

OUTLINE REVELATION 2 DECONSTRUCTION TIME

The SEVEN SEAL & 4-HORSEMEN

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Here's my TOP 10 DISCOVERIES about the book/letter of Revelation—after years of study...

10. It's totally misunderstood...
9. It's not a God scare tactic...
8. It's not about destruction...
7. It's not about pre...post or mid-tribulation rapture...
6. It's hope personified...
5. It puts on display God's ultimate triumphs over evil...
4. It's about Christ and not some anti-christ...
3. It's about God the original plan to make all things new
2. It has some important characters and happenings.

1. JESUS -- IS MAIN THING. Jesus IS the reveal in every action packed scene and scenario.

DECONSTRUCTION | dēkən'stræk sh ən| noun

1. In the context of physical construction, deconstruction is the selective dismantlement of building components, specifically for re-use, recycling, and waste management. It differs from demolition where a site is cleared of its building by the most expedient means. (Wikipedia)

2 BIG QUESTIONS

1. Do these seven seals and bowls and trumpets happen all at the same time or do they happen one after the other?

2. When does the rapture (calling up) of God's people, the church, take place in all of this?

I. THE SEVEN SEALS

1. THE WHITE HORSE

"I watched while the Lamb ripped off the first of the seven seals. I heard one of the Animals roar, "Come out!" I looked—I saw a white horse. Its rider carried a bow and was given a victory garland. He rode off victorious, conquering right and left."

Revelation 6:1-2 (MSG)

2. THE RED HORSE

"When the Lamb ripped off the second seal, I heard the second Animal cry, "Come out!" Another horse appeared, this one red. Its rider was off to take peace from the earth, setting people at each other's throats, killing one another. He was given a huge sword."

Revelation 6:3-4 (MSG)

3. THE BLACK HORSE

"When he ripped off the third seal, I heard the third Animal cry, "Come out!" I looked. A black horse this time. Its rider carried a set of scales in his hand. I heard a message (it seemed to issue from the Four Animals): "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, or three quarts of barley, but all the oil and wine you want."

Revelation 6:5-6 (MSG)

4. THE PALE HORSE

"When he ripped off the fourth seal, I heard the fourth Animal cry, "Come out!" I looked. A colorless horse, sickly pale. Its rider was Death, and Hell was close on its heels. They were given power to destroy a fourth of the earth by war, famine, disease, and wild beasts."

Revelation 6:7-8 (MSG)

5. THERE'S A FIFTH SEAL

"When he ripped off the fifth seal, I saw the souls of those killed because they had held firm in their witness to the Word of God. They were gathered under the Altar, and cried out in loud prayers, "How long, Strong God, Holy and True? How long before you step in and avenge our murders?"

Revelation 6:9-10 (MSG)

Then each martyr was given a white robe and told to sit back and wait until the full number of martyrs was filled from among their servant companions and friends in the faith.

Revelation 6:11 (MSG)

6. THE SIXTH SEAL

"I watched while he ripped off the sixth seal: [He's still opening them. Jesus is still in charge.] a bone-jarring earthquake, sun turned black as ink, moon all bloody, stars falling out of the sky like figs shaken from a tree in a high wind, sky snapped shut like a book, islands and mountains sliding this way and that.

Revelation 6:12-14 (MSG)

3 Types of Signs of the End

1. The Bible says there will always be signs pointing to the end. That's a part of the world.

"Jesus began, "Watch out for doomsday deceivers. Many leaders are going to show up with forged identities claiming, 'I'm the One.' They will deceive a lot of people. When you hear of wars and rumored wars, keep your head and don't panic. This is routine history, and no sign of the end. Nation will fight nation and ruler fight ruler, over and over. Earthquakes will occur in various places. There will be famines. But these things are nothing compared to what's coming." Mark 13:5-8 (MSG)

2. The second kind of signs are signs that immediately precede the end time events.

"And then, going from bad to worse, it will be dog-eat-dog, everyone at each other's throat, everyone hating each other. "In the confusion, lying preachers will come forward and deceive a lot of people. For many others, the overwhelming spread of evil will do them in—nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes. Matthew 24:10-12 (MSG)

3. The final kind of signs are signs accompanying the end time events.

"...And then pandemonium, everyone and his dog running for cover—kings, princes, generals, rich and strong, along with every commoner, slave or free. They hid in mountain caves and rocky dens, calling out to mountains and rocks, "Refuge! Hide us from the One Seated on the Throne and the wrath of the Lamb! The great Day of their wrath has come—who can stand it?" Revelation 6:15-17 (MSG)

II. VIEW FROM HEAVEN

GROUP #1: FOUR ANGELS LESSON - GOD'S IN CONTROL

Immediately I saw Four Angels standing at the four corners of earth, standing steady with a firm grip on the four winds so no wind would blow on earth or sea, not even rustle a tree. Then I saw another Angel rising from where the sun rose, carrying the seal of the Living God. He thundered to the Four Angels assigned the task of hurting earth and sea, "Don't hurt the earth! Don't hurt the sea! Don't so much as hurt a tree until I've sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!" Revelation 7:1-3 (MSG)

GROUP #2: 144,000 LESSON -GOD'S GREATEST CONCERN IS THAT WE BE SAVED

They were sealed out of every Tribe of Israel: 12,000 sealed from Judah, 12,000 from Reuben, 12,000 from Gad, 12,000 from Asher, 12,000 from Naphtali, 12,000 from Manasseh, 12,000 from Simeon, 12,000 from Levi, 12,000 from Issachar, 12,000 from Zebulun, 12,000 from Joseph, 12,000 sealed from Benjamin. Revelation 7:4-8 (MSG)

3. GROUP #3: MULTITUDE OF BELIEVERS LESSON- -GOD WILL NOT FAIL US

"I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches [When was the last time you heard of palm branches being waved in front of Jesus?] standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing: Salvation to our God on his Throne! Salvation to the Lamb! All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals— fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing: Oh, Yes! The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving, The honor and power and strength, To our God forever and ever and ever! Oh, Yes!" Revelation 7:9-12 (MSG)

"Just then one of the Elders addressed me: "Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?" Taken aback, I said, "O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know." Then he told me, "These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they've washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:13-14 (MSG)

That's why they're standing before God's Throne. They serve him day and night in his Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch his tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. Revelation 7:15-16 (MSG)

The Lamb on the Throne will shepherd them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes." Revelation 7:17 (MSG)