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REVELATION

THE OPENING OF THE SEALS

REVELATION 6

**403 VERSES IN REVELATION, ONLY 12 ABOUT
THE PERSECUTION OF THE SAINTS.**

REVELATION 6-18: 3 NUMBERED JUDGMENT SERIES

3 series of 7 judgments:

1. 7 seal judgments (chapter 6)
2. 7 trumpet judgments (chapters 8-9)
3. 7 Bowls of Gods wrath (chapters 15-16)

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THESE JUDGMENTS:

1. All aimed at the anti-christ and his evil empire
2. All are future
3. All are literal
4. They are progressive in intensity

4 MAIN REASONS JESUS GAVE FOR THE GREAT FALLING AWAY: F.O.L.D

Fear

Offense

Lust

Deception

REVELATION 6:1

I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!"

1ST SEAL: RELEASE OF THE ANTI-CHRIST

REVELATION 6:2

I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

REVELATION 13:2

The beast I saw resembled a leopard, but had feet like those of a bear and a mouth like that of a lion. The dragon gave the beast his power and his throne and great authority.

Arrowless bow = beginning rise of the anti-christ

Rides out “conquering and to conquer” = victory from the start, but he’s hungry for more...

DANIEL 9:27

He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him.

Abomination of Desolation = key event highlighted by Daniel and Jesus
letting us know there is 3½ yrs left

I THESSALONIANS 5:3

While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

KEY PLAYER:
THE GREAT HARLOT OF BABYLON
(REVELATION 17-18)

REVELATION 17:6

I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

2ND SEAL: WAR

REVELATION 6:3-4

³ When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴ Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

3RD SEAL: FAMINE AND ECONOMIC CRISES

REVELATION 6:5-6

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

REVELATION 12:11

They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

4TH SEAL: DEATH

REVELATION 6:7-8

⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Death in various ways related to famine and economic crisis caused by war:
sword; famine; plagues; animals

“Goshen principle”: God protects His people from His wrath.

Hades: the temporary holding place for people who don't believe in Jesus where they are held until the final judgment and thrown into the lake of fire

5TH SEAL: MARTYRDOM OF THE SAINTS

REVELATION 6:9-11

⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰ They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” ¹¹ Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

REVELATION 7:9-10

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

REVELATION 7:13

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

REVELATION 7:14-17

¹⁴ I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ ‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’

REVELATION 7:14-17

²⁹ “Immediately after the distress of those days

“the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light;
the stars will fall from the sky,
and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.’

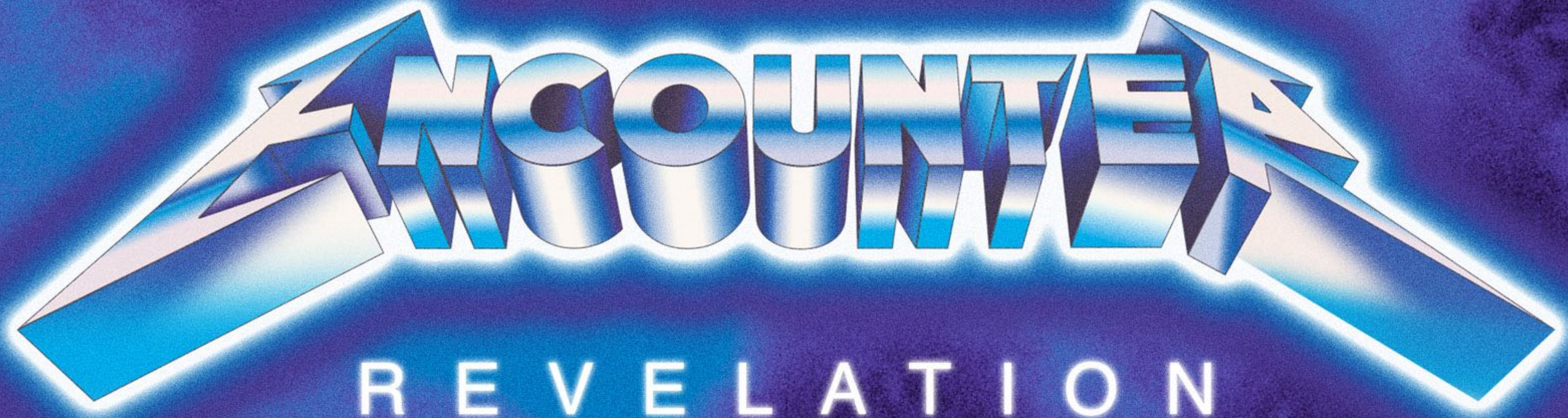
³⁰ “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. ³¹ And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.

6TH SEAL: COSMIC DISTURBANCES

REVELATION 6:12-17

¹² I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, ¹³ and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. ¹⁴ The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶ They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us[a] from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”



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