



THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

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I. THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS.

- REVELATION 6:1 **NOW I SAW WHEN THE LAMB OPENED ONE OF THE SEALS**; AND I HEARD ONE OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES SAYING WITH A VOICE LIKE THUNDER, **“COME AND SEE.”**
- ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 24:8 THE FIRST HALF OF THE TRIBULATION PERIOD IS CALLED THE **“BEGINNING OF SORROWS.”**

I. THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS.

A. *FIRST SEAL – THE WHITE HORSE RIDER SENT OUT*

- REVELATION 6:1–2 NOW I SAW WHEN THE LAMB OPENED ONE OF THE SEALS; AND I HEARD ONE OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES SAYING WITH A VOICE LIKE THUNDER, “COME AND SEE.” ² AND I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A WHITE HORSE. HE WHO SAT ON IT HAD A BOW; AND A CROWN WAS GIVEN TO HIM, AND HE WENT OUT CONQUERING AND TO CONQUER.

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B. SECOND SEAL - THE RED HORSE RIDER SENT OUT

- REVELATION 6:3–4 WHEN HE OPENED THE SECOND SEAL, I HEARD THE SECOND LIVING CREATURE SAYING, “COME AND SEE.” ⁴ ANOTHER HORSE, FIERY RED, WENT OUT. AND **IT WAS GRANTED TO THE ONE WHO SAT ON IT TO TAKE PEACE FROM THE EARTH**, AND THAT **PEOPLE SHOULD KILL ONE ANOTHER**; AND THERE WAS GIVEN TO HIM A GREAT SWORD.

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C. THE THIRD SEAL - THE BLACK HORSE RIDER SENT OUT

- REVELATION 6:5–6 WHEN HE OPENED THE THIRD SEAL, I HEARD THE THIRD LIVING CREATURE SAY, “COME AND SEE.” SO 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 A VOICE IN THE MIDST OF THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES SAYING, “**A QUART OF WHEAT FOR A DENARIUS**, AND THREE QUARTS OF BARLEY FOR A DENARIUS; AND DO NOT HARM THE OIL AND THE WINE.

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D. THE FOURTH SEAL - THE ASHEN HORSE RIDER SENT OUT

- REVELATION 6:7–8 WHEN HE OPENED THE FOURTH SEAL, I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE FOURTH LIVING CREATURE SAYING, “COME AND SEE.” ⁸ SO I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, **A PALE (ASHEN) HORSE**. AND THE NAME OF HIM WHO SAT ON IT WAS **DEATH**, AND HADES FOLLOWED WITH HIM. AND **POWER WAS GIVEN TO THEM OVER A FOURTH OF THE EARTH, TO KILL** WITH SWORD, WITH HUNGER, WITH DEATH, AND BY THE BEASTS OF THE EARTH.

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E. THE FIFTH SEAL - THE PRAYER OF THE TRIBULATION MARTYRS.

- REVELATION 6:9–10 WHEN HE OPENED THE FIFTH SEAL, I SAW UNDER THE ALTAR THE SOULS OF THOSE WHO HAD BEEN SLAIN FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR THE TESTIMONY WHICH THEY HELD. ¹⁰ AND THEY CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, “HOW LONG, O LORD, HOLY AND TRUE, UNTIL YOU JUDGE AND AVENGE OUR BLOOD ON THOSE WHO DWELL ON THE EARTH?”

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- REVELATION 6:11 THEN A WHITE ROBE WAS GIVEN TO EACH OF THEM; AND IT WAS SAID TO THEM THAT **THEY SHOULD REST** A LITTLE WHILE LONGER, **UNTIL BOTH *THE NUMBER OF THEIR FELLOW SERVANTS AND THEIR BRETHREN***, WHO WOULD BE KILLED AS THEY *WERE*, **WAS COMPLETED.**

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F. THE SIXTH SEAL - THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE AND THE STUBBORN UNBELIEF OF THE UNSAVED.

1. THE JUDGMENT PROPER, V.V. 12-14

- REVELATION 6:12–14 I LOOKED WHEN HE OPENED THE SIXTH SEAL, AND BEHOLD, THERE WAS A GREAT EARTHQUAKE; AND THE SUN BECAME BLACK AS SACKCLOTH OF HAIR, AND THE MOON BECAME LIKE BLOOD. ¹³ AND THE STARS OF HEAVEN FELL TO THE EARTH, AS A FIG TREE DROPS ITS LATE FIGS WHEN IT IS SHAKEN BY A MIGHTY WIND. ¹⁴ THEN THE SKY RECEDED AS A SCROLL WHEN IT IS ROLLED UP, AND EVERY MOUNTAIN AND ISLAND WAS MOVED OUT OF ITS PLACE.

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2. THE RESPONSE TO THE JUDGMENT, v.v. 15-17

- REV 6:15-17 AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH, THE GREAT MEN, THE RICH MEN, THE COMMANDERS, THE MIGHTY MEN, EVERY SLAVE AND EVERY FREE MAN, HID THEMSELVES IN THE CAVES AND IN THE ROCKS OF THE MOUNTAINS, ¹⁶ AND SAID TO THE MOUNTAINS AND ROCKS, “FALL ON US AND HIDE US FROM THE FACE OF HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND FROM THE WRATH OF THE LAMB! ¹⁷ FOR THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH HAS COME, AND WHO IS ABLE TO STAND?

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- MARK 8:34–38 WHEN HE HAD CALLED THE PEOPLE TO *HIMSELF*, WITH HIS DISCIPLES ALSO, HE SAID TO THEM, “**WHOEVER DESIRES TO COME AFTER ME**, LET HIM **DENY HIMSELF, AND TAKE UP HIS CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME.**”³⁵ FOR WHOEVER **DESIRES TO SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT**, BUT WHOEVER **LOSES HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL’S WILL SAVE IT.**³⁶ FOR WHAT WILL IT PROFIT A MAN IF HE GAINS THE WHOLE WORLD, AND LOSES HIS OWN SOUL?³⁷ OR WHAT WILL A MAN GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR HIS SOUL?³⁸ FOR WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND MY WORDS IN THIS ADULTEROUS AND SINFUL GENERATION, OF HIM THE SON OF MAN ALSO WILL BE ASHAMED WHEN HE COMES IN THE GLORY OF HIS FATHER WITH THE HOLY ANGELS.”

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