

INTRODUCTION: 6:1-17, **The Four Horsemen** - From chapter 6 forward we have a vivid description of the last 3 ½ years of the tribulation, or judgment period (6:1-19:4). Cf. Dan. 12:1; Jer. 30:7; Joel 2:1-3

6:1, **And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals,** - Καὶ εἶδον ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὸ ἀρνίον μίαν ἐκ τῶν σφραγίδων, -

and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, - καὶ ἤκουσα... ὡς φωνῆς βροντῆς - the beginning of a storm

one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. - ἐνὸς ἐκ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων λέγοντος Ἔρχου καὶ βλεπε -

6:2, **And I saw, and behold a white horse:** - καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος λευκός, - First Seal: Conquering and to conquer

and he that sat on him had a bow; - καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἔχων τόξον -

and a crown was given unto him: - καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ στέφανος -

and he went forth conquering, and to conquer. - καὶ ἐξῆλθεν νικῶν καὶ ἵνα νικήσῃ. -

6:3, **And when he had opened the second seal,** - Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν δευτέραν -

I heard the second beast say, Come and see. - ἤκουσα τοῦ δευτέρου ζώου λέγοντος Ἔρχου. -

6:4, **And there went out another horse that was red:** - καὶ ἐξῆλθεν ἄλλος ἵππος πυρρός - "red horse"/ Second Seal: Communism?

and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, - καὶ τῷ καθιμένῳ ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἐδόθη αὐτῷ λαβεῖν τὴν εἰρήνην ἐκ τῆς γῆς -

and that they should kill one another: - καὶ ἵνα ἀλλήλους σφάξουσιν -

and there was given unto him a great sword. - αἰ ἐδόθη αὐτῷ μάχαιρα μεγάλη. -

6:5, **And when he had opened the third seal,** - Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξε τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν τρίτην

I heard the third beast say, Come and see. - ἤκουσα τοῦ τρίτου ζώου λέγοντος· Ἔρχου. καὶ εἶδον -

And I beheld, and lo a black horse; - καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος μέλας - Third Seal: Balances in his hand / famine

and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. - καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπ' αὐτὸν ἔχων ζυγὸν ἐν τῇ χειρὶ αὐτοῦ -

6:6, **And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say,** - καὶ ἤκουσα ὡς φωνὴν ἐν μέσῳ τῶν τεσσάρων ζώων λέγουσαν -

A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; - Χοῖνιξ σίτου δηναρίου, καὶ τρεῖς χοίνικες κριθῶν δηναρίου -

and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine. - καὶ τὸ ἔλαιον καὶ τὸν οἶνον μὴ ἀδικήσης -

6:7, **And when he had opened the fourth seal,** - Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν τετάρτην -

I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. - κούσα φωνὴν τοῦ τετάρτου ζώου λέγοντος -

And I looked, and behold a pale horse: - Ἔρχου. καὶ εἶδον, καὶ ἰδοὺ ἵππος χλωρός - Death sat on him and hell followed / kill, hunger; the greatest destruction that the world has ever known: Quarter of the earth: all of Europe and South America combined.

and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. - καὶ ὁ καθήμενος ἐπάνω αὐτοῦ ὄνομα αὐτῷ ὁ Θάνατος, καὶ ὁ ἄδης ἠκολούθει αὐτοῦ -

6:8, **And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth,** - αὐτοῖς ἐξουσία ἐπὶ τὸ τέταρτον τῆς γῆς -

to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. - ἀποκτεῖναι ἐν ῥομφαίᾳ καὶ ἐν λιμῷ καὶ ἐν θανάτῳ καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν θηρίων τῆς γῆς. -

6:9, **And when he had opened the fifth seal,** - Καὶ ὅτε ἤνοιξεν τὴν πέμπτην σφραγίδα - non-descriptive, but it was horrible because the martyrs cried aloud, begging God to hold back His judgment.

I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, - εἶδον ὑποκάτω τοῦ θυσιαστηρίου τὰς ψυχὰς τῶν ἐσφαγμένων διὰ τὸν λόγον τοῦ θεοῦ -

and for the testimony which they held: - καὶ διὰ τὴν μαρτυρίαν ἣν εἶχον -

6:10, *And they cried with a loud voice, saying*, - καὶ ἔκραξαν φωνῇ μεγάλῃ λέγοντες -

How long, O Lord, holy and true, - "Ἔως πότε, ὁ δεσπότης ὁ ἅγιος καὶ ἀληθινός -

dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? - οὐ κρίνεις καὶ ἐκδικεῖς τὸ αἷμα ἡμῶν ἐκ τῶν κατοικούντων ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς -

6:11, *And white robes were given unto every one of them;* - καὶ ἐδόθη αὐτοῖς ἐκάστῳ στολὴ λευκὴ -

and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, - καὶ ἐρρέθη αὐτοῖς ἵνα ἀναπαύσονται ἔτι χρόνον μικρόν -

until their fellow servants also and their brethren, - καὶ οἱ σύνδουλοι αὐτῶν καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτῶν -

that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. - ἕως πληρωθῶσιν οἱ μέλλοντες ἀποκτείνεσθαι ὡς καὶ αὐτοί.

- Who were these martyrs? Those killed during the first 3 ½ years of the tribulation? All believers raptured before the tribulation?

**6:12-17 "sixth Seal"/ all levels of society affected by earthquakes, sun becoming black, moon as blood, stars falling to the earth, heaven departed as a scroll, and mountains and islands moved from their places.

6:12, *And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal*, - Καὶ εἶδον ὅτε ἥνοιξεν τὴν σφραγίδα τὴν ἕκτην -

and, lo, there was a great earthquake; - καὶ σεισμὸς μέγας ἐγένετο -

and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, - καὶ ὁ ἥλιος ἐγένετο μέλας ὡς σάκκος τρίχιος -

and the moon became as blood; - καὶ ἡ σελήνη ὅλη ἐγένετο ὡς αἷμα, -

6:13, *And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth*, - και οἱ ἀστέρες τοῦ οὐρανοῦ ἔπεσαν εἰς τὴν γῆν -

even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. - ὡς συκῆ βάλλει τοὺς ὀλύνθους αὐτῆς ὑπὸ ἀνέμου μεγάλου σειομένη -

6:14, *And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together;* - και ὁ οὐρανὸς ἀπεχωρίσθη ὡς βιβλίον ἐλισσόμενον -

and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. - και πᾶν ὄρος και νῆσος ἐκ τῶν τόπων αὐτῶν ἐκινήθησαν -

6:15, *And the kings of the earth*, - και οἱ βασιλεῖς τῆς γῆς -

and the great men, and the rich men, - και οἱ μεγιστᾶνες και οἱ χιλίαρχοι -

and the chief captains, and the mighty men, - αι οἱ πλούσιοι και οἱ ἰσχυροὶ -

and every bondman, and every free man, - και πᾶς δοῦλος και ἐλεύθερος -

hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; - ἔκρυψαν ἑαυτοὺς εἰς τὰ σπήλαια και εἰς τὰς πέτρας τῶν ὀρέων -

6:16, *And said to the mountains and rocks*, - και λέγουσιν τοῖς ὄρεσιν και ταῖς πέτραις -

Fall on us, and hide us - Πέσετε ἐφ' ἡμᾶς και κρύψατε ἡμᾶς -

from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, - ἀπὸ προσώπου τοῦ καθημένου ἐπὶ τοῦ θρόνου -

and from the wrath of the Lamb: - και ἀπὸ τῆς ὀργῆς τοῦ ἀρνίου -

6:17, *For the great day of his wrath is come;* - ὅτι ἦλθεν ἡ ἡμέρα ἡ μεγάλη τῆς ὀργῆς αὐτῶν-

and who shall be able to stand? - και τίς δύναται σταθῆναι; -