

Prophecy #22 – The judgments of the Tribulation

THE OPENING OF THE SEVEN SEALS

The seven seals in Revelation contain a panoramic view of the entire Tribulation. Revelation 6 describes the judgments that will take place. The Rapture (when Christ comes in the air for His saints) occurs before the Tribulation. The Revelation (when Christ comes back to earth with His saints) occurs at the end of the Tribulation. This seven-year period will be a time when God sends judgments to warn unbelievers of the need to repent. Many will repent, but most won't. The hearts of the wicked will become harder the more God sends judgments. The same thing happened to Pharaoh when God sent the plagues of Egypt. SEAL #1: The Tribulation will begin with a false peace, represented by the rider on the white horse (Revelation 6:1-2). The white horse represents Antichrist. He will present himself as the answer to the world's unsolvable political and economic problems. To follow Antichrist is to accept the judgment of God. SEAL #2: A red horse (6:3-4). Red is a violent color. It is a symbol of war. Power will be given to Antichrist to take peace from the earth. SEAL #3: A black horse. Black is a symbol of grief brought about by famine (6:3-4). A loaf of bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. SEAL #4: A pale horse (6:7-8). The pale horse stands for death, the result of the disease that comes with war and famine. Death and hell sit on this horse. Death will claim the bodies; hell will claim the souls and spirits of ¼ of the world's population. If that were today, Antichrist's war policies would claim the lives of about 8,000,000,000 people. SEAL #5: Martyrdom (6:9-11). People will be slain for the Word of God and for their testimony. They are pictured under the altar crying out for justice (6:10). SEAL #6: Cosmic disturbances. This includes an earthquake, an eclipse of the sun, the moon turning blood red, the sky rolling up and disappearing (6:12-14). Men will hide in the rocks and cry for the mountains to fall on them and hide them from the Lamb's wrath (15-16). No one who refuses to believe in Jesus will survive the Lamb's wrath (17). Revelation 6 is an overview of the judgments throughout the Tribulation. These judgments are seen in detail as the Tribulation moves toward the end.