



In Revelation 6, Christ reveals a general preview of world history from the first century until His return. Military aggression will keep terrorizing humanity; Christians will continue to be martyred; and natural disasters will wreak havoc.

Outline

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- **Cosmic Disturbances** *Revelation 6:12-17*

Truths & Principles

- ✓ The history of the world inevitably includes conquest, warfare, famine, and death.
- ✓ The number of Christian martyrs will increase until the return of Christ.
- ✓ God will avenge the death of the martyrs at the right time and give them special honor.
- ✓ Whenever the forces of nature run amuck, the natural human responses are to protect self and to blame God.
- ✓ The wrath of God against sin cannot be ignored; it occurs both throughout history and at the end of history.
- ✓ Believers are in the business of anticipating and beginning the kingdom of God and so should seek to create glimpses of the new earth.

Preview

The first six seals are opened on the scroll. These are described collectively as the “great day of His wrath.” The seals unleash a series of terrible and cataclysmic catastrophes on the earth. Included in this chapter are the famous “four horsemen of the Apocalypse.”

Applications

- ✓ Thank God that He sets limits on the damage that humanly-caused conquest, warfare, famine, and death bring.
- ✓ Thank God that He sets limits on the damage of natural disasters.
- ✓ Pray for those who are facing martyrdom as Christians.
- ✓ Be faithful to Christ until death, whatever kind of death God permits to come to you.
- ✓ Work to preserve God’s creation and to help people catch glimpses in it of God’s new creation of a new earth.



Test all things; hold fast what is good. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

1. Who is the rider of the white horse (6:2)? _____
2. Which rider carries a pair of scales - symbolizes famine (6:5)? _____
3. What name is given to the rider of the pale horse (6:8)? _____
4. Who is “following with” the rider on the pale horse (6:8)? _____
5. Why have the martyrs “underneath the alter” died (6:9)? _____
6. What resulted in the opening of the sixth seal (6:12)? _____
7. What name is given to all these judgments (6:16)? _____

Study Questions

1. Read Isaiah 24 [IMPENDING JUDGMENT ON THE EARTH]; focus on verses 1, 18-20.

❖ What key to the prophetic significance of Revelation 6 do you find in these verses?

2. Think back to the 20th century and give at least one example of an event that was unleashed by each of the four horsemen.

- ❖ First Horseman: _____
- ❖ Second Horseman: _____
- ❖ Third Horseman: _____
- ❖ Fourth Horseman: _____

Do you think the 21st century is going to be better?



3. Do you agree with the statement that the four horsemen represent God’s mercy?
 - ❖ Why or why not?
4. What does being martyred “for the word of God” and “for the testimony which they held” mean (Revelation 6:9).
 - ❖ Can you think of a modern-day martyr who fits that description?
5. Which view of the Great Tribulation do you most agree with?
 - ❖ Give a scriptural reason for your answer.