

**Jesus Christ, The Judge
of All the Earth
Revelation 6**

Wait a little longer there are more to be martyred

I. The Scope of the Seals

1. Lamb is the One who opens the seals – 6:1
He is worthy to bring God's plan to completion
2. Opening the seals ends the struggle with evil
7 seals take us from Rev. 6 through Rev. 18
God's judgment of evil on earth is complete
Christ can return to establish God's kingdom
3. First 6 seals are opened in Rev. 6
Final seal is opened in Rev. 8:1
Final seal brings 7 trumpets, announce judgment
Final trumpet announces 7 bowls of God's wrath
With this rebellion against God is crushed –
11:15-19; 16:1
God's people rejoice, sing the song of Moses –
15:2-4

II. Warning Signs of Judgment – 6:1-11

1. First 5 seals compare with Matthew 24:4-14
Jesus spoke of false messiahs, war, famine,
pestilence and persecution & martyrdom
2. Four living creatures announce 4 seals
Cherubim declare God's holiness in judgment
3. First seal – Rider on a white horse – 6:1, 2
Not Christ; He comes on white horse in 19:11-16
False messiah comes offering hope of peace
Antichrist comes, is accepted in that hope
Prince makes a covenant with Israel – Dan. 9:27
Comes in peace but has bow, comes to conquer
4. Second Seal – Rider on a red horse – 6:3, 4
Red horse – the color of blood, much bloodshed
Rider of this horse comes with a great sword
War will come as judgment & call to repentance
Awaken people from apathy, bring them to knees
5. Third Seal – Rider on black horse – 6:5, 6
Rider had a pair of balances in his hand
Scale measures how much a day's wage will buy
Day's wages will only buy wheat for one person
Three can eat barley for a day's wages
Horse speaks of famine, economic disaster
Oil & wine speak of delicacies of the wealthy
6. Fourth Seal – Rider on pale horse – 6:7, 8
Color of sickness and death, disease, pestilence
¼ of world's population lost in these four seals
Some die in war, in famine or in pestilence
7. Fifth Seal – Persecuted & martyrs – 6:9-11
These are slain for their faith
“for the Word of God & for their testimony”
They are under the altar in heaven, in God's care
They cry out for justice
For God to avenge to avenge their blood on earth
They are given white robes – righteousness

III. Day of God's Wrath – 6:12-17

1. Sixth Seal begins Day of God's wrath – 17
The beginning of the Great Tribulation
Warning signs are ignored so God now speaks
2. Cataclysmic events begin – 6:12-14
A great earthquake, perhaps felt round the world
The heavens will be rolled up like a scroll
Sun darkened, moon like blood, stars fall
Mountains & Islands moved out of their places
God will shake universe to get man's attention
3. Confusion and Terror will prevail – 6:15-17
Men of every rank will run for a place to hide
Kings, great, rich, captains, mighty, slaves,
freemen
They seek a secure place to hide in mountains
But mountains are shaken & cannot hide them
Rather be crushed by a Mountain than face the
wrath of Almighty God & of the Lamb
Men will be held accountable for their rebellion
and their rejection of God's Son
When Day of God's wrath comes no one will be
able to stand – Isa. 2:10-22; Psa. 1:5; Heb. 10:31
Only secure refuge in which to hide from wrath of
God is in His Son, Jesus Christ – Rom. 8:1

Matthew 24:4-14 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁴ And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

⁹ "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. ¹¹ Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ¹² And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But he who endures to the end shall be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.