

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE STUDY
LESSON 594

Revelation
Lesson # 14

Intro

- **Why is judgement necessary?**
- **Why is God showing these future things in a vision**
- **When is this all going to take place?**

1. *What was described in Chapter 4 & 5 of Revelation?*

- **C – 4 → John describes the throne room of God**
- **C – 5 → John reveals that God is holding a scroll**
- **That no one is worthy to break the seals**
- **God states that there is only 1 worthy – The Lamb**
- **The Lamb is Jesus**
- **C – 6 → When the scroll's seals are broken**
 - **The focus changes from Heaven to earth**
 - **As each seal is broken – a new terror is released**

3. *What is Jesus called in Revelation 6. 1 and why?*

- **Jesus is called The Lamb**
- **He is the sacrificial – perfect sacrifice to cover our sins**
- **He is The Lamb of God**

4. *What is "The Lamb" about to do?*

- **The lamb is the only one worthy to break the seals on the scrolls**
- **Judgement is coming**

5. *Read Zechariah 6. 1-8 and describe the 4 horses/chariots mentioned there.*

“I looked up again, and there before me were four chariots coming out from between two mountains—mountains of bronze. ² The first chariot had red horses, the second black, ³ the third white, and the fourth dappled—all of them powerful. ⁴ I asked the angel who was speaking to me, “What are these, my lord?” ⁵ The angel answered me, “These are the four spirits of heaven, going out from standing in the presence of the Lord of the whole world. ⁶ The one with the black horses is going toward the north country, the one with the white horses toward the west, and the one with the dappled horses toward the south.” ⁷ When the powerful horses went out, they were straining to go throughout the earth. And he said, “Go throughout the earth!” So they went throughout the earth. ⁸ Then he called to me, “Look, those going toward the north country have given my Spirit rest in the land of the north.”

5. Read Zechariah 6. 1-8 and describe the 4 horses/chariots mentioned there.

- **Zechariah saw 4 horses that are about to be set loose on the earth**
- **They will deal out vengeance on Babylon & Egypt**
- **On the nations that oppress God's people**
- **The horses are the 4 spirits of heaven and are the 4 winds of God's destruction**
- **Agents of God's wrath**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 1st seal was opened

- 1-2
 - **“I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”² I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.”**
- **1 of the creature shouted “Come & See”**
- **A White horse and rider**
- **Stand for conquest in war**
- **Roman generals were paraded before people after victory – white stallion**
- **White horse = Military conquest**
- **Rider is holding a bow – OT bow = military power**
- **But notice – there are no arrows**
- **Militaristic power – but not thru military means**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 2nd seal was opened

- 3-4

- **“3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” 4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.”**

- **Purpose → Take peace from the earth**
- **Will set man against man and nation against nation**
- **Red horse → blood**
- **Carrying a large sword → physical warfare - bloodshed**
- **Bible says that he was GIVEN the power**
- **Human relationships will be destroyed**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 3rd seal was opened

- 5-6

- **“5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. 6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”**

- **A black horse and rider = famine**
- **Black is usually associated with death or darkness**
- **Will cause a great hardship – man controlled**
- **There will be wheat – but very expensive**
- **Oil and wine not effected – luxury items**
- **Some will gain – those with the wheat**
- **Greed – there is food – distribution problem**
- **1 days wages for a loaf of bread**
- **Barley is not a nutritious as wheat**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 4th seal was opened

- 5-6

- **“7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” 8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.”**

- **A pale horse and rider = death and hades**

- **Image – one who is in terror - scared**

- **Given power to kill ¼th world**

- **Swords → Famine → Plaques → Wild Beasts**

- **Not all will be saved**

- **All of these calamities force people to make choices**

- **God or Satan**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 5th seal was opened

- 9-11
 - **“When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10 They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.”**
- **No horses - Saved Christians (10)**
- **Comes from the souls of the martyred - from beneath the altar**
- **Each given a white robe - purity - forgiven of their sins**
- **Be patient and wait a little longer - for future martyrs**

The Seals are broken → what happened when the 6th seal was opened

- 12-14

- **“12 I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. 14 The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.”**

- **A great earthquake**
- **Sun turned black & moon red**
- **Stars fell from sky**
- **Heavens rolled up like a scroll**
- **Mts & Hills shake & melt**
- **Some type of cataclysmic event**

12. *What is significant about who is mentioned in verse 15?*

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• **“Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains.”**

• **Everyone – of all ranks – are running and hiding**

• **Could be fallout from the cataclysmic event**

13. *What is being said in verses 16-17?*

- 16-17

- **“16 They called to the mountains and the 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 their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”**

- **People were trying to hide from The Lamb**

- **Why?**

- **Do they know that God is behind this?**

- **How can you hide from God?**

Look at the following verses – what is said about when The Day of The Lord comes:

- Isaiah 13. 6-8 –

- **“⁶ Wail, for the day of the LORD is near; it will come like destruction from the Almighty.
⁷ Because of this, all hands will go limp, every heart will melt with fear. ⁸ Terror will seize them, pain and anguish will grip them; they will writhe like a woman in labor. They will look aghast at each other, their faces aflame.”**

- Zephaniah 1. 14 –

- **“The great day of the Lord is near— near and coming quickly. The cry on the day of the Lord is bitter; the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.”**

Look at the following verses – what is said about when The Day of The Lord comes:

- Joel 2. 1 –

- **“Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand—”**

- Micah 1. 1-4 –

- **“The word of the LORD that came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah—the vision he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. ² Hear, you peoples, all of you, listen, earth and all who live in it, that the Sovereign LORD may bear witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. ³ Look! The LORD is coming from his dwelling place; he comes down and treads on the heights of the earth. ⁴ The mountains melt beneath him and the valleys split apart, like wax before the fire, like water rushing down a slope.”**

Look at the following verses – what is said about when The Day of The Lord comes:

- **Malachi 3. 1-3 –**

- **“ “I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the LORD Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire or a launderer’s soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness”**

- **Joel 2. 11 –**

- **“The Lord thunders at the head of his army; his forces are beyond number, and mighty is the army that obeys his command. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it?”**

Look at the following verses – what is said about when The Day of The Lord comes:

- Hosea 10. 8 –

- **“The high places of wickedness will be destroyed it is the sin of Israel. Thorns and thistles will grow up and cover their altars. Then they will say to the mountains, “Cover us!” and to the hills, “Fall on us!”**

- Luke 23. 30 -

- **“Then “they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!” and to the hills, “Cover us!””**

A Few Closing Thoughts

- **Revelation speaks in "word-pictures"**
- **Most of Revelation is symbolic, but the symbols have specific meanings**
- **There are some literal things in Revelation - John described God's throne room back in Chapter 4, it is literally God's throne room**
- **The items in that room have meanings, but it is literally that room**

A Few Closing Thoughts

- **Remember that John is in the throne room and seeing what is to come**
- **The warnings are clear of what is to come**
- **We must also remember that God had veiled the minds of some**
- **God has also opened the minds of others that they might understand**

A Few Closing Thoughts

- **What amazes me about this scenario with breaking the 6th seal - is the lack of repentance.**
- **I get the impression that people were aware of God, that they were aware God was behind all of these events, but still refused to repent**
- **Reading Revelation seems to call out – Last Call – Last Chance – The Lord Jesus is coming back soon**

