

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Chapter 6

The Opening of the First Six Seals

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Chap. 6:1-2 — The First Seal

An aggressive conqueror is seen going forth on earth. The white horse symbolizes victorious aggressive warfare (Job. 39:19-25). The bow is distant warfare (2 Kings 13:14-17).

Chap. 6:3-4 — The Second Seal

Civil war with dreadful slaughter and bloodshed. The sword is close fighting (Judg. 7:22).

Chap. 6:5-6 — The Third Seal

There follows a time of sorrow and mourning as well as scarcity of food among the poor, while the luxuries (oil and wine) of the rich are untouched. The balances indicate famine (Ezek. 4:16). A penny (denarius) was a whole day's pay! (Matt. 20:2).

Chap. 6:8 — The Fourth Seal

Death by war, famine, pestilence and wild beasts works havoc in a limited portion of the Roman earth (western Europe). God's four sore judgments (Ezek. 14:21).

Chap. 6:9-11 — The Fifth Seal

A martyred company is seen under the altar of sacrifices. Thus the hateful attitude of the world toward the Word of God and the testimony of His servants at that time is disclosed. Others martyrs were to follow.

Chap. 6:12-17 — The Sixth Seal

A partial answer to the cry for vengeance uttered by the group of martyrs seen under the altar. The whole structure of society as then constituted is turned into confusion and overthrow. Established authorities are darkened and shaken to their foundation. Fear takes hold of men

(Luke 21:25-26) and they suppose that the great day of wrath has come. But greater judgments are to follow. The Seventh Seal is not opened until chapter 8:1.