

Book of Revelation Chapters 6 and 7

Chapter 6

This begins the process of God's judgments poured out upon the earth to redeem.

"The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin..." Exodus 34:6, 7

It is likely that the Seals covers the same span of time covered by the Trumpets and Bowls (Compare 6:12-14 to 11:15, 18 and 16:17, 20).

These judgments are what Jesus characterized by the present age (Mark 13:7-8).

6:1 First Seal – White Horse is CONQUEST.

6:3 Second Seal – Red Horse is BLOODSHED.

6:5 Third Seal – Black Horse is FAMINE.

6:7 Fourth Seal – Pale Horse is DEATH.

Equivalent images for us may be economic collapse, drought, war, terrorism, cancer.

6:9 Fifth Seal – The MARTYRS.

The altar is in heaven. They cry out for justice, not in complaint. They have white robes for righteousness.

6:12 Sixth Seal - GREAT EARTHQUAKE.

Judgment serves a redemptive purpose, not only to invite repentance from the disobedient (9:20-21) but to vindicate the righteous oppressed (6:10).

Chapter 7

Chapter 7 is a parenthetical insertion into the series of seven seals being broken. It appears to report the state of Jesus servants during the entire Tribulation period.

7:1 Four angels hold back wind from the four directions on earth: North, south, east and west.

7:4 The 144,000 are 1. messianic army 2. all believers who God will choose for use in that day.

World evangelism is their primary purpose. They will minister to both Jews and Gentiles.

7:9 The Great Multitude is from every nation (Jews and Gentiles) are now standing before the Throne and Lamb.