The Cry of the Martyrs The Fifth Seal

Revelation 6:9-11 December 13, 2020

The Fifth Seal: the prayers of the martyrs. vv. 9-11

- 1. These souls are to be seen as martyrs. v. 9
- Matthew 24:9-10
- 2. The location of these martyrs is God's throne room. v. 9a
- 3. John sees the souls of the martyrs and not their bodies. v. 9a
- Revelation 20:4
- 4. The martyrs died on account of their outspoken commitment to Jesus. v. 9
- 5. The fifth seal comes as a result of the martyrs' prayers. v. 10
- 6. The martyrs pray for vengeance. v. 10
- Acts 7:60
- a. Their prayer is in the form of an outcry. v. 10a
- b. Their prayer is simple and brief. v. 10b
- c. Their prayer is reverent. v. 10a
- d. Their prayer is toward the earth-dwellers. v. 10b
- 7. God hears and responds to the martyrs. v. 11
- a. God gives the martyrs each a white robe. v. 11a

- Revelation 7:13-14
- b. God grants them continued <u>rest</u>. v. 11a
- c. God has a predetermined number of those to be martyred. v. 11b

Conclusion

- John 16:1-4