

## Revelation 6

### Revelation 6 parallels Matthew 24:4-14

#### The first seal – Antichrists 6:1-2 -----Matthew 24:4-5

*Come* – This proclamation is made to each of the four horsemen when each of the first four seals is broken.

*A white horse* – A white horse was the symbol of victory. A Roman conqueror typically rode a white horse in triumphant procession.

*A bow* – The bow symbolizes the threat of war. Initially the world government is established without warfare.

*A crown* – The “*stephanos*” crown was one of authority or rule. This is the same word that is used for the crowns to awarded to believers for their faithfulness

*Conquering, and to conquer* – This ruler has conquered his enemies and is set on future conquests.

Who is this coming person?

Jesus? A future world ruler? The antichrist? Note the parallel in Matt. 24:4-5

#### The second seal – War 6:3-4 -----Matthew 24:6-7

*A red horse* – The red horse symbolizes bloodshed and war.

*To take peace from the earth and that men should slay one another* – The removal of the false peace and beginning of war.

*Great sword* – The authority to slay people.

#### The third seal – Famine 6:5-6 -----Matthew 24:7

*A black horse* – The black horse represents the ravage of war, namely, famine.

*A pair of scales* – A representation of commerce.

*Wheat...barley* – Good food and cheap food will be inflated in price.

*Oil and wine* – Will still be available but very expensive.

#### The fourth seal – Death 6:7-8 -----Matthew 24:7-8

*An ashen horse* – The ashen horse represents death.

*He who sat on it* – Most likely the antichrist.

*Death and Hades* – Death claims the material part of man and Hades claims the immaterial.

*A fourth of the earth* – At the present time approximately one and a half billion people.

*A fourth of the earth, to kill...*

*-With sword*

*-And with famine*

*-And with pestilence*

*-And by the wild beasts of the earth*

*“...and they will kill you and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name.”* Matthew 24:9

#### The fifth seal – Martyrdom 6:7-8 -----Matthew 24:9-13

(This scene takes place in heaven.)

*The souls of those who had been slain* because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained – Apparently those who have been slain in the tribulation up until this point.

*How long...* - A call for the punishment of their murderers!  
Contrast Luke 23:34 and Acts 7:60

*A white robe* – A long robe worn by kings, priests, and persons of rank. Apparently they have temporary bodies that are robed until they receive their resurrection bodies at the end of the tribulation.

*Wait a little longer...* until their fellow brethren who will be martyred will join them.

#### The sixth seal – Physical Disturbances 6:7-8 - Luke 21:11

*A great earthquake* – Note Ezekiel 38:19

*The sun became black* – Isaiah 13:10, Joel 2:10, 31

*The moon became like blood* – Joel 2:31

*The stars of the sky fell to the earth* – Not all the stars as they are still in place in Revelation 8:12

*The sky was split apart like a scroll* – Isaiah 34:4

*Every mountain and island were moved out of their places* – As a result of the great earthquake and all the physical disturbances.

*The reaction of all mankind* – Hide from the presence of the Lord.  
*Kings – great men – commanders – the rich – the strong – every slave – every free man*

The martyrs cry, “*Avenge us!*”

The unbelievers cry, “*Hide us!*”

*For the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?*

Our comfort – “*God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

1 Thessalonians 5:9

Our charge – “*Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season...*”

2 Timothy 4:2

Our prayer – “*...that God may open up to us a door for the word*”  
*...and we might speak clearly!* Colossians 4:3