

"The Seal Judgments"

Part 1

Revelation 6:1-17

Introduction: Today in our study of the book of Revelation we have come to the Seal Judgments which shall be poured out upon the earth.

In chapter 5 Jesus took the scroll from the right hand of the Father and now as we come to chapter 6 He is going to begin to open the seals. Let us keep in mind that as these seals are opened and the Judgment of God begins to fall upon the earth, the church/the body of Christ is in heaven. We who know Jesus Christ will not go through the 7 years of tribulation which shall come on the earth.

Revelation 3:10

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

In the book of Daniel we read the following words:

Daniel 9:24

²⁴ Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

Here we see that Daniel was told by Gabriel that 70 weeks of years were determined upon DANIEL'S PEOPLE who are the Jews. So far 69 weeks of years have passed.

Daniel 24:25-26a

²⁵ Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

²⁶ And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off...

The 70 weeks of years began when Nehemiah was given the command to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem and Gabriel told Daniel that after 69 weeks of years the Messiah would come and He would be cut off which means He would die. This all happened just as Gabriel

had foretold. Now what Daniel and the Jews did not know was there would be a gap between the 69th and the 70th week of years. That gap is the age we are in today known as the Church Age. The 70th week is yet to come and it will begin after the Rapture of the Church.

The Rapture takes the world and its inhabitants into the 70th week and the loosening of the first seal begins the events which will lead to the end of this world as we know it today.

I. **Seal #1**

Notice Revelation 6:1

Nothing happens until Jesus opens the seals of the scroll. The significance of this is the fact that EVERYTHING that is about to unfold is all under the control of God.

A. **The Rider on the White Horse**

Notice Revelation 6:2

This is not Jesus Christ for His return to earth is at the end of the Great Tribulation.

Revelation 19:11-13

¹¹ *And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*

¹² *His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

¹³ *And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

Here in Revelation 6:2 we see the Anti-Christ.

WHO IS THE ANTI-CHRIST?

He is Satan's masterpiece. The Anti-Christ has been restrained from coming on the scene for thousands of years. Satan has been restrained from bringing his master piece on the world stage. There have been many whom Satan has groomed. Let me show you what is restraining the coming of the Anti-Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

² *That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.*

³ *Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;*

⁴ *Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.*

⁵ *Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?*

⁶ *And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.*

⁷ *For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.*

⁸ *And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:*

Today Satan is restrained from revealing the Anti-Christ.

B. The Rider's Appearance

Notice Revelation 6:2

We can learn much about the Anti-Christ if we take some time and we look closely at his entrance here in this verse.

1. He is riding a white horse.

We have already looked at the return of Jesus Christ in Revelation 19 and we saw there that he will come on a white horse also. So when I see here that the Anti-Christ is pictured on a white horse it tells me that he is a counterfeit. Let us keep in mind that the Jews today are looking for the FIRST coming of Jesus Christ and they are looking for Jesus to set up His Kingdom.

Satan will do all he can to deceive the Jews and one way in which he will do this is by working through the Anti-Christ to deceive the Jews in an attempt to destroy them.

Let me show you how far Satan will go with this deception.

Revelation 13:1-3

And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

² *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

³ *And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.*

He will heal from a deadly head wound which means he will counterfeit the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in so doing the world will follow after him.

Notice what Jesus said about the deception of Satan in Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:11, 24

¹¹ *And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.*

²⁴ *For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

Notice what Paul wrote about the Anti-Christ in 2 Thessalonians.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10

⁹ *Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,*

¹⁰ *And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;*

Getting back to Revelation 6 we see that the Anti-Christ will be a counterfeit.

2. He carries a bow.

In the Bible the bow speaks of power. The Anti-Christ will be the world ruler and he will be a very powerful man.

Revelation 13:2, 4, 5, 7

² *And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.*

⁴ *And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*

⁵ *And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.*

⁷ *And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

3. **He has no arrows with his bow and he is wearing a crown.**

This is very interesting and is a continuation of the fact that he is a counterfeit. When the Anti-Christ comes on the scene he will come and establish world peace. The bow without arrows speaks of peace and power. The crown speaks of victory. Now let me explain what the Anti-Christ will do. Satan will work through the Anti-Christ to deceive as many as he possible can.

In the Old Testament God has promised that TRUE PEACE and TRUE SAFETY will exist when there are 4 certain conditions which come together on the earth.

- a. **The regathering of Israel in their homeland.**

Jeremiah 32:37

³⁷ *Behold, I will gather them out of all countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:*

- b. **There will be a Great world Ruler who will be Jesus Christ the Messiah.**

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶ *For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.*

⁷ *Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.*

- c. **There will be a new Temple in Jerusalem for the worship of God.**

Ezekiel 37:25-28

²⁵ *And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.*

²⁶ *Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.*

²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

²⁸ And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

d. **There will be a covenant of peace made with Israel.**

Ezekiel 34:25-28

²⁵ And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

²⁶ And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.

²⁷ And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.

²⁸ And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.

Now I want you to listen to what I am about to tell you. These 4 conditions will exist in the Millennial Kingdom and NOT until then.

BUT when the Tribulation begins directly after the rapture, these 4 conditions will appear to have all come together.

1. Israel will be in her homeland.
2. There will be a world Ruler but he will be the Anti-Christ.
3. There will be a new Temple in Jerusalem.
4. The Anti-Christ will make a covenant of peace with Israel.

Daniel 9:27

²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

Conclusion:

All that the Anti-Christ does will be an imitation of Jesus Christ. It will be Satan's goal to lead many into destruction.

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Remember the Anti-Christ is wearing a crown. That tells us he is victorious in deceiving many to believe he is the Messiah.