

Revelation 6:1-17 **Signs of the End – Seals**

1st Seal – Conquering Conqueror

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

2nd Seal – Peace taken from Earth

3 When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

3rd Seal – Extreme Inflation

5 When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see."

So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine."

4th Seal – Death of 1/4th of the Earth's population

7 When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

5th Seal – Cry of the Martyrs

9 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

6th Seal – Earthquake – Sun, Moon, & Stars – Time for Wrath of the LAMB

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. 13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks;

"Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! 17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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Facts Revealed:

The Seals are very much in agreement with the signs Jesus gave concerning the Time of the End. The Four Living Creatures introduced John to the revelation of the first four seals.

1st Seal – Conquering Conqueror [Revelation 6:1-2]

- ✠ Now I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**; and I heard **one of the four living creatures** saying with a **voice like thunder**, "Come and see."
- ✠ And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer. [Revelation 6:1-2]
- ✧ Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars until the very end. [Matthew 24:6, Mark 13:7, Luke 21:9-10]
- ✧ I believe that the world push to conquer nations was ultimately fulfilled by the Russian attempt to conquer for the sake of Communism.

2nd Seal – Peace taken from Earth [Revelation 6:3-4]

- ✠ When He opened the second seal, I heard the **second living creature** saying, "Come and see."
- ✠ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. [Revelation 6:3-4]
- ✧ As Communism declined **peace has been taken from the earth** as mankind grows more and more violent with people killing one another as the knowledge of God is taken away from the people of many nations of the world through education, legislation, and news media and world terrorism of today under the Islamic movement.

3rd Seal – Extreme Inflation [Revelation 6:5-6]

- ✠ When He opened the third seal, I heard the **third living creature** say, "Come and see."
- ✠ So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." [Revelation 6:5-6]
- ✧ Famines both man made and natural have taken a heavy toll on the world population. [Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11]
- ✧ Sky rocketing inflation has made food in many parts of the earth extremely difficult for people to buy with their meager income.
- ✧ However it seems strange that as food becomes more and more unavailable, the supply of wine and various kinds of oil are sharply increasing.

4th Seal – Death of 1/4th of the Earth's population [Revelation 6:7-8]

- ✠ When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the **fourth living creature** saying, "Come and see."
- ✠ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was **Death**, and **Hades** followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with **sword**, with **hunger**, with **death**, and by the **beasts of the earth**. [Revelation 6:7-8]
- ✧ Seal four is an amplification of seals two and three with additional horrors.
- ✧ Killing by the **sword** includes the multiple millions who have been slaughtered by **abortion, euthanasia, rebellions, world terrorism, gang attacks, murder, genocide, political actions** with family members betraying and killing other family members, religious wars, etc. [Matthew 24:9, Mark 13:9, 13, Luke 21:12, 17, 12:11-12]
- ✧ The final war in this series will be the Russian invasion of Gog and Magog. [Ezekiel 38:1-23]
- ✧ **Hunger** is increasingly taking a toll in many regions of the world. [Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11]

- ✧ **Death** is increasing by diseases not known before like AIDS, West Nile Virus, and a multitude of other newer diseases as well as natural deaths.
- ✧ **Beasts of the earth** include wild and domestic animal attacks, killer bees, and other such dangers.
- ✧ Jesus called these form of last days causes of death as wars, famines, pestilence, and earthquakes which would include tsunami. [Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Luke 21:11]
- ✧ Along with **Death, Hell** accompanies the death of the unsaved.
- ✧ God is keeping track of deaths from all sources and knows how close the world is to having killed one fourth of the population of the earth that would have been here had they been allowed to live.
- ✧ When a forth of the earth's population has been killed, the Great Tribulation will begin.
- ✧ Hundreds of millions have already perished around the world by **abortion** alone since its approved in 1972. God is counting.

5th Seal – Cry of the Martyrs [Revelation 6:9-11]

✧ When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the **souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.** [Revelation 6:9]

- ✧ Martyred Saints have been waiting a long time for God to act to avenge their blood, trusting God to keep His Word which said;

"Vengeance is Mine, says the Lord, I will repay." [Deuteronomy 32:35, Romans 12:19, Hebrews 10:30]

- ✧ Peter explained the reason for the delay:

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. [2 Peter 3:9]

✧ And they cried with a loud voice, saying,

"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" [Revelation 6:10]

✧ Then a **white robe was given to each of them;** and it was said to them that they should **rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.** [Revelation 6:11]

- ✧ God has a specific number of Martyrs to die before the End comes, many of which will die during the Great Tribulation.
- ✧ This sign will involve one fourth of the earth's number.
- ✧ The world is rapidly approaching that number.

6th Seal – Earthquake – Sun, Moon, & Stars – Time for Wrath of the LAMB [Revelation 6:12-17]

✧ I looked when He opened the **sixth seal**, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun** became black as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon** became like blood. And the **stars** of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. [Revelation 6:12-13]

- ✧ Great earthquakes have led to this point, but this is the grand-daddy of them all.
- ✧ Great signs in the Heavens. [Luke 21:11, 25-26, Acts 2:19-20, Joel 2:30-31, Revelation 6:14]
- ✧ It is interesting to note that at every great and special event done by God there are signs in the heavens.

Creation. [Genesis 1:14-19]

Flood in the time of Noah. [Genesis 7:11]

Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. [Genesis 19:24]

Plagues of Egypt. [Exodus 10:21]

Defeat of the Amorites. [Joshua 10:12-14]

Star at the birth of Jesus. [Matthew 2:1-11]

Darkness and earthquake at the death of Jesus. [Matthew 27:45-50, Luke 23:44-46]

Signs of the End Time. [Daniel 6:27, Luke 21:25, Acts 2:19, Isaiah 13:9-13, Jeremiah 4:23-28]

‡ Then the **sky receded as a scroll** when it is rolled up, and **every mountain and island was moved out of its place.** [Revelation 6:14]

✧ Great earthquake indeed that moves the mountains and islands.

‡ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks;

"Fall on us and **hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"** [Revelation 6:15-17, Isaiah 2:10-22, Hosea 10:8, Luke 23:30]

✧ The people of the earth will know it is time for the **Wrath of God**, and attempt to hide themselves from the truth, rather than to repent and turn to God for Salvation.

✧ This is extreme mental choice of rebellion and denial in the face of the obvious.