

LESSON 4: OPENING THE 7 SEALED SCROLL
CHAPTER 6

REVELATION CHAPTER 4:

*The first glimpse of Heaven and its inhabitants, God's throne living creatures, (zoe) angel throngs and the 24 Elders who **sing the song of the redeemed**. Thou has redeemed us from every kindred, tribe, nation. Robes of righteousness indicate redemption in the blood of the lamb. Overcomer's wearing 'stephanos' crowns.*

REVELATION CHAPTER 5: WE ARE IN HEAVEN; THE LION AWAITS HIS FINAL CONQUEST OF SIN

An angel asks, "Who is worthy to open the Scroll?" The lion of the tribe of Judah only is worthy to open the scroll.

THERE IS ONGOING DEBATE ABOUT THE INTERPRETATION OF REVELATION, Amillennial, Premillennial, Historic and Symbolic, and gradations of these. **The Dispensational Pre Millennialists include:** John MacArthur; Renald Showers, John Walvoord, Charles Ryrie, Louis Chafer, Dwight Pentecost, Norman Geisler, Charles Stanley, Chuck Smith, Chuck Missler, J Vernon McGee & others. Amillennial is held by mainline denominations.

REVELATION CHAPTER 6: A GREAT DIVIDE IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION.

BEGINNING OF THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL: TRIBULATION INCREASES THROUGH THE PERIOD.

THE ANTI CHRIST (PRINCE WHO IS TO COME) IS REVEILED & RELEASED

(The restrainer has been removed) SEE NOTES OF 2THESS. BELOW

REVELATION CHAPTERS 6-19 ARE A DEALING WITH THE 70TH WEEK OF DANIEL

THE 7 SEALED SCROLL IS OPENED BY THE LAMB. HISTORICALLY, SPECIAL SCROLLS SUCH AS WILLS AND DEEDS WERE WRITTEN ON THE FACE AND THE BACK. THESE WERE RARE, OFTEN WRITTEN BY EMPERORS AND MEN OF AUTHORITY. Such documents were sealed with numerous seals to protect the secrecy of the contents within. Such scrolls were rare enough to have a special name; opistographs

Seals are opened: With the accompaniment of crashes of thunder accompanying the Living Creatures who command the judgments to **GO or Commence** (thunder speaks of judgment)

The Seal Judgments are future events are logical and chronological. The seven churches are historical in nature.

1. The rider on a white horse. Crown, bow (no arrows)
**See Other Names List for Anti Christ.
 - a. The Anti Christ is wearing a crown of victory has been so designated to be one who is to rule and take authority on a world-wide scale
 - b. Anti Christo is not only denotes the idea of being against Christ but also signifies that he will act in a way to replicate the aspects and the message brought by the authentic messiah.
 - c. The satanic trinity: Satan (the source of power), The anti Christ is the counterfeit messiah, The false Prophet, who is the counterfeit of the Holy Spirit

Attributes of the Man on the white horse with bow who goes forth goes forth to conquer.

(Most pre tribulation pre millennial view agree this person is not Jesus Christ. Many hold to a view that these are pagan emperors who stand in opposition to the church of this time. Jesus as the Lamb is clearly shown as the one opening the seals .

He will cause people to think and believe he is the promised Messiah, including The Jews.

Charismatic, Spiritual, Exceptionally Wise, Man of Peace, Tolerant of in diversity,

He through the anointing of Satan, performs false signs and lying wonders

The world desperately seeks a leader having the wisdom to bring resolution to the many great problems that seem overwhelming and insurmountable.

2. *The second seal and the living creature announces the Red Horse. War and destruction from the anti-Christ going forth to conquer. It is clear that the man of peace did not secure lasting peace. Another reason it is not the authentic messiah.*
3. *The third seal announces world-wide famine and scarcity and mourning. A day's wage for a measure (quart konix) of grain. The fact that these same world-wide events did happen during the days of the siege of Jerusalem by the Romans have given some scholars reason to say that Revelation addresses the time only up to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD... those holding this view are called amillennial "preterists" Meanwhile there is a class of people who still live luxuriously with ample drink and produce of personal indulgence.*
4. *Fourth seal is opened and the pale rider represents death an inevitable outcome of wars, plagues - germ warfare? - and famines. ¼ of all human life dies of famine and pestilence or death by wild beasts. Death is personalized as an identity. (Spiritual death is separation from God.) Hades follows. The spirit of the lost abides there.*
5. *The fifth seal reveals martyrs (TRIBULATION SAINTS) beneath the alter. These have died for the word of God. They wear white robes indicating that they have found salvation (justification) by faith in Christ the lamb of God. They will not yet have the resurrection body as they have met death after the raptured church – the first resurrection. They await the time when the full number will have died in the tribulation. NOTE THAT THE FIRST FIVE SEAL JUDGMENTS ARE THE RESULT OF THE ACTIONS OF THE ANTI-CHRIST AND HIS WORKING TO BRING THE WORLD UNDER HIS INFLUENCE AND CONTROL.*
6. *The sixth seal shows the earth undergoing great tumult and geologic disasters. We see that this is entering into the "Great day of God's wrath" upon the inhabitants of the earth. Christ has warned the inhabitants of Israel to leave their homes and to flee into a place of refuge. Nahum 1:5 (The unredeemed want to be hidden from the Lamb.)*

The sixth seal A GREAT EARTHQUAKE is the beginning of judgments of God. THE WRATH OF GOD - - Now we take a look at the whole scope of judgments in advance. The sixth seal I believe is now looking at the last half of the great tribulation. Details of these judgments will be highlighted in later chapters. Earth quakes that occur in Rev. 8v5; 11v13; 11v19; 16v18-19; Zechariah 14v8; AS THE SIXTH SEAL CONTINUES WE SEE ELEMENTS THAT ARE DESCRIBED THROUGHOUT OT DESCRIPTIONS OF "THE DAY OF THE LORD" (Joel 2:v30; Joel 3:9 -17) These judgments of the day of God's Wrath are earth-shaking even cosmic in nature. They affect sun, moon, and earthly cataclysms. Humanity remaining on earth (seven classes of humanity are listed) are aware that the wrath of God is bringing judgment. Unredeemed humanity is overwhelmed with fear facing such calamity. THE GREAT DAY OF WRATH does not seem to bring any sort of repentance.

7. The Seventh Seal includes within it an interval that adds detail and insights inclusive span of chronology of the entire 7 years of tribulation. We see how early on in the time of tribulation under the anti christ, God makes a selection from among the elect of Israel called out of the 12 tribes. (he choses them to be sent with the message of the Kingdom which is to come with the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. Within the total span of judgments we see an intervening series of Judgments commencing with the 7 Trumpet

judgments. And at the end of the trumpet judgments we see the bowl or vial judgments to conclude the wrath of God.

See 2Thessalonians2 PAUL ADVISES THE CHURCH ABOUT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DAY OF THE LORD: THIS EXHORTATION SPEAKS OF THE RESTRAINER WHO MUST FIRST BE REMOVED BEFORE THE WICKED ONE CAN BE REVEALED:

2 Thessalonians 2: **1**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** (*apostasia - rebellion in other translations*) This rebellion will be a time when most of humanity will no longer hold to a belief in Christ and the Gospel message.) 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: **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; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. **11**And for this cause **God shall send them** strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

WHAT OR WHO IS THE "RESTRAINER" OF 2 THESSALONIANS 2?

Various suppositions. The Church?, The preaching of the gospel? The principal of law and morality? Individual governments have power to restrain? An angel? Prayer and Intercession? THE HOLY SPIRIT IN HIS PARTICULAR FUNCTION AS THE CHURCH the restrainer. EMPOWERS INDIVIDUALS TO BE SALT AND LIGHT IN THE WORLD. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL STILL FUNCTION TO BRING IN SALVATION OF BELIEVERS DURING THE TRIBULATION. The restrainer must be a supernatural power: He who restrains now becomes a person, The Holy Spirit battles against evil and lawlessness. ANTI CHRIST WILL NOT BE REVEALED UNTIL THE RESTRAINER IS GONE. (The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against the church)

**** WITH THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SEAL THE RIDER ON WHITE HORSE IS REVEALED AND SENT FORTH: THE ANTI CHRIST** He is never called Anti Christ in the writings of Revelation:

WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE COMING CHAPTER WHEN THE FIRST SEAL IS OPENED AND THE RIDER GOES FORTH. REVELATION 6:2

Other NAMES FOR ANTI CHRIST:

Antichrist, "opposed to / instead of Christ"

- 1 John 2:22: Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist — he denies the Father and the Son.

2.Man of Sin, Son of Perdition

•2 Thessalonians 2:3: Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.

3.The Lawless One

•2 Thessalonians 2:8: And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.

4.The Beast

•Revelation 11:7: Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them.

5.Bloody and Deceitful Man

•Psalm 5:6: You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.

6.The Wicked One

•Psalm 10:2,4: In his arrogance the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises. In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

7.The Man of the Earth

•Psalm 10:18: ...defending the fatherless and the oppressed, in order that man, who is of the earth, may terrify no more.

8.The Mighty Man

•Psalm 52:1: Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God?

9.The Enemy

•Psalm 55:3: ...at the voice of the enemy, at the stares of the wicked; for they bring down suffering upon me and revile me in their anger.

10.The Adversary

•Psalm 74:8-10: They said in their hearts, "We will crush them completely!" They burned every place where God was worshiped in the land. We are given no miraculous signs; no prophets are left, and none of us knows how long this will be. How long will the adversary mock you, O God? Will the foe revile your name forever?
•Isaiah 59:18: According to what they have done, so will he repay wrath to his enemies and retribution to his foes; he will repay the islands their due.

11.Head over Many Countries

•Psalm 110:6: He shall judge among the nations, he shall fill the places with dead bodies, he shall execute the heads of many countries.

12.The Violent Man

•Psalm 140:1: Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men; preserve me from violent men.

13.The Assyrian

•Isaiah 10:5,12: Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation.... Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Lord has performed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He will say, "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his haughty looks."

14.King of Babylon

•Isaiah 14:4: Take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say: "How the oppressor has ceased, the golden city ceased!"

15.Lucifer, Son of the Morning

