

YOUR JOURNEY TO JESUS Bible Study Notes

Revelation 6: The Six Seals

Good evening, welcome to our Tuesday Night Bible Study. Tonight, we begin our study of Revelation 6. Over the years, many have read this chapter and assumed the seals have not been broken; but in today's world, and in prior history, we as born-again believers in Christ know this to be false, and we see proof of the fulfillment of the prophecies spoken over 2,000 years ago unfolding quickly in real time today. Though many bare witness of these signs; do they really understand the relevance of what is written, what has already come to pass, and what is still yet to come. The topics we will read about and discuss in detail in this study include the following:

• The First Seal: The Conqueror (verses 1 -2)

• The Second Seal: Conflict on Earth (verses 3-4)

• The Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth (verses 5-6)

• The Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth (verses 7-8)

• The Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs (verses 9-11)

• The Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances (verses 12-17)

The opening of six of the seven seals by Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, unleashes catastrophic judgment and destruction all over the earth, and also introduces the four horsemen; which represent conquest, war, famine, death, the prayers of martyrs (those who were, and are killed for their belief in Christ) and massive cosmic disturbances; which result in global panic and people's futile attempt to hide from God's wrath (horses are also mentioned in Zechariah 1:7-11; Zechariah 1:18-21; Zechariah 6:1-8). The opening of the seals are symbolic of peace being taken from the earth, and the beginning of the great tribulation (Matthew 24:3-31; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-17).

Up to this point and since the beginning, we know and understand that God has waited as long as possible before acting on His final judgment. He does not want any of us to be destroyed, but wants all to turn from their sins and receive the salvation He offers through His only begotten Son Jesus Christ (John 17:6-26; Matthew 18:10-14; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18).

In this study, we will be reading and discussing several scriptures that support the validity of God's promise, the message He sent into the earth for His people through His prophets, through His only begotten Son, and by His Holy Spirit; by these we are able through the grace of the Lord our God, to discern the truth and dispel the lie, the false doctrine, and the false teachings presented to us disguised as truth (Galatians 1:3-10).

People of God, we are living in the age of deception; this is what Jesus Christ warned us about. True believers in Christ, who are rooted and grounded in the Word of our God, cannot be moved or shaken, and we cannot be deceived because we stand firm on what we know and believe about the GOD we serve and the One He sent. The solid foundation that was set before us in Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, is a foundation that was established and settled before the foundations of the earth, and still stands firm and solid even today. Amen.

God Sent His Only Begotten Son Into the Earth

- Zechariah 6:11-15; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 (Behold, the Man whose name *is* the BRANCH; from His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the temple of the Lord)
- Zechariah 2:8-13; (He sent Me after glory, to the nations which plunder you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye)
- <u>Isaiah 53:1-12</u> (He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He opened not His mouth)
- <u>Psalm 45:1-8</u>; (Gird Your sword upon *Your* thigh, O Mighty One, with Your glory and Your majesty)
- Matthew 10:34-38; (Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword)
- <u>Hebrews 4:12-13</u>; (For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword)
- <u>John 1:1-5,10-17</u> (In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God)
- Zechariah 13:7-9 (Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, against the Man who is My Companion," says the Lord of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered)
- Revelation 19:11-16 (Christ on the white horse)
- <u>John 3:16-21</u> (For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life)
- <u>John 1:29-34</u> (Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world)
- <u>Isaiah 9:6-7</u> (For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given)
- <u>Isaiah 11:1-5</u> (There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots
- <u>Isaiah 11:10-16</u> (And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, who shall stand as a banner to the people)

• Matthew 5:17-20 (Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill)

Know Who You Are In Christ

- <u>John 1:1-5,10-17</u> (As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name)
- <u>1 John 2:1-14</u> (We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world)
- <u>2 Corinthians 5:17-21</u> (If anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new)
- <u>John 3:1-15</u> (Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God
- 1 John 2:24-29 (Let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning)
- Matthew 21:33-44; Isaiah 5:1-7 (The parable of the wicked vinedressers)
- Matthew 13:3-9, Matthew 13:18-23 (The parable of the Sower)
- Matthew 13:24-30 (The parable of the wheat and the tares)
- Matthew 22:1-14 (The parable of the wedding feast)
- <u>1 Timothy 2:1-7</u> (Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men)
- <u>2 Timothy 2:3-13</u> (You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ)
- <u>John 14:25-27</u> (Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid)
- <u>1 Peter 4:7-11</u> (But the end of all things is at hand; therefore, be serious and watchful in your prayers)

God's Warning All People On Earth

- Romans 2:1-29 (Whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things)
- <u>2 Peter 3:1-13</u> (Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming?)
- <u>John 8:37-47</u> (I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you)
- Matthew 10:11-32 (Persecutions are coming)
- <u>John 10:10</u> (The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy)
- 1 John 2:18-23 (Warning of the deceptions of the last hour)
- <u>2 Peter 2:1-22</u> (But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction)

- <u>2 Corinthians 11:12-15</u> (False apostles, deceitful workers who transform themselves into apostles of Christ)
- <u>1 Corinthians 15:33-34</u> (Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners)
- Zechariah 1:1-6 (Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets preached, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Turn now from your evil ways and your evil deeds." 'But they did not hear nor heed Me," says the Lord)
- <u>1 Peter 4:12-19</u> (For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God)
- Romans 1:18-32 (For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven)
- <u>1 Thessalonians 5:1-11</u> (The day of the Lord is coming; and you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night)
- Revelation 3:20-22 (I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me)
- <u>Ezekiel 38:1-23</u> (Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him)
- <u>Jeremiah 15:1-4</u> (the Lord will not relent; reference <u>2 Kings 21:1-16</u> to see what Manasseh, son of Hezekiah did to merit the fury of God)
- <u>Ezekiel 5:11-17</u> (Because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations)
- <u>1 Corinthians 15:50-58</u> (Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption)