

The Book of Revelation #5 - The Seven Seals

Memory Verse - **Hand Out Scriptures to read**

Revelation 5:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰ And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Seals

Nehemiah 9:38 (NKJV) “And because of all this, We make a sure covenant and write it; Our leaders, our Levites, and our priests seal it.”

Nehemiah 10:1 Now those who placed their seal on the document were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah, ...

44 names Agreed to return to the covenant of God with Moses.

Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples.

Revelation 7:4 (NKJV) And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:

Sunday – **First Seal: The Conqueror** (31– 100 A.D.)

Revelation 6:1–2 (NKJV) Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” ² And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

Psalms 45:3–5 (NKJV) Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth, humility, and righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies; The peoples fall under You.

Vision of the Horses

Zechariah 1:8–10 (NKJV) I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood among the myrtle trees in the hollow; and behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white. Then I said, “My lord, what are these?” So the angel who talked with me said to me, “I will show you what they are.” And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, “*These are the ones whom the Lord has sent to walk to and fro throughout the earth.*”

Vision of the Four Chariots

Zechariah 6:1–3 (NKJV) Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, **four chariots** were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. ² With the first chariot were red horses, with the second chariot black horses, ³ with the third chariot white horses, and with the fourth chariot dappled horses—strong steeds.

Zechariah 6:4–5 (NKJV) Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵ And the angel answered and said to me, “These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth.

***2 Kings 2:11** (NKJV) Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared **with horses of fire**, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Monday – **Second Seal: Conflict on Earth** (100–313 A.D.) **Smyrna**

Revelation 6:3–4 (NKJV) When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.” ⁴ Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Red is the color of blood. The rider has a great sword and is allowed to take peace from the earth, which opens the way for people to kill one another (*Matt. 24:6*).

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth, (313–538 A.D.) **Pergamos**

Revelation 6:5–6 (NKJV) When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come and see.” So 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 a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

Church lost its purity. Became a state religion.

Revelation 6:6 says “the oil and the wine” will not be affected by the famine of the third seal’s plague. Oil symbolizes the Holy Spirit (*1 Sam. 16:13, Acts 10:38*), and new wine is the Gospel of Jesus Christ (*Mark 2:22*). This reminds us that even when the Word of God is scarce, the Holy Spirit is still at work and that salvation is still available to all who seek truth.

Tuesday – Fourth Seal Widespread Death (538 –1517 A.D.)

Revelation 6:7–8 *When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.”⁸ So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth. The color of the horse in the fourth seal is expressed with the Greek word *chloros*, which is the ashen-gray color of a corpse. The rider’s name is Death; meanwhile, Hades, the place of the dead, accompanies him. These two are allowed to destroy people by sword, hunger, death, and wild beasts over one fourth of the earth (Matthew 24:7-8).*

The Great Famine of 1315–1320 in Europe may have been precipitated by a volcanic event of Mount Tarawera, New Zealand, lasting about five years. **Black Death** - In the Late Middle Ages (1340–1400) Europe experienced the most deadly disease outbreak in history when the bubonic plague, the infamous pandemic of 1347, killing a third of the Europe’s population.

Wednesday – Opening the Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

Sardis (1517–1798 A.D.) Spanish Inquisition began a little earlier.

Revelation 6:9–11 (NKJV) *When He 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.¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”¹¹ Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.*

Revelation 11:18 (NKJV) *The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”*

***Genesis 4:10** (NKJV) *And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.*

Hebrews 12:24 (NKJV) *to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

Matthew 23:35 (NKJV) *that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.”*

***Luke 18:7** (NKJV) *And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?*

Thursday – The Opening of the Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances (1798 – Second coming of Christ.)

Revelation 6:12–17 (NKJV) *I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.¹³ And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.¹⁴ Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.¹⁵ And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”*

1. A great earthquake, which, probably, was the great earthquake at Lisbon, in 1755, in which 20,000 persons were killed. The Encyclopedia Americana states: "It extended from Greenland to Africa and America."
2. The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, which was the same as the darkening of the sun, Matthew 24:27, and was fulfilled in the wonderful dark day of May 19, 1780.
3. The moon became as blood. The night following the dark day, the moon, when visible at all, looked like blood.
4. The stars of heaven fell unto the earth, which is the same as the falling stars of Matthew 24:27, and had a wonderful fulfillment Nov. 13, 1833, in the Leonid star shower as described by John, of which thousands now living were eye-witnesses.
5. The heavens will depart as a scroll when it is rolled together. This is in the future, to be fulfilled when the voice of God shakes not only the earth, but also the atmospheric heavens.
6. Mountains and islands will be moved out of their places. The voice of God that shakes the heavens will also shake the earth. Mountains will be thrown down, and islands sunk. The earth's surface will be broken up to prepare the way.
7. All classes of the lost to hide in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains from the burning glory then being manifested of “Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb”. They have witnessed the shaking of the earth, the casting out of the rocks of the mountains; all hope of mercy is gone, and they desire and pray that some rock or mountain may cover them from the awful glory of God and the Lamb.