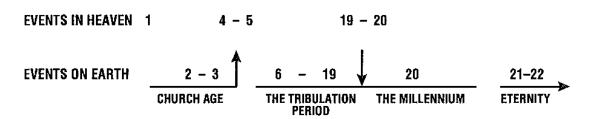
# THE SEAL JUDGMENTS OF REVELATION 6

#### INTRODUCTION

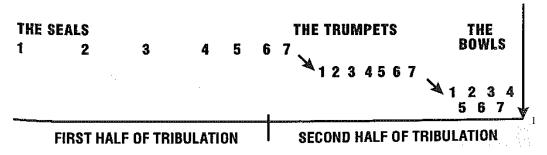
- The bulk of the third section of Revelation (chap. 4-22) is comprised of a lengthy description of the Tribulation events (chaps. 6-19) which climaxes in the second coming of Christ (Rev 19:11-16)
- This third portion can be divided up into 3 primary sections:
  - o The Tribulation Period (4:1-19:21)
  - o The Millennium (20:1-15)
  - o The Eternal State (21:2-22:21)
- Chapters 4-5 form the prologue to the final section...it was necessary for John to be given a glimpse of the throne in heaven before witnessing the terrible judgments to be poured out on the earth

# AN OVERVIEW OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION



• Starting with chapter 6, John begins to describe the judgment to be poured out during the Tribulation era, with primary emphasis given to the three series of judgments: the seals (chap. 6), the trumpets (chaps. 8-9), the bowls (chap. 16)

# THE THREE SERIES OF JUDGMENTS IN REVELATION

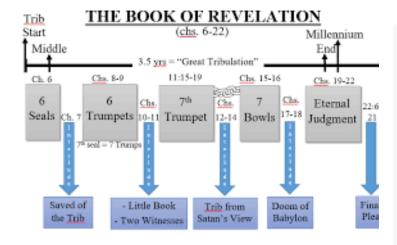


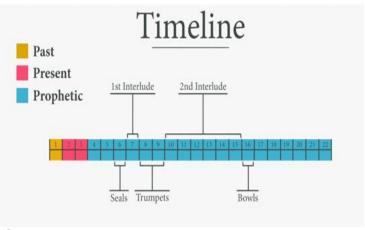
• Are these judgments sequential? "One's understanding of the Tribulation period (discussed in 6:1-19:21) is largely determined by whether the three series of judgments (the seals, the trumpets, and the bowls) are sequential or simultaneous. The evidence within Revelation strongly favors the sequential view; that is, the seven seal judgments are followed by the seven trumpet judgments, which are then followed by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Charts taken from Paul Benware, *Understanding End Times Prophecy*, 315.

the seven bowl judgments. The idea of birth pangs discussed earlier would support the sequential view because each set of judgments is more severe and destructive than the one that preceded it. When the seventh seal is broken, it is then that the trumpet judgments begin (8:1-2). The seventh trumpet is then connected to the bowl judgments, because with its sounding the bowl judgments, which are the end of God's wrath, come forth...This final set of judgments (the bowls of God's wrath) are said to be "the last" because with these judgments God's wrath is finished (15:1). So the text of Revelation does closely connect the three series of judgments from God."<sup>2</sup>

- This is important to understand because amillennialists don't view the events of Revelation from a chronological or sequential perspective
- Rather, they see the book as describing the church age from several parallel perspectives that run concurrently
- "Anthony Hoekema, an amillennialist, describes progressive parallelism in the following manner: 'According to this view, the book of Revelation consists of seven sections which run parallel to each other, each of which depicts the church and the world from the time of Christ's first coming to the time of his second.' Following the work of William Hendriksen, Hoekema believes there are seven sections of Revelation that describe the present age. These seven sections give a portrait of conditions on heaven and earth during this period between the two comings of Christ. These seven sections which run parallel to each other are chapters 1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-14, 15-16, 17-19 and 20-22."
- This is known as recapitulation or the parallel view or the contemporaneous view this assumes that the trumpet judgments cover the same ground as the seal judgments and the bowl judgments cover the same ground as the previous two judgments
- See Sam Storms article "How Should We Interpret the Book of Revelation?"
- "The other chapters in this section (besides 6, 8-9, 16) relate events most important to our understanding of the Tribulation but not necessarily in chronological order...These chapters contain fill-in materials that are vital to the complete picture, but they are not necessarily arranged chronologically."
- In other words, the 7 seals, the 7 trumpets, and the 7 bowls move the action forward while the intervening chapters (chaps. 7 and 10-15) form interludes which describe things happening during those judgments





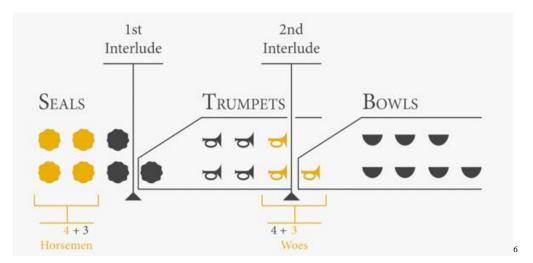
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://www.biblebb.com/files/issatanbound.htm

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Charles Ryrie, Revelation, 62.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Timeline taken from <a href="https://www.credocourses.com/blog/2015/the-first-6-seal-judgments-of-revelation/">https://www.credocourses.com/blog/2015/the-first-6-seal-judgments-of-revelation/</a>

- It is also interesting to note that in the seal and trumpet judgments there are 6 judgments followed by the interlude, then the last judgment....with the bowls there is no interlude
- Also, there is a 4 + 3 pattern in the seal and trumpet judgments



#### THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIBULATION

- Jesus promised that believers would experience tribulation in the world (John 16:33)
- But he also predicted a unique time of the most severe and intense tribulation in human history

**Daniel 12:1** ~ Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

Matthew 24:21 ~ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be

- The Tribulation is a seven-year period of judgment on earth following the rapture of the church
- It is often called the 70th week of Daniel and it begins when the Antichrist signs a treaty with Israel (Dan 9:24-27)
- It is divided into two distinct parts of three and one-half years each
- In three series of judgments, close to 80% of the world's population will be destroyed
- If God had not limited the length of the Tribulation, no human being would have made it through that time alive (Matt. 24:22)
- Two main purposes exist for the tribulation period:

#### 1. Preparation of Israel for its Messiah, To Save and Restore the Nation of Israel

- The Jews were not ready to receive Christ the first time so God will prepare their hearts to receive Him the second time
- God's justice and wrath poured out during The tribulation will make them ready to accept the One they have so long rejected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.credocourses.com/blog/2015/the-first-6-seal-judgments-of-revelation/

- This is the reason for the extreme suffering of the tribulation time it will serve as God's discipline upon His people for their sin to bring them back to Himself
- The tribulation has a definite Jewish character since God must break the stubborn will of Israel to make them ready to receive their Messiah
- Through the horrible suffering of the Tribulation, God will remove the spiritual blinders from the nation of Israel
- When that happens Israel will become a believing nation and God will have fulfilled his promises with Israel (cf. Jer 31:31-34)

Jeremiah 30:7 ~ Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it

**Zechariah 12:10** ~ I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

**Zechariah 13:8-9** ~ "It will come about in all the land," Declares the Lord, "That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it. "And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, 'They are My people,' And they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'"

#### 2. Retribution on the world

- God will pour out His wrath on the wanton sinfulness of individuals and nations
- The Tribulation is a time of intense global wrath from God upon a sinful, rebellious world in which they will be held accountable for rejecting the Creator and violating His Word
  - Psalm 2:5 ~ Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

**Isaiah 24:1, 5** ~ Behold, the LORD lays the earth waste, devastates it, distorts its surface and scatters its inhabitants...5 The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant.

**Jeremiah 25:30-32** ~ Therefore you shall prophesy against them all these words, and you shall say to them, 'The Lord will roar from on high And utter His voice from His holy habitation; He will roar mightily against His fold. He will shout like those who tread the grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the earth. 'A clamor has come to the end of the earth, Because the Lord has a controversy with the nations. He is entering into judgment with all flesh; As for the wicked, He has given them to the sword,' declares the Lord." Thus says the Lord of hosts, "Behold, evil is going forth From nation to nation, And a great storm is being stirred up From the remotest parts of the earth.

**Revelation 3:10** ~ Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

#### THE SEAL JUDGMENTS

- In chapter 5, John learns of the scroll in the hand of Christ, a scroll which is the title deed to the earth
- Revelation 5 does not identify the contents of the scroll, but the rest of the book describes what happens when Christ opens the scroll, namely He claims the earth as His own inheritance
- The scroll is a one of doom and judgment, but it shows how Christ will ultimately redeem His people, redeem the world from Satan, and reclaim what is rightfully His
- The scroll does not contain a description of Christ's inheritance; rather it contains describes the inauguration of the world kingdom of Christ when He comes to rule and reign with all authority on the earth
- It is a book whose contents are enacted, not read...resulting in the title deed of the earth being given to Christ as the rightful owner and ruler of it

- "Thus the scroll seems to contain the story of humanity's losing its lordship over creation and the regaining of that authority by the man Christ Jesus. The scroll might be titled the "Book of Redemption' since it contains the story of redemption to its final consummation, not only in relation to humanity but also in relation to the world. Satan had usurped what God originally gave to humanity in Adam, and Christ the Redeemer reclaimed cursed humanity and the cursed earth (cf. Heb. 2:5-9)."
- Starting in chapter 6, those seals are opened resulting in tremendous events occurring in the earth
- Notice that the opening of each of the seals begins with the statement, "The Lamb broke the seal"
- This demonstrates that Christ is responsible for unleashing this terrible judgment that will climax the present age
- Paradoxically, the "wrath of the Lamb" is unleashed
- Since Jesus is the one who opens the seal judgments, all of the subsequent judgments are the wrath of God and the Lamb
- Each seal represents a specific divine judgment that will be poured out on the earth
- These judgments increase in frequency and intensity throughout the Tribulation, culminating in the arrival of Christ
- The first 5 seals cover the period Jesus called "the beginning of birth pangs" (Matt 24:8)..the 6<sup>th</sup> seal likely occurs at the midpoint of the Tribulation, marking the beginning of the Great Tribulation
- The first 4 seals involve horses and riders, often referred to as the four horsemen of the Apocalypse they represent forces not individuals

#### First Seal – False Peace

**Revelation 6:1-2** ~ Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come." 2 I looked, and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

- There have been a number of suggestions regarding the identity of the rider on the white horse:
  - Christ but the only similarity between this text and Rev 19:11 is the white horse...there are a number of reasons this could not be Christ:
    - The crown the rider wears in 6:2 (*stephanos* a victor's crown) is different from the one in 19:12 (*diadema* a royal crown)
    - This rider carries a bow, but Christ carries a sword (19:15)
    - Christ returns at the end of the Tribulation, not the beginning
    - It would be odd for Jesus to both open the first seal and be the contents of it
  - Antichrist the ultimate false Messiah...but the next 3 riders represent impersonal forces (war famine, death) not individual persons
  - o The force of worldwide peace a peace which is removed in the next seal (v. 4)
- Although his identity is not clear, he/it clearly works in cooperation with the Antichrist
- The fact that he carries a bow with no arrows and wears a crown points to the idea of a peaceful conqueror, creating a false peace throughout the world
- He wins peace through covenant, agreement, and diplomacy....a peace won through a "cold war" rather than conflict

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Charles Ryrie, *Revelation* in Everyday Bible Commentary, 56.

- The fact that "a crown was given to him" indicates that he becomes ruler in a bloodless coup, elected by the world's inhabitants on the promise of a golden age of peace and prosperity
- Thus, a false peace will prevail at the beginning of the Tribulation
- This is based on the Antichrist's promise to protect Israel initially in the signing of the covenant (Dan 9:27), a covenant he will break at the midpoint of the Tribulation
- "...there will come a period of world peace. But it will be a deceptive peace, as the world is lulled into a false sense of security followed by war, famine, and death. The world's desperate desire for international peace will serve as the bait for the satanic trap. That longing for security and safety will play into the hands of the Antichrist, Satan's ruler, who will convince the world that he can provide them."

1 Thessalonians 5:3 ~ While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

#### Second Seal – War

**Revelation 6:3-4** ~ When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come." 4 And another, a red horse, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.

• The red color of the horse suggests bloodshed from the holocaust of war and is consistent with descriptions of Satan and the Antichrist in Revelation:

**Revelation 12:3** ~ Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, <u>a great red dragon</u> having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems.

**Revelation 17:3** ~ And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on <u>a scarlet beast</u>, full of blasphemous names, having seven heads and ten horns.

- In this judgment, peace is removed from the earth, leaving behind only violence and destruction, an indication of worldwide war
- Men will kill one another on an unprecedented scale and violent slaughter will characterize this time
- Modern weaponry makes this not difficult to imagine
- The sword referenced is not a long, broad sword (*rhomphaia*) but rather a short, stabbing sword or dagger (*machaira*) used for assassinations and massacres
- "As the head of a Western confederacy, Antichrist...will initially portray himself as a champion of peace. He will even appear to do what no one has been able to do, bring peace to the troubled Middle East...But all too soon his true colors will show, and his desire for dominance will provoke rebellion. Antichrist's attempts to crush his enemies and rule them with an iron hand will touch off wars that will last throughout the remainder of the Tribulation."

#### Third Seal - Famine

**Revelation 6:5-6** ~ When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come." 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 something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> John MacArthur, Revelation 1-11, 178.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Ibid., 181-182.

- Famine is a natural consequence of war as food supplies are destroyed and food workers are killed
- The specific measurements given here indicate the severity of the famine
- A denarius was the standard pay for a day's work...so in these famine conditions even a full day's work won't buy enough food to feed one person for a day, let alone a family
- "Normally a denarius...would buy ten quarts of wheat or thirty of barley. Under these famine conditions, the same wage will buy only one quart of wheat or three of barley. In other words, there will be one-tenth the normal supply of food." <sup>10</sup>
- A person's wages in that time will barely be able to feed three people with barley, low quality food normally fed to animals because it was low in nutritional value
- "To put it in ordinary language, the situation would be such that one would have to spend a days' wages for a loaf of bread with no money left to buy anything else." 11
- The scales indicate that a careful rationing of food will be necessary
- Even staples (oil and wine) will become luxuries that will need to be protected during this time of hyperinflation





#### Fourth Seal – Death

**Revelation 6:7-8** ~ When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come." 8 I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.

- "ashen" = *chloros* = a pale green color, yellowish-green, the color of a decomposing corpse (same word used to describe the color of grass in Rev 8:7; 9:4)
- "Hades" is the temporary location of the unrighteous dead prior to their final judgment
- Four different means will bring forth this death: 1) the sword (war); 2) famine (just as famine is the normal consequence of war, so death is the normal consequence of famine); 3) pestilence (perhaps by diseases that often accompany war...i.e. 30 million died during the influence epidemic of 1918-19); 4) wild beasts which will roam the earth (carnivorous animals?, animals that carry disease?)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Ryrie, *Revelation*, 64.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Walvoord, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, 129.

- It's a graphic picture here...death claiming live with Hades walking right behind, taking them down into hell as they die
- More than 25% of the world's population will die during this seal judgment (see Rev 9:18 where an additional one-third are killed)...25% of current world's population (7.7 billion) is nearly 2 billion people (China = 1.4 billion, India = 1.4 billion)
- Notice that "authority was given to them" to carry this out (cf. vv. 2, 4)...God is the initiator of these things

## Fifth Seal – Martyrdom

**Revelation 6:9-11** ~ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; 10 and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" 11 And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.

- Up to this point, attention has been focused on events that will occur on earth, but now it shifts to a group of martyrs in heaven
- Who are these individuals?
  - They cannot be martyrs of the church age since all church saints are raptured prior to the beginning of the Tribulation
  - They must be those who were saved after the Rapture and then martyred during the early stage of the Tribulation
- The reason for their martyrdom is stated in v. 9 ~ because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained
- "They are faithful witnesses during the early days of the Tribulation when people, though experiencing these awful judgments, will still not turn to God. In their wrath these vile people will kill God's witnesses. As soon as they die they are received into heaven, and they are pictured here to John as under the altar (i.e., they had already been offered as a sacrifice)."<sup>12</sup>
- Their white robes signify they were fully redeemed
- They are seen "underneath the altar" since the blood of the OT sacrifices was poured out under the altar

**Exodus 29:12** ~ You shall take some of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger; and you shall pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

**Leviticus 4:7** ~ The priest shall also put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense which is before the LORD in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering which is at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

- Does the presence of "white robes" indicate that, when believers die, they are given temporary bodies in heaven which are later replaced by resurrection bodies at the time of resurrection?
- This judgment involves not further destruction but a plea for vengeance on their oppressors
- Instead of answering their request, the Lord encourages them to wait on His perfect timing, until others should be martyred also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Ryrie, *Revelation*, 65.

- "The revelation of the fifth seal makes clear that in the future time of tribulation it will be most difficult to declare one's faith in the Lord Jesus. It may very well be that the majority of those who trust Christ as Savior in that day will be put to death...Martyrdom in those days will be as common as it is uncommon today. Thousands will be martyred, sealing their testimony with their own blood. Those who trust in Christ in that day will be forced to stand the acid test of being faithful even unto death." 13
- How is this a judgment on the world?
  - As believers are slain by the evil people in the world during the Tribulation, it will heap up even more judgment for them
  - o By killing believers they're removing the salt and the light from this world which will cause even more judgment to come
- By the way, this gives us some insight into God's relationship with evil...God had predetermined the number of Tribulation martyrs
- This shows that He allows (ordains!) evil for His own purposes
- This reminds us that we must trust Him even in the face of such rampant evil

### Sixth Seal – The Day of Divine Wrath

**Revelation 6:12-14** ~ I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood; 13 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. 14 The sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

- The scene immediately shifts back to the cataclysmic calamity on earth with the breaking of the  $6^{th}$  seal
- This will result in a massive earthquake that entirely changes the geography of the world
- It will darken the sun, turn the moon blood red (likely due to all the ash and dust created by the earthquake), and will send various celestial bodies crashing to earth (meteors, asteroids?)
- The sky will disappear
- Even mountains and islands will be moved
- Some theologians have taken these supernatural disturbances as figurative
- "Students of Revelation have had difficulty interpreting this passage, and the tendency has been to regard these judgments as symbolic rather than real. The motive behind this interpretation has been a reluctance to accept a literal interpretation of these judgments falling on the earth at this time; hence, the disturbances of the heavens have been taken to refer to changes in human government, and disturbances in the earth as referring to the upsetting of tradition and commonly fixed ideas."<sup>14</sup>
- However, it is preferable to take this prediction literally

**Revelation 6:15-17** ~ Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

• All of this supernatural devastation will strike terror into the hearts of people living on the earth and will cause them to wish for death

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Walvoord, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, 134.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Ibid., 136.

- Notably, it is not simply the physical destruction in the heavens and on the earth that fuels their desire for death...it is the sight of God on the throne and the fear of facing His wrath
- They will go to any lengths to avoid God, longing to be killed by a falling mountain rather than having to face His wrath
- At the time of the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, the people on earth realize that they are facing the great wrath of God and the Lamb
- The wrath of God does not begin at this point, but it is at this time that the earth-dwellers realize with certainty that they are facing divine wrath
- This chapter demonstrates that, though God is a God of love, He will also judge a wicked world
- In fact, these judgments mark the beginning of the "day of the Lord" spoken of in the OT(Obad 15; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20; Is 2:12; 13:6, 9; Zeph 1:7, 14; Ezek 13:5; 30:3; Zech 14:1; Mal 4:5).
- "Ever since the fall of man in Genesis 3 mankind has been in rebellion against his creator, but a time is coming when God will judge the entire world with calamitous judgments in preparation for the establishment of his kingdom. The day of man will give way to the day of the Lord. The day of the Lord is a time of divine wrath against sinners for their rebellion against God...A survey of the prophets indicates the phrase was used in reference to both near historical fulfillment and far future eschatological events. For example, Joel 1:15 refers to a historical day of the Lord involving a severe locust plague within Israel as described in Joel 1. Yet the day of the Lord in Joel 2 and 3 refers to a future day of the Lord in which Israel is restored and blessed and the Gentile nations are judged based on how they treated God's people, Israel. The historical day of the Lord serves as a harbinger for a greater day of the Lord to come...Two periods of the day of the Lord are yet to be fulfilled on earth: (1) the judgment that climaxes the Tribulation period (2 Thess. 2:2; Rev. 16-18) and (2) the consummating judgment of this earth after the millennium that ushers in the new earth (2 Peter 3:10-13; Rev. 20:7-21:1)." <sup>15</sup>

#### SIMILARITY OF REVELATION 6 WITH MATTHEW 24

- There is a remarkable paralleling of the seal judgments in Revelation 6 with the description given by Christ of the end of the age in Matthew 24:4-31
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> seal false peace (Rev 6:1-2)

Compare with **Matthew 24:4-5** ~ And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you. 5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

 $\circ$  2<sup>nd</sup> seal – war (Rev 6:3-4)

Compare with **Matthew 24:6-7** ~ You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

o 3<sup>rd</sup> seal – famine (Rev 6:5-6)

Compare with Matthew 24:7 ~ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Michael Vlach, *Theology 4 Course Notes*, The Master's Seminary

 $\circ$  4<sup>th</sup> seal – death (Rev 6:7-8)

Compare with **Matthew 24:9** ~ Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

○ 5<sup>th</sup> seal – martyrdom (Rev 6:9-11)

Compare with **Matthew 24:9-13** ~ Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name. 10 At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another. 11 Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many. 12 Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

o 6<sup>th</sup> seal – sun/moon darkened, stars fall (Rev 6:12-17)

Compare with **Matthew 24:29** ~ But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

o 7<sup>th</sup> seal – the final cataclysmic judgments including all the trumpet and bowl judgments (Rev 6:15-17; chaps. 8-9, 16)

Compare with Matthew 24:32-25:26

Olivet Discourse		The First 6 Seals	
24:4-5	False Christs	6:1-2	White Horse
4:6-7	War	6:3-4	Red Horse
4:7	Famine	6:5-6	Black Horse
4:9	Death	6:7-8	Pale Horse
4:9-13	Martyrdom	6:9-11	5th Seal
Luke 21:11	Signs	6:12-17	6th Seal

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 $<sup>^{16}\ \</sup>underline{https://www.credocourses.com/blog/2015/the-first-6-seal-judgments-of-revelation/}$