



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

11. Opening the seals

Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear**
the words of this prophecy,
and **keep those things which are written in it;**
for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)

How great
the blessing!

Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

Behold, He is
coming with clouds
(Revelation 1:7)

I know your works...

1:9 – 3:22

The vision of Christ, then His messages to the seven churches

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals



The second section... (Part 1)

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- **The Throne of God**
- **The Scroll in God's right hand**
- **The Lion and the Lamb**

The first sight...

The Throne of God

*You are worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory and
honour and power...*

(Revelation 4:11)

*Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is
and is to come!*

(Revelation 4:8)

The scroll...

And I saw in the right hand
of Him who sat on the throne
a scroll written inside and on the back,
sealed with seven seals.

(Revelation 5:1)



And when He had taken the scroll...

And every creature
which is in heaven
and on the earth
and under the earth
and such as are in the sea,
and all that are in them...

Blessing and honour
and glory and power
**be to Him who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb,**
forever and ever!

The second section... (Part 2)

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The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

6:1-8

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(Revelation 6:2)

➤ And out came another horse, **fiery red**.

➤ (Revelation 6:4)

➤ And I looked, and behold, **a black horse**...

(Revelation 6:5)

➤ And I looked, and behold, **a pale horse**...

(Revelation 6:8)

Who is worthy to open the scroll
and break its seals?

(Revelation 5:2)

When might this be?

- Past?
- Future?

Weep no more; behold,
the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the Root of David,
has conquered,
so that he can open the scroll
and its seven seals.

(Revelation 5:5)

How we can read this section...

- ✓ From the triumph of the Lamb to the great and terrifying shaking
- ✓ The unveiling of **the truth in heaven** in chapters 4 & 5
- ✓ The unveiling of **the truth of things on earth** in chapters 6 & 7

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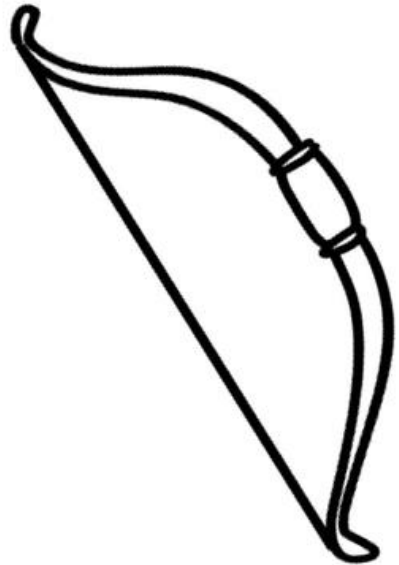
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Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals,
and I heard one of the four living creatures say
with a voice like thunder, “Come!”

And I looked, and behold, a white horse!

And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him,
and he came out conquering, and to conquer.



(Revelation 6:1-2)

➤ And I looked, and behold, **a white horse.**

(Revelation 6:2)

- Is this the progress of the gospel?
- Is this the antichrist?
- Is this the victory of deception?

Many deceivers
have gone out
into the world...
(2 John 7)

*This gospel of the
kingdom will be
preached in all
the world as a
witness to all the
nations, and then
the end will come.*
(Matthew 24:14)

➤ And out came another horse, **fiery red**.

➤ (Revelation 6:4)

When he opened the second seal,
I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

And out came another horse, fiery red.

Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth,
so that people should butcher one another,
and he was given a great sword.

(Revelation 6:3-4)

You will hear of wars
and rumors of wars.
(Matthew 24:6)



➤ And I looked, and behold, **a black horse...**

(Revelation 6:5)

When he opened the third seal,
I heard the third living creature say, "Come!"

And I looked, and behold, a black horse!

And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand.

And I heard what seemed to be a voice
in the midst of the four living creatures, saying,

*"A litre of wheat for a denarius,
and three litres of barley for a denarius,
and do not harm the oil and wine!"*

(Revelation 6:5-6)

There will be famines
... in various places.
(Matthew 24:7)

One day's
wages



➤ And I looked, and behold, **a pale horse...**

(Revelation 6:8)

Pale green -
the colour
of sickness

When he opened the fourth seal,
I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!"

And I looked, and behold, a pale horse!

And its rider's name was **Death**, and **Hades** followed him.
And they were given authority over a quarter of the earth,
to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence
and by wild beasts of the earth.

Disease,
plague

(Revelation 6:7-8)

There will be
great
earthquakes,
and in
various places,
famines and
pestilences.
(Luke 21:11)



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Revelation chapter 6:1-8

What can we see and hold to from this?

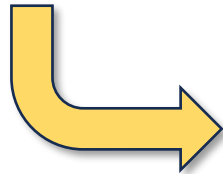
- The wheat and the weeds
- The throne of God
- The comfort of His Word

➤ The wheat and the weeds

Let both grow together until the harvest,
and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,

*“Gather **the weeds** first and
bind them in bundles to be burned,
but gather **the wheat** into my barn.”*

(Matthew 13:30)



The Son of Man will send out His angels,
and they will gather out of **His kingdom**
all things that offend...

He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

(See Matthew 13:36-43)

Lord, will You
at this time
restore the kingdom
to Israel?
(Acts 1:6)

➤ The throne of God...

...and a crown **was given** to him...

(Revelation 6:2)

...and he **was given** a great sword.

(Revelation 6:4)

...and **do not** harm the oil and wine!

(Revelation 6:6)

And they **were given** authority over a quarter of the earth...

(Revelation 6:8)

➤ The comfort of His Word...

See that you are not alarmed,
for this must take place,
but the end is not yet.

(See Matthew 24:4-8)

He who sat on the throne said,
***“Behold, I am making
all things new.”***
(Revelation 21:5)

All these things are **the beginning** of the birth pains.
(Matthew 24:8)

The View from Heaven...

Blessing and honour
and glory and power
be to Him who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb,
forever and ever!