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# **Revelation** of **Jesus Christ**

**12. Opening the seals - continued**

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 long do  
YOU have?

## Revelation so far...

1:1-8

Prologue

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

## The first section...

1:9 – 3:22

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

*I know your works...*

## The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

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



## How can we read this second section?

- ✓ From the triumph of the Lamb through to the great day of God's wrath
- ✓ An unveiling of **the truth of things in heaven** in chapters 4 & 5
- ✓ An unveiling of **the truth of things on earth** in chapters 6 & 7

## The second section... (Part 1)

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

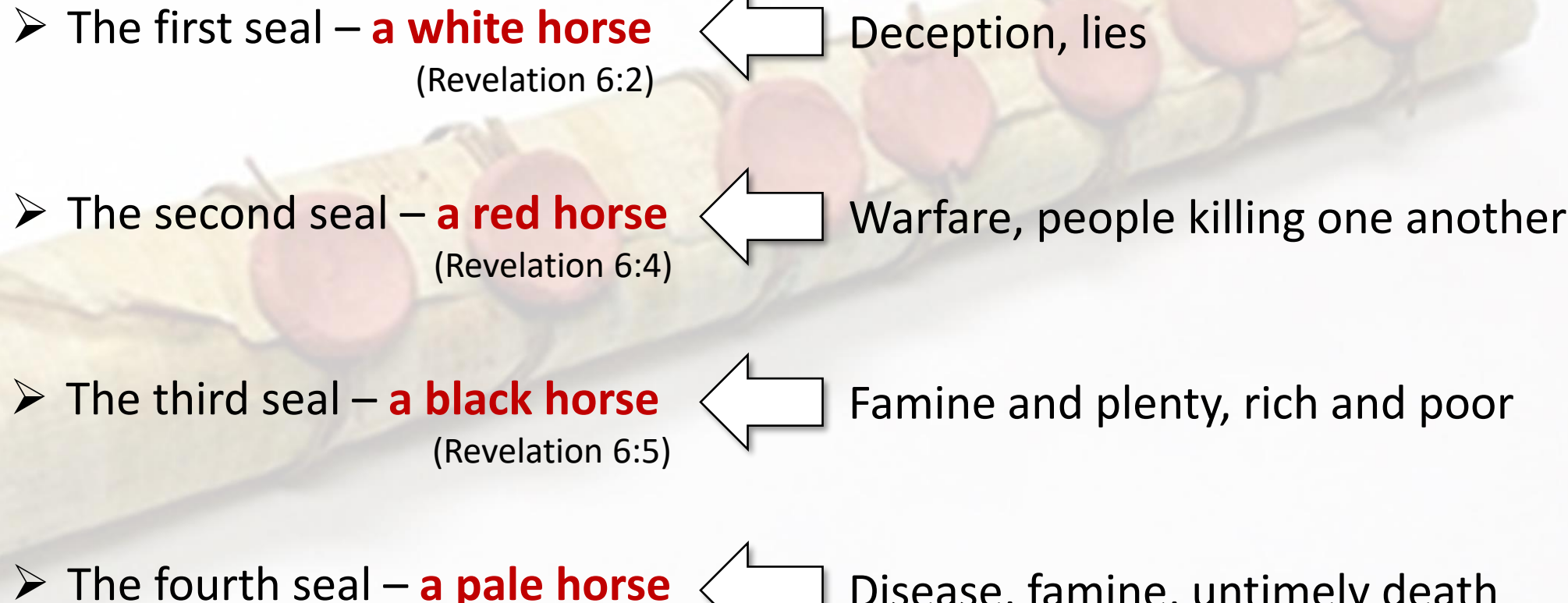
- **The throne of God**
- **The scroll in God's right hand**
- **The Lion and the slain Lamb**

## The second section... (Part 2)

4:1 – 8:1

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

6:1-8

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- The first seal – **a white horse**  
(Revelation 6:2) ← Deception, lies
  - The second seal – **a red horse**  
(Revelation 6:4) ← Warfare, people killing one another
  - The third seal – **a black horse**  
(Revelation 6:5) ← Famine and plenty, rich and poor
  - The fourth seal – **a pale horse**  
(Revelation 6:8) ← Disease, famine, untimely death





## The second section... (Part 3)

Revelation 6:9-17

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## The fifth seal – **The cry of the martyrs**

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 witness** they had borne.

They cried out with a loud voice,

*“O Sovereign Lord, holy and true,  
**how long before You will judge and avenge  
our blood** on those who dwell on the earth?”*

Then they were each given a white robe  
and told to rest a little longer, **until the number  
of their fellow servants and their brothers  
should be complete**, who were to be killed  
as they themselves had been.

(Revelation 6:9-11)



*Do not fear those  
who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul.*

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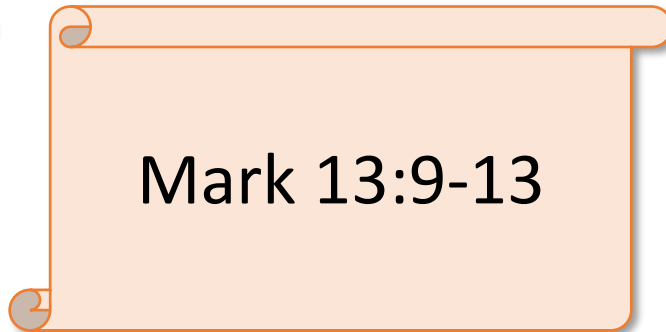
*Even the hairs of your head  
are all numbered.  
Fear not, therefore;  
**you are of more value  
than many sparrows.***

(Matthew 10:28,30-31)

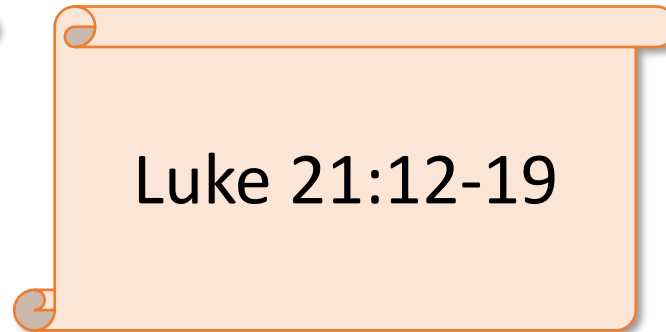
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## Matthew 24:9-14

<sup>9</sup> Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. <sup>10</sup> And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. <sup>12</sup> And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. <sup>13</sup> But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

## Mark 13:9-13

<sup>9</sup> But be on your guard. For they will deliver you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them. <sup>10</sup> And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations. <sup>11</sup> And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. <sup>12</sup> And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death. <sup>13</sup> And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

## Luke 21:12-19

<sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives.

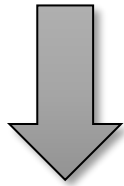
# The Lord's teaching about the last days on the Mount of Olives...

1. Hatred
2. Perseverance
3. Division
4. Witness
5. Testimony

# 1. Hatred

## Matthew 24:9

Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, **and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake.**



All who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus **will be persecuted...**

(2 Timothy 3:12)

## Mark 13:9,13

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## 2. Perseverance

### Matthew 24:13

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### Luke 21:18-19

But not a hair of your head will perish.

**By your patient endurance** you will gain your lives.

***You have persevered** and have patience ...  
and have not become weary.* (Revelation 2:3)

*Be **faithful until death**, and I will give you  
the crown of life.* (Revelation 2:10)

We also glory in tribulations, knowing that  
**tribulation produces perseverance...** (Romans 5:3)

*Because you have kept my word  
about **patient endurance**,  
I will keep you...* (Revelation 3:10)



### 3. Division

#### Matthew 24:10-12

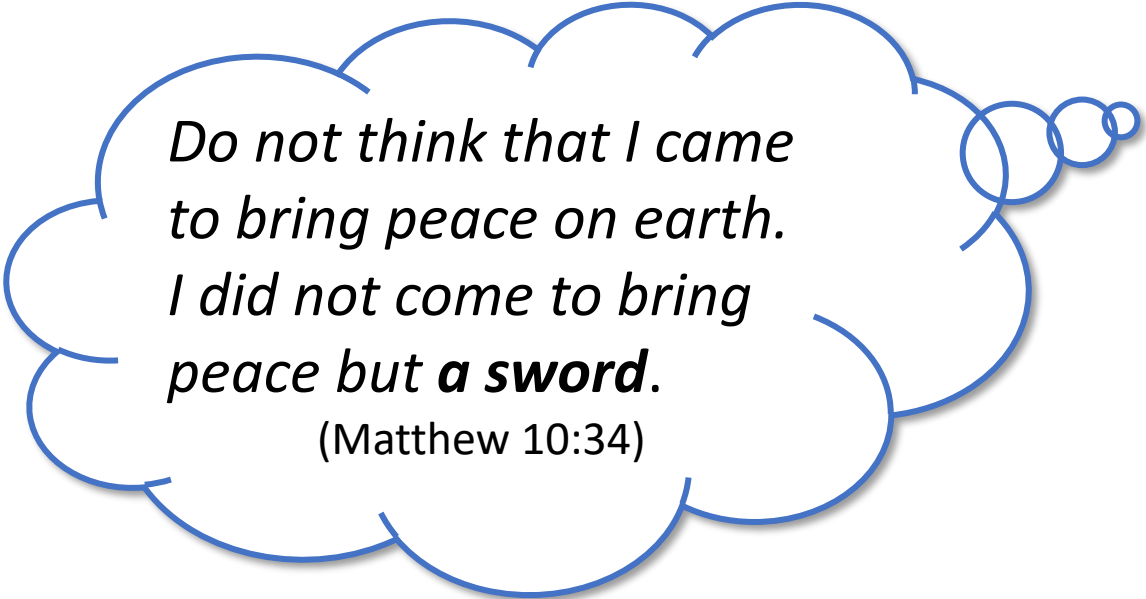
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#### Mark 13:12

And brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

#### Luke 21:16

You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.



*Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but **a sword.***

(Matthew 10:34)

## 4. Witness

### Mark 13:11

And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for **it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit.**

### Luke 21:14-15

Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for **I will give you a mouth and wisdom,** which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.



Then there arose some ... disputing with **Stephen.**  
And they were not able to resist  
**the wisdom** and **the Spirit** by which he spoke.  
(Acts 6:9-10)

## 5. Testimony

### Matthew 24:14

And this **gospel of the kingdom** will be proclaimed throughout the whole world **as a testimony to all nations**, and then the end will come.

You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem  
and in all Judea and Samaria,  
and to the end of the earth.

(Acts 1:8)

### Mark 13:10

And **the gospel** must first be proclaimed to all nations.

The Lord is ... not willing that  
any should perish but that  
all should come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)

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## The sixth seal – **The great day of His wrath**

When he opened the sixth seal,  
I looked, and behold,  
there was a **great earthquake**,  
and **the sun** became black as sackcloth,  
the **full moon** became like blood,  
and **the stars** of the sky fell to the earth  
as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit  
when shaken by a gale.

**The sky vanished** like a scroll  
that is being rolled up,  
and every mountain and island  
was removed from its place.

(Revelation 6:12-14)

Immediately after the tribulation  
of those days

- the **sun** will be darkened, and
- the **moon** will not give its light;
- the **stars** will fall from heaven,  
and
- the powers of the heavens  
will be **shaken**.

(Matthew 24:29)

## The sixth seal – **The great day of His wrath**

Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, calling to the mountains and rocks,

*“Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb**, for the great day of His wrath has come, and **who can stand?**”*

(Revelation 6:15-17)

Whoever believes in the Son **has eternal life**; whoever does not believe in the Son shall not see life, **but the wrath of God** remains on him.  
(John 3:36)

**He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of Almighty God.**

(Revelation 19:15)



# Let both grow together until the harvest...

(The Parable of 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)

*There will be wailing  
and gnashing of teeth.*

(Matthew 13:42)

*The **harvest** is  
the end of the age,  
and the **reapers**  
are the angels.*

(Matthew 13:39)

***He who has ears to hear, let him hear!***

(Matthew 13:43)

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# The **Revelation** of **Jesus Christ**

Revelation chapter 6:9-17

## **What can we see and hold to from this?**

- To overcome we cannot be attached to this world
- Justice is coming – righteousness matters
- In God's eternal wisdom it must be this way

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and riches and  
wisdom and might and honour  
and glory and blessing!

(Revelation 5:12)