

**"The Seal Judgments"**

**Part 6**

**Revelation 6:1-17**

**Introduction:** Today as we return to our study of the book of Revelation we are again coming to the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter and it is in this chapter that we are looking at the Seal Judgments which will come upon the world during the 7 year Tribulation period.

So far we have looked at 4 of the Seal Judgments.

1. The Anti-Christ.
2. Peace removed from the earth.
3. Famine.
4. Death of one fourth of the world's population.

These 4 judgments were introduced by the 4 horses of different colors.

- a. White
- b. Red
- c. Black
- d. Pale/sickly

Now as we approach the 5<sup>th</sup> seal there will be no colored horses, there will be no announcement from heaven, nor will there be the invitation to John to come and see. WHY? Because what we are about to look at is not from God but it is from the earth and the inhabitants of the earth. God will permit it and He will use it but it is NOT BROUGHT ON BY HIM. What we are about to see in this 5<sup>th</sup> Seal is the result of man's sinful heart. In this 5<sup>th</sup> Seal we will see how far man will go in order to suppress the Truth of God.

I. **Seal #5**

**Part 1**

**Notice Revelation 6:9**

When this Seal is opened John sees the souls of them who were SLAIN for their STAND on the Word of God and for the TESTIMONY which they HELD.

Now the very first thing which we must do is to determine who these slain saints are. Are they from the Old Testament? Are they from the church? Are they from the Tribulation? Or are they from every time period?

These slain saints are from the Tribulation period. There are few things which we need to understand. I had told you before that after the rapture there will be NO SAVED PEOPLE ON EARTH. But we also must realize that after the church is raptured away there will be a revival on the earth as the Gospel is proclaimed.

There is something else which will help us to better understand the context here. The first 4 Seal Judgments are the beginning of SORROWS. AFTER the beginning of SORROWS Jesus said there would be persecution.

#### **Matthew 24:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> *And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.*

<sup>5</sup> *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

<sup>6</sup> *And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*

<sup>7</sup> *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.*

<sup>8</sup> ***All these are the beginning of sorrows.***

<sup>9</sup> ***Then*** *shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.*

<sup>10</sup> *And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.*

Here in Matthew 24 we see that verses 9 and 10 are parallel with Revelation 6:9-11.

I show you this to help you to understand that this 5<sup>th</sup> Seal Judgment is still before the GREAT TRIBULATION which comes in the middle of the 7 years but it is also after the beginning of sorrows according to the Words of Jesus Christ.

Now let us get back to our question, "Who are the martyred saints in seen in the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal Judgment?"

They are believers who will die on during the 7 years of the Tribulation.

**Notice Revelation 6:10**

I point to this verse now to help you to see that the ones who PERSECUTED the saints are those WHO DWELL UPON THE EARTH during the Tribulation. So these slain saints are those who are killed during the tribulation.

**A. The Persecution**

I want to take a few minutes and show you how severe the persecution will be during the Tribulation.

**Mark 13:5-13**

<sup>5</sup> *And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:*

<sup>6</sup> *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

<sup>7</sup> *And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.*

<sup>8</sup> *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

<sup>9</sup> *But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.*

<sup>10</sup> *And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*

<sup>11</sup> *But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

<sup>12</sup> *Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.*

<sup>13</sup> *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

Here in verses 9-13 we can clearly see the severity of the persecution which will happen in the Tribulation. From these verses we can see there will be a mission on the earth by the unsaved to eliminate those who are TRUE believers. They will be taken before rulers and before kings. When I read this I also wonder if there will not be some sort of bounty placed upon the TRUE BELIEVERS. Most likely the persecution will be SO GREAT that when people see it they will turn their own family members in just to prove they are not ONE of the BELIEVERS.

In all of this I want you to see that when someone accepts Jesus Christ in the Tribulation they will be signing their own death warrant. But there is more here.

#### B. The Persecutors

##### Notice Revelation 6:10

I want to point your attention to the phrase, "Them that dwell on the earth".

This phrase has a much deeper meaning than what we see on the surface. This phrase refers to those in the Tribulation who hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and then reject it.

##### Revelation 3:10

*<sup>10</sup> 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.*

The TRIBULATION will be a 7 year period of time which will come on the earth to TRY/TEST them who dwell on the earth. The TEST will be to see how they respond to the Gospel.

##### Revelation 14:6

*<sup>6</sup> And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people.*

The Gospel will be preached to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Many will accept it but many will reject it and those who reject it are referred to in the book of Revelation as THEM THAT WELL ON THE EARTH.

Let me show you some verses.

##### Revelation 11:3-10

*<sup>3</sup> And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.*

*<sup>4</sup> These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.*

<sup>5</sup> And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

<sup>6</sup> These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

<sup>7</sup> And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

<sup>8</sup> And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

<sup>9</sup> And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

<sup>10</sup> And **they that dwell upon the earth** shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

#### Revelation 12:12

<sup>12</sup> Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to **the inhabitants of the earth** and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

#### Revelation 13:1-8

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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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?

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

These people know the TRUTH but they refuse to accept it and therefore they are sent a strong delusion from God.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

<sup>8</sup> 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:

<sup>9</sup> Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

<sup>10</sup> And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

<sup>11</sup> And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

<sup>12</sup> That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

### Conclusion:

I want to bring this to an end with a question, "WHY WON'T THESE PEOPLE REPENT AND TURN TO CHRIST?"

## 2 Timothy 3:1-7

*This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.*

<sup>2</sup> For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

<sup>3</sup> Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

<sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, highminded, **lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

<sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

<sup>6</sup> For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

<sup>7</sup> Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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