

**Revelation Chapter 6**

**Horsemen, Souls and Earthquakes**

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(Rev. 1:1, Rev. 5:5b, John 16:33, Dan 9:26, Dan 9:27, Matt 23:39)

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**Revelation 6**

**1 Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."**

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

(Mark 13:21-23, John 5:43)

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2Thess 2:1-5

1 Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him (Rapture), 2 that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. 3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (Day of the Lord or the Tribulation Period) will not come unless the apostasy (departure) comes first (Rapture), and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, 4 who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God. NASU

**Sequence**

* Full number of Gentiles comes in
* Rapture – Church and the Holy Spirit are taken away
* Jesus takes the scroll from the hand of the Father
* Antichrist is revealed
* Peace agreement is enforced by the Antichrist
* Tribulation Period begins

(Rev 13:2-9)

Rev 13:3-8

3 - - - And the whole earth was amazed and followed after the beast;

4 they worshiped the dragon (Satan) because he gave his authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, **"Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"**

5 There was given to him a mouth speaking arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority to act for forty-two months was given to him.

6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme His name and His tabernacle, that is, those who dwell in heaven.

7 **It was also given to him to make war with the saints and to overcome them**, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 All who **dwell** on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain. NASU

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**3 When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come."**

**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 men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.**

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

**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."**

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

**8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he 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 with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.**

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What is pestilence?

Pestilence is any [virulent](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virulent) and highly [infectious disease](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infectious_disease) that can cause an [epidemic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Epidemic) or even a [pandemic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pandemic).

The term epidemic refers to an outbreak of disease over a wide geographical area where the word pandemic refers to a global outbreak of the disease.

(Dan 9:27, 2Thess 2:3-5, Matt 24:15-22)

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**9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;**

**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?"**

**11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.**

(Rev 7:13-15)

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(Rev 20:4-5)

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**12 I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;**

**13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind.**

**14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.**

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**15 Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;**

**16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;**

**17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"**

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What is the entire problem?

2Thess 2:8-12

8 Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming;

9 that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

10 and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, **because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.**

11 For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

12 in order that they all may be judged **who did not believe the truth**, but took pleasure in wickedness. NASU

Because they refused to be saved by receiving the truth, God will send them a deluding influence.

What is that deluding influence? The Antichrist.

Rather than receiving the truth, they receive and believe the lies of the Antichrist.

Rev 13:4,7-8

4 They worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who is able to wage war with him?"

7 It was also given to him to make war with the saints (Tribulation Saints) and to overcome them, and authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation was given to him.

8 All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

The earth dwellers have been deluded by the Antichrist for the majority of the Tribulation Period and now God tears open the sky to reveal Himself to those on the earth and rather than running to Him they attempt to hide from Him.

**Some questions to consider**

**What is the purpose of the Antichrist offering local peace to the Jews in Jerusalem and helping to rebuild the Jewish Temple?**

It will serve to bring the Jews from around the world to Jerusalem.

Key Point: Satan and the Antichrist’s desire is to gather all of the Jews to kill them. God’s desire is to gather them to protect them.

**Why is God allowing all of this devastation to occur on the earth?**

God is allowing everyone who is going to be saved - to actually be saved**.**

**Why isn’t God protecting the Tribulation Saints?**

From God’s perspective, dying is a better option.

Rev 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

Look what God has in store for these Tribulation Saints.

If they survive to the end of the Tribulation Period, they go into the Millennium in their physical bodies.

As we near the end of the Tribulation Period, if you are saved, it is better to die than it is to live through the devastation that is to come and live on into the Millennium in your physical body.

Look what God has in store for the Tribulation Saints.

Rev 7:14-17

14 "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them.

16 "They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;

17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes." NASU



