

TEXT: Revelation 6-7

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Parent Commissioning will be taking place on Mother's Day. Sign up at RedeemerChurch.com
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BIG IDEA: We hope in the King who Judges

Ground Rules:

1. *This is a letter written to 7 churches.*
2. *There is almost nothing new here.*
3. *The book is full of imagery and is NOT chronological: This is apocalyptic literature. That does not mean the end of world literature. It means "that which was concealed is being revealed." In keeping with this style of writing, each image has a meaning - stars = angels. Dragon = Satan, lamp stands/torches = churches. And the appearance of these images isn't always in chronological order. One theologian describes it as walking through an art gallery. Nothing is arranged in chronology, but more so by style and content.*
4. *We are in the End Times: Heb. 1:1-2 Long ago God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets at different times and in different ways. ² In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son. God has appointed Him heir of all things and made the universe through him.*
5. *We must read with humility: If your understanding of Revelation is dependent upon the current news cycle for your interpretation - you're wrong. How do I know? Give it a week and you'll see. Everyone who has used the news cycle to interpret Revelation has been proven wrong because they rely on speculation. Hear me: Speculation is the enemy of biblical interpretation.*

Ice Breaker: What do you fear being judged about? Or, is there someone you fear being judged by?

Revelation 6:1-2

- Who else rides a white horse? What does this show us about the person riding the white horse?
- What is the significance of the white horse and bow?

So, what can we conclude when we see political leaders engage in evil?

Revelation 6:3-6

- What usually is associated with military conquest?
- Why are we so full of anger at ourselves and the world around us and often the object of our rage is our neighbor?
- What does the black horse represent?
- What is the significance of the Oil and the Wine?

How do we see the black horse in action today? What can we as Christians do about it?

Revelation 6:7-14

- Why does the last horse describe the work of the previous three horses?

- Despite these horses, what is happening in the throne room?
- What does the sun turning black represent?



Revelation 7:1-8

- What does the New Testament portray as that which seals us?
 - The Holy Spirit - according to Ephesians 1:13-14 and 2 Tim. 2:19
- Who is sealed?
- Is the 144,000 an exact number?

Revelation 7:9-18

- Remember the question in chapter 6. Who can stand?

What does it tell us about God that He will wipe away every tear from our eyes?

Related Scriptures

Matthew 24:4-14

Acts 1

Quotes

The great multitude is drawn from “every nation, tribe, people and language,” indicating its multicultural character. This expression, repeated seven times, also speaks volumes about God’s heart, showing us that he has always desired and planned to have a redeemed people from every nation. Perhaps surprisingly, cultural distinctives are not destroyed in heaven. Rather, they are transformed into an orchestra of praise to our Creator and Redeemer. And the multicultural reality of heaven calls us to be involved now in sharing the gospel with all peoples and embracing believers who are different from us (i.e., in terms of race, language, nationality, social standing...). - J. Scott Duvall

It is important to remember that Revelation does not present a straight-line chronology of the end times but rather gives a series of overlapping visions to present history from the perspective of heaven. Along these lines, chapter 7 cycles back to the time of the first four seals in chapter six. - Daniel M. Doriani