given power to take peace from the earth
- He could make men slay each other
- He had a large sword (not a *rhomphaia*, but a *machaira megalē* - a “big dagger” used for hand-to-hand combat).

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Verse 5- When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come!" I looked, and behold, a black horse, and the one who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

Come!- a third of the four living creatures (face like a man?) commands the third horseman to come forth after the Lord (Lamb) breaks the third seal.

black horse- the first rider had a bow, the second a sword, and this rider has a pair of scales. This was a time when every ounce of food was precious.

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Verse 6- And I heard something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

quart of wheat/three quarts of barley- (chonix) standard daily allowance for an adult (about a liter). Barley was cheaper and less desired. God give the exact measures ("voice in the center of the four living creatures.")

denarius- a day's wage. People will work all day to just have enough to eat.

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do not damage the oil and the wine- Many different interpretations by Bible scholars. The general idea is that the famine is not yet comprehensive (olives and grapes) but concerns the essentials.

The digression- The Antichrist, then war, then famine, then death.

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Verse 7- When *the Lamb* broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come!"

Come!- the last of the four living creatures (eagle?) commands the fourth horseman to come forth after the Lord (Lamb) breaks the fourth seal.

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Verse 8- *I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and the one who sat on it had the name Death, and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, and famine, and plague, and by the wild animals of the earth.*

ashen horse- (*chloros-* a sickly green color- *chlorophyll* and *chlorine*) the first rider had a bow, the second a sword, the third a set of scales, and this horse had two riders- Death and Hades, the only riders who are named. Death will come for the body and Hades for the soul.

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authority was given to them- Jesus holds the keys to death and Hades (John 1:18). They can only do what He allows them to do. War, famine, plague, and wild beasts kill one out of four people on the earth (2021 = population almost 8 billion).

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What will be the cause of death during the Tribulation?

- War
- Famine
- Pestilence- plague
- Wild beasts

Zechariah 6:1-8

6 Now I raised my eyes again and looked, and behold, four chariots were going out from between the two mountains; and the mountains *were* bronze mountains. ² With the first chariot *were* red horses, with the second chariot black horses, ³ with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot strong spotted horses. ⁴ So I responded and said to the angel who was speaking with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵ The angel replied to me, "These are the four spirits of heaven, going out after taking their stand before the Lord of all the earth, ⁶ with one of which the black horses are going out to the north country; and the white ones are to go out after them, while the spotted ones are to go out to the south country." ⁷ When the strong ones went out, they were eager to go to patrol the earth. And He said, "Go, patrol the earth." So they patrolled the earth. ⁸ Then He called out to me and spoke to me, saying, "See, those who are going to the land of the north have appeased My wrath in the land of the north."

Next week...

Continue Chapter 6-
“The Seven Seals”

