

STUDYING THE BOOK OF REVELATION
THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST (14)

REVELATION 6:9-17
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REVELATION 6

The Seals (2)

The Fifth Seal

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were 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, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The Sixth Seal

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens 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 that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?



THE FIFTH SEAL
THE CALL FOR JUSTICE

6:9 Those in heaven see the release of the four horsemen, and know this event signals the start of the end-times. The martyrs ask, “*How long ... until you judge those who murdered us?*” The martyrs are told to wait patiently until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. In other words, there are still more believers to be martyred. Just as Israel poured the blood of sacrificed animal at the base of the altar

(*Exodus 29:12; Leviticus 4:7*), in a similar manner, the souls of sacrificed martyrs were under the altar in heaven.

6:12-17 The Sixth Seal -The Visible Seal: When the martyrs cried for justice at the fifth seal, God judges the inhabitants of earth as guilty. The spilling of innocent blood has stained the earth blood red. God shows the people on earth another planet that appears covered with blood, the moon. When the sun is blotted out (*turned black*) during a lunar eclipse, the moon really does turn a blood red color. The moon turns a metallic red resembling the color of iron in blood. (1) At that time, the entire world, to include every mountain and island, shakes. (*Revelation 6:14*) God punctuates this event with a worldwide earthquake, likely caused by meteorites slamming into earth, one after another, similar to how figs drop to the ground from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.

God is attempting to shake the world to its senses. He wants people to see themselves as guilty of the blood of innocent people, even infants. God wants the world to confess sin—repent—and turn to him. At this point even unbelievers will know that scripture foretold this event; people will also know that this event precedes the outpouring of God’s wrath. People will say the great day of wrath has come. Accordingly, people will seek religious leaders and prophets to plot a course that might deter such wrath. However people do not say,

“I repent of my sins.” Instead, they believe the best option is to hide. This wrong attitude creates an opportunity for dishonest teachers and false prophets to say *“follow me and find safety.”* Using this type of approach, the Antichrist and false prophet will lead most of the world astray.

Antichrist may proclaim that if people repent, then God will withhold disaster. For example, God showed mercy to ancient Nineveh. When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. (*Jonah 3:10*)

If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. (Jeremiah 18:7) Yet it will be impossible to follow false prophets—and simultaneously repent.....*to be cont'd.*



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