



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

11. Opening the seven seals...

I will come again
and will take you to Myself,
that where I am
you may be also.
(John 14:3)

This Jesus,
who was taken up
from you into heaven,
will come in the same way
as you saw Him go into heaven.
(Acts 1:11)

Behold, **He is coming**
with the clouds,
and every eye will see Him...
(Revelation 1:7)



waiting for... the appearing of the glory
of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ...
(Titus 2:13)

Understanding the visions in Revelation

X NOT like space travel to an alien world!

Rather:

- ✓ Unveiling the **spiritual truth** of things
- ✓ Using **images**, some seen by earlier prophets
- ✓ Using **symbols**, some of which are explained

I was in the Spirit
on the Lord's Day...
(Revelation 1:10)

At once I was
in the Spirit...
(Revelation 4:2)

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, and His messages to the seven churches

He who
has an ear,
let him hear...

He who
overcomes...

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

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



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To what time does this section refer?

- ✓ It covers **the church age** – Pentecost (Acts 2) to Christ's return
- ✓ Chapters 4 & 5 unveil **the truth of things in heaven**
- ✓ Chapters 6 & 7 unveil **the truth of things on earth**

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

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

4:1 – 5:14

The Throne

(Part 1)

*...and behold, **a throne** set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.*

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.**

The Lamb

Behold, **the Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David,
has conquered to open the scroll...

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

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

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

I began to weep loudly
because no one
was found worthy
to open the scroll
or to look into it.

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.

The second section...

4:1 – 8:1

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

6:1 – 8:1

(Part 2)

Opening the sealed scroll

The four horsemen (1st to 4th seal)

Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals...

The martyrs (5th seal)

*When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar
the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God...*

The day of wrath, Israel, the multitude before the throne (6th seal)

"...hide us from the face of Him who is seated on the throne..."

"Do not harm the earth ... until we have sealed the servants of our God..."

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number...

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

The four horsemen

- **The 1st seal is opened...**
*And I looked, and behold, **a white horse.***
- **The 2nd seal is opened...**
*And out came another horse, **fiery red.***
- **The 3rd seal is opened...**
*And I looked, and behold, **a black horse...***
- **The 4th seal is opened...**
*And I looked, and behold, **a pale horse...***

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

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**.

Different views:

- Is this the progress of the gospel?
- Is this the spirit of antichrist?

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)



The second section... (Part 2)

4:1 – 8:1

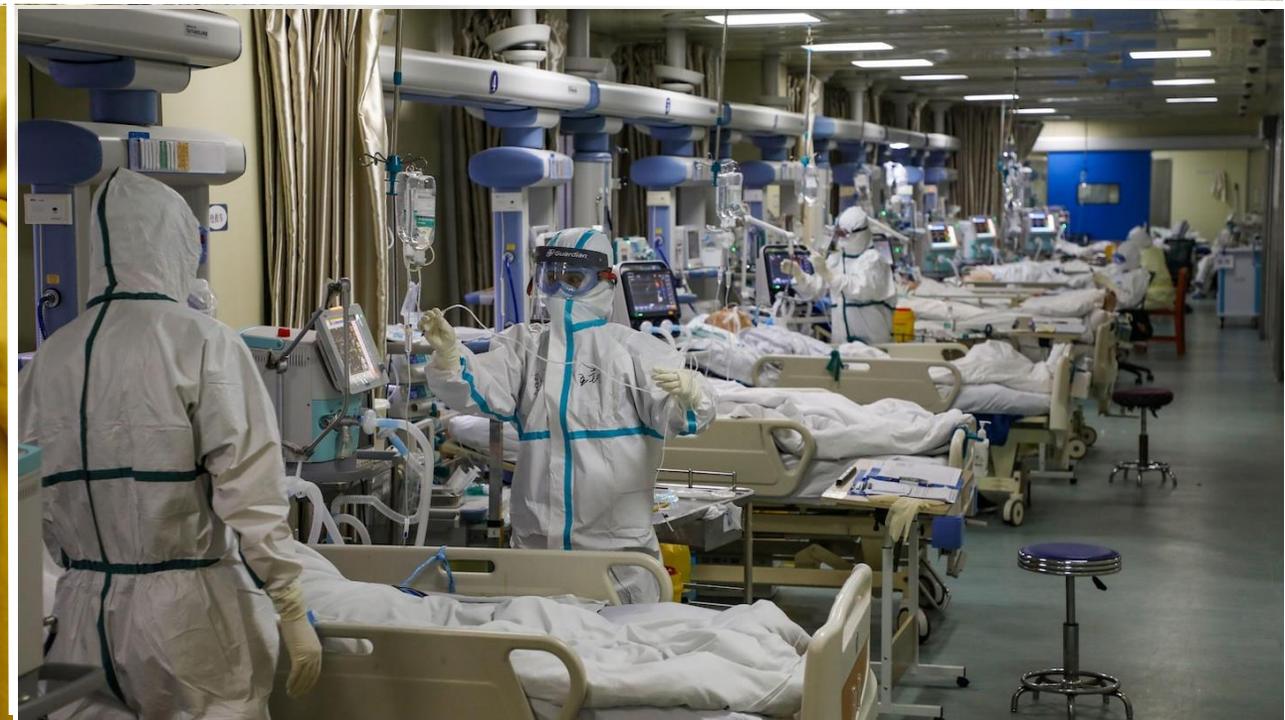
The vision of God's throne and of the Lamb and the opening of the seven seals

6:1-8

- The 1st seal – **a white horse**
(Revelation 6:2) → Deception, lies, the spirit of antichrist
- The 2nd seal – **a red horse**
(Revelation 6:4) → Warfare, people killing one another
- The 3rd seal – **a black horse**
(Revelation 6:5) → Famine and plenty, rich and poor
- The 4th seal – **a pale horse**
(Revelation 6:8) → Disease, famine, untimely death



The Diocese of Toronto congratulates Bishop Kevin Robertson and Mr. Mohan Sharma, who were married today at St. James Cathedral in the presence of their two children, their families and many friends.



But the Lord reigns from His throne...

*...these things must
first take place...*

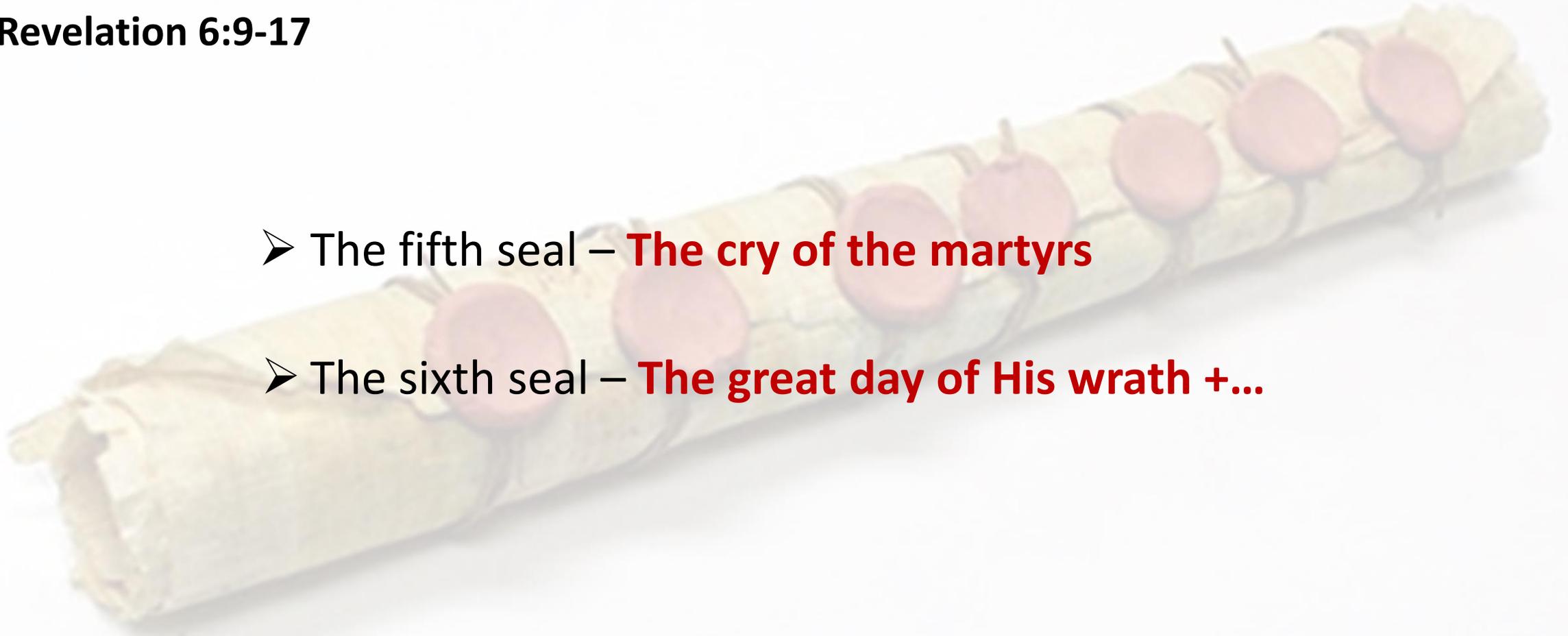
(Luke 21:9)

- The 1st seal – **the white horse** ...a crown **was given** to him...
- The 2nd seal – **the red horse** ...he **was given** a great sword.
- The 3rd seal – **the black horse** ...**do not** harm the oil and wine!
- The 4th seal – **the pale horse** ...they **were given** authority...

The second section... (Part 2 continued)

Revelation 6:9-17

- The fifth seal – **The cry of the martyrs**
- The sixth seal – **The great day of His wrath +...**



➤ 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.*

...

*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)

The Lord's teaching about the last days...

Matthew 24:9-14

Mark 13:9-13

Luke 21:12-19

Matthew 24:9-14

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.** ¹⁰ And then **many will fall away and betray one another** and hate one another. ¹¹ And **many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.** ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 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.**

Mark 13:9-13

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And **the gospel must first be proclaimed to all nations.** 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. 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. ¹³ 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

¹² 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.** ¹³ This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴ Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵ for **I will give you a mouth and wisdom,** which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ **You will be hated by all for my name's sake.** ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your lives.

➤ 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 [Christ] will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of Almighty God.

(Revelation 19:15)

➤ The sixth seal – **The sealing of “the sons of Israel”**

...Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels ... saying,

“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed **the servants of our God** on their foreheads.”

And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed **from every tribe of the sons of Israel...**

Isaiah 43:21

(See Revelation 7:1-4)

12,000 from the tribe of Judah ,	12,000 from the tribe of Reuben ,	12,000 from the tribe of Gad ,
12,000 from the tribe of Asher ,	12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali ,	12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh ,
12,000 from the tribe of Simeon ,	12,000 from the tribe of Levi ,	12,000 from the tribe of Issachar ,
12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun ,	12,000 from the tribe of Joseph ,	12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin

➤ The sixth seal – **The great multitude before the Throne**

After this I looked, and behold, **a great multitude that no one could number**, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

“Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ...

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,

“Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”

I said to him, “Sir, you know.”

And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of **the great tribulation**.

They have washed their robes and made them white in **the blood of the Lamb**.

(Revelation 7:9-14)

➤ The sixth seal – **The great multitude before the Throne**

“Therefore they are before **the throne of God**,
and serve Him day and night in His temple; and
He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
For **the Lamb** in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and **God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.**”

(Revelation 7:15-17)

➤ The sixth seal – **Three visions of hope and comfort**

1. The judgement of the world will come and the truth shall be known.
2. God's purposes in Israel will be fulfilled and He will be glorified in them.
3. All the saints shall be gathered to the Lord and every tear will be wiped away.

➤ The seventh (and last) seal...

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal,
there was silence in heaven
for about half an hour.

(Revelation 8:1)



The scroll was now open...



The scroll was now open...

Will you be ready for the end of the age?

Behold, I am coming soon.

**Blessed is the one who keeps
the words of the prophecy of this book.**

(Revelation 22:7)