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-Jesus Opens the First Four Seals

Rev. 6:1-2 And I saw when the Lamb opened **one of the seals**, and I heard one of the four living creatures like a sound of thunder, saying, **Come and see**. And I saw, And behold a white horse! And he sitting on it had a bow. And a crown was given to him, and he went forth conquering and to conquer. This horse brings temporary peace. We know that it is peace because the second rider takes peace from the Earth, implying that there had to be peace to begin with. These are the many peace treaties of the last century that ended up failing.

Rev. 6:3-4 And when He had opened **the second seal**, I heard the second living creature say, **Come and see**. And another, a red horse, went out. And power was given to him sitting on it, to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another. And there was given to him a great sword. Notice that the second horse has a rider sitting on it, who was given a great sword that was used to bring war since he had the power to take peace away from the Earth.

Rev. 6:5-6 And when He had opened **the third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, **Come and see**. And I looked, and lo, a black horse. And he sitting on it had a balance in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures say, A choenix of wheat for a denarius, and three choenixes of barley for a denarius. And do not hurt the oil and the wine. This horse represents poverty. A voice said: “Do not hurt the oil and the wine.” Why would this voice say that? Because this event happened before the rapture, when Christians are on Earth (the wine) and they have the Holy Spirit (the oil), and they are not to be harmed: “Do not hurt the oil and the wine.” In Nu 18:12 we read that the wine and the oil are first-fruits and in Ja 1:18 we are called first fruit of His creatures. Therefore, the instructions are to not harm the Christian church when the third seal event happens.

“During the 20th century, an estimated 70 million people died from famines across the world”.

Rev. 6:7-8 And when he had opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, **Come and see**. And I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him sitting on it was **Death**, and **Hell followed with him**. And authority was given to them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword and with hunger and with death and by the beasts of the earth. The beasts of the earth have killed many men but in the millennium they will be peaceful animals.

These four horsemen were given authority on the Earth, to kill with the **sword** and with **hunger** and with **death** and by the **beasts** of the earth. They affect the unbelievers since “*Hell followed with him*”. In the last 100 years, we have seen many wars, including two world wars and the recent ones in Iraq and Afghanistan. In fact, the 20th Century has been labeled the “**Century of war**”. These wars have killed approximately 40 to 45 million soldiers, and we have seen poverty and famine kill countless more. But these were not God’s judgment yet. These were events that must take place before the rapture, as Jesus had prophesied in Mt 24:6: *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must occur; but the end is not yet.* Jesus tells us that we will hear of “wars and rumors of wars” but He adds, “*See that you are not troubled.*” Why would He say that? Because these things will happen before the rapture, when Christians will still be here on Earth. But this cannot be God’s Judgment, because God will not pour out His judgment on His people. Instead, they are man-made events and natural disasters. The “wars and rumors of wars” do not signify the end.

In fact, when we will see God’s judgment, He will have seven angels sounding 7 trumpets, and seven other angels pouring out 7 bowls. While the first 4 seals only tell us that the 4 living creatures would say “**come and see**”, they did not pour out bowls or sound trumpets. They only witnessed the events.

THE FIRST 4 SEALS: THE 4 LIVING CREATURES WOULD SAY: “COME AND SEE” meaning, come and witness these events.

Jesus continues: Mt 24:7 *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places.* Most of these events have already taken place or are happening now, which shows us how close we are to His return. Nations have fought against nations, and we have seen many wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes. We have seen the AIDS virus kill 25 million people and infect 40 million more.

Jesus said that this will happen before the 7 year Tribulation: Mt 24:6 *And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled, for all these things must occur; but the end is not yet.* Mt 24:7 *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in different places.* Mt 24:8 *All these are the beginning of sorrows.* The rapture happens and then: Mt 24:9 *Then they will deliver you up to be afflicted and will kill you*

THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS (Mt 24:4-8) INCLUDES:

THE 4 HORSEMEN (Rev 6:1-8)

WARS & RUMORS OF WARS (SECOND HORSE)

NATION AGAINST NATION (SECOND HORSE)

KINGDOM AGAINST KINGDOM (SECOND HORSE)

FAMINES (THIRD HORSE)

PESTILENCES (FOURTH HORSE)

ALL THESE RESULT IN DEATH (FOURTH HORSE)

There have been at least 20 wars in what is called: **“the Century of war”**

Here are some of the wars that we have already lived through:

Second World War killed	25,000,000	Approx.
First World War killed	9,000,000	Approx.
Korean War killed	5,000,000	Approx.
Vietnam War killed	1,400,000	Approx.
Chinese Civil War killed	1,100,000	Approx.
Iran-Iraq War killed	1,000,000	Approx.

There have been other wars, which bring it to approx. 40 to 45 million soldiers killed. There were also millions of civilians killed. *“Matthew White conducted a study, based on figures quoted from a number of reliable sources to arrive at a conservative estimate of nearly 170 million lives lost to war and major atrocities in the last century”*.

We have also seen millions die to diseases or pestilences: The 1918 flu pandemic, commonly referred to as the *Spanish flu*, was a category 5 influenza pandemic between 1918 and 1920 caused by an unusually severe and deadly Influenza A virus strain. By far the most destructive pandemic in history, it killed some 50 to 100 million people worldwide, in just 18 months.

The 2004 tsunami is the deadliest in recorded history. Killing more than 225,000 people in eleven countries.

The 2005 Kashmir Earthquake was a major earthquake. It occurred on October 2005. It registered 7.6 or 7.7 on the Richter scale. The government of Pakistan's official death toll was 79,000.

In May 2008 Cyclone Nargis devastated Burma, The UN has suggested the death toll is likely to be more than 100,000, and we just saw the Chinese earthquake kill nearly 80,000 people.

Adolf Hitler killed approximately six million European Jews during World War II. (Known as the Holocaust)

Those are great numbers of people that have been killed while the church has still been here on Earth. And since the wars and rumors of wars have been fulfilled, we are about to see the rapture.

-Jesus Opens the Fifth Seal

After the wars and rumors of wars have happened, Jesus will open the fifth seal: Rev. 6:9-11 And when He had 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 (these are the souls of all the believers from Abel, who Cain killed, and all that were killed for their faith in God up to this day). And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **Until when, Master, holy and true, do You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?** And white robes were given to each one of them. (They will receive white robes when the rapture happens, along with the great multitude, yet they are to rest until the number of martyrs is complete.) And it was said to them that they should rest yet for a little time, until both their fellow servants and their brothers should have their number made complete. As Christ opens the fifth seal, we see the souls in Heaven of those who have been killed for believing in God. They are under the altar, and they want to know when God will judge the Earth. Why would they ask when God would judge the Earth if the four horsemen brought judgment from God? Because the first four seals were not judgments, but rather man-made events; when Jesus opened each seal, men would cause these events. These were the wars, famines, pestilences, and earthquakes that we have already experienced, and are currently experiencing, so we see that we are really getting close to the rapture.

These souls in Heaven are told that there are more believers that will die for their faith in God, and we see the rest of them in, Rev 20:4 ...and I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast nor his image, nor had received his mark on their foreheads, nor in their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. These are martyrs who will stay behind because they were not ready when the rapture happens; however, they will not worship the beast, and he will kill them. They will complete the number of those killed for their faith in God. Please note that the souls under the altar will not receive white robes until the fifth seal is opened, “*And white robes were given to each one of them.*” This could only happen when the rapture takes place, and we receive our complete bodies without sin. 1 Cor 15:51-54. The white robes indicate no sin, since they are white because Jesus washed our sins away, Rev 1:5 ...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood. And we later read that the great multitude who will be raptured will wash their robes in the

blood of the lamb, making them white: Rev 7:14 *These are the ones who ...have washed their robes, and have whitened them in the blood of the Lamb.* The robes represent our fleshly bodies that had sin. No one can say that Jesus died to wash a piece of cloth with His own blood. Instead, this refers to our fleshly bodies that had sin in it, and only the blood of Jesus can wash away our sins. “Rev 1:5 ...*To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*”

I will later show the connection between the time when the souls receive white robes, and the church receives white robes Rev 7:14. This will all happen in the event called “The Rapture.”

Please notice some key words that are told to these souls, “*And it was said to them that they should rest yet for a little time.*” The key words are that they should rest “*for a little time*” because they will receive their white robes (bodies) when the rapture happens. Therefore, they will only have **7 years** left to complete their number, which is a little time. After their number is complete, they will no longer rest, but they will reign with Christ for 1,000 years. The souls of those that will be killed in the Great Tribulation will live again (Rev 20:4), meaning that they will receive their bodies, just as the souls under the altar received them as white robes.

The white robes are literally our sinless bodies.

THE SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR:

CRY FOR VENGEANCE ON THOSE WHO DWELL ON EARTH
ARE GIVEN WHITE ROBES (At the time of the Rapture)

THEY ARE TO REST UNDER THE ALTAR A LITTLE WHILE -
UNTIL THEIR NUMBER IS COMPLETE (They Rest for 7 Years)
Those Killed by the Antichrist will Complete the Number

IN HEAVEN THERE ARE TWO ALTARS:

THE **ALTAR** WHERE THE SOULS ARE (Rev 6:9, 8:3, 8:5, 14:18, 16:7)

THE **GOLDEN ALTAR** IN FRONT OF THE THRONE (Rev 8:3, 9:13)

I want to make a last point about the souls who received white robes; it is impossible for them to receive a white robe, and to have their dead flesh on Earth with sin, before they will be transformed as Paul spoke in, 1 Cor 15:51-54. Therefore, there is only one correct interpretation; the souls will receive their fleshly bodies washed in the blood of the lamb when they receive their white robes.

I repeat: **The white robes are literally our sinless bodies.**

The souls will rest under the altar, but they will speak when God is pouring His wrath on Earth with the bowl judgments: *Rev 16:7 And I heard another out of the altar saying, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are Your judgments.* Since the souls had asked God to judge the Earth, God will allow them to witness His judgments, and they will confirm that God is just when He pours out His wrath. *Rev 16:7 “true and righteous are Your judgments”.*

-Jesus Opens the Sixth Seal

After the rapture happens and we are in Heaven, Jesus will show us the judgments that will happen upon the Earth in the 7-year great tribulation up to the seventh bowl judgment, the souls under the altar had asked when God would avenge those living on Earth, and Jesus shows us what will soon happen: **THE SIXTH SEAL:** *Rev. 6:12-17 And when He opened the sixth seal, I looked, and 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, even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs when she is shaken by a mighty wind. And the heaven departed like a scroll when it is rolled together. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every freeman, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains. And they said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him sitting on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; for the great day of His wrath has come, and who will be able to stand?*

When Jesus opens the sixth seal, He lets the souls under the altar know that His judgment will be poured out on Earth, and He shows what will happen at the end of the 7-year Great Tribulation. We know this because He says that every island fled and every mountain was moved out of their places. These same events happen in *Rev 16:20: And every island fled away, and mountains were not found.* This happens when the seventh and final bowl is poured out upon the Earth. Therefore, the sixth seal is opened only to show the souls under the altar with the new immortal bodies (white robes) that God will soon judge those living on Earth.

When you think of the sixth seal, imagine the souls looking at a vision, and God shows them exactly what will happen when He sends His wrath upon the Earth. They had cried out asking when God would avenge their blood upon those living on the Earth and He shows them how He will do that *Ro 12:19 Vengeance is Mine, I will repay, says the Lord*

Please note that the sixth seal is not the actual judgment but it is only a preview shown to both the souls and the great multitude with their white robes (after the rapture happens), so that they will know the severity of God's wrath upon the Earth before it happens, that is why there will be complete silence in Heaven when the wrath of God is about to begin, as seen in Rev 8:1 *there was silence in Heaven...*

Notice that the sixth seal is the same event as the seventh bowl:

Rev 6:14 and every **mountain** and **island** were moved out of their places
Rev 16:20 and every **island** fled away, and **mountains** were not found.

Isaiah: 54:10 for the **mountains** shall depart, and the **hills** be removed

THE SIXTH SEAL:

- WILL BE REVEALED RIGHT AFTER THE RAPTURE
- THE SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR, SEE GOD'S (Future) JUDGMENTS
- WILL SHOW US GOD'S WRATH UP TO THE 7TH BOWL
- THE SUN, MOON & STARS LOOSE THEIR LIGHT (Is 13:10, Joel 2:10, 31, 3:15, Mt 24:29, Mark 13:24, Rev 6:12)
- THE STARS (HAIL) FALL FROM THE SKY (Job 38:22-23, Ezk 38:22, Mt 24:29, Mark 13:25, Rev 6:13, Rev 16:21)
- MANY WILL SAY TO THE MOUNTAINS "HIDE US FROM HIS WRATH" (Is 2:15-21, Luke 23:30, Rev 6:15-16)
- THE HEAVEN DEPARTED "LIKE A SCROLL" Rolled Up (Is 34:4, Rev 6:14)
A Nuclear Mushroom Cloud Seen From The Side "Like A Scroll" Being Rolled Up
- THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE ----- (7TH bowl Rev 16:18)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE MOUNTAINS - (7TH bowl Rev 16:20)
- THERE WILL BE NO MORE ISLANDS ----- (7TH bowl Rev 16:20)

ALL OF THE EVENTS THAT ARE SEEN IN THE SIXTH SEAL WILL HAPPEN AT THE END OF THE 7-YEAR TRIBULATION



THE SIXTH SEAL

THE RESURRECTION:

The Sadducees only believed in the first 5 books of the Bible, written by Moses, yet they did not believe that there would be a resurrection. So they asked Jesus: Mt 22:24 saying, Master, Moses said, If a man dies, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed to his brother. Mt 22:25 Now there were with us seven brothers. And the first, when he had married a wife, died. And, having no issue, he left his wife to his brother. Mt 22:26 The second also did likewise, and the third, to the seventh. Mt 22:27 And last of all the woman also died. Mt 22:28 Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife shall she be, of the seven? For they all had her. They saw a problem with the resurrection since marriage in Heaven would be awkward; you would have people that never married stay single forever, and some would have 3 wives or 7 husbands, but Jesus said: Mt 22:29 Jesus answered and said to them, You err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. Mt 22:30 For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in Heaven. Jesus told them they were wrong “you err” since we will not be married, but we will be like the angels who are not married. Jesus goes on to correct them on **the resurrection**: Mt 22:31 But regarding the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, Mt 22:32 “I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?” God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. Jesus corrects them by quoting scripture that what was written in **the law** (first 5 books of the Bible) which they had studied, found in: Exo 3:6 And He said, I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Since God told Moses that He was “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob” after they had died, proves that their souls are alive, and Jesus confirms that by saying: “God is not the God of the dead, but of the living”. This proved that their souls are currently alive in Paradise 2 Cor. 12:14, Rev 2:7.

GOD IS THE GOD OF THE LIVING:

HE IS THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB
HE IS THEIR GOD AND THEY ARE ALIVE

Jn 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am **the Resurrection and the Life!** He who believes in Me, though he die, yet he shall live.

In Psalm 18, Jesus is in the heart of the earth Psa 18:5 and He cries out to the Father Psa 18:6 who resurrected Jesus Christ Psa 18:16. Jesus was rewarded according to His righteousness Psa 18:20. It is a great Psalm!
(Also seen in 2 Samuel 22)