

The Fifth and Sixth Seals

~ Revelation 6:9-17 ~

The First Four Seals:

(1) AntiChrist (2) War (3) Famine (4) Death (Plague; Wild Beast)

* Four Seals of Action *

I. Fifth Seal - Not of Action but Results

* A Response from Heaven *

The true tabernacle in heaven! The brazen altar (sacrifice and judgment)



Souls (require a body) - Those martyred for their faith!

A. Their place - underneath the altar

An offering or sacrifice to God!

B. What they said - "How long, O Lord."

They have been slain by people still on earth so they have been slain since the rapture of the church during those early years!

*People will be saved during the tribulation (at a great price.)

Chapter 7 - Interlude - Who will be saved!

C. What they were given: "a white robe"

An earnest of their righteous position!

D. What they were promised - "rest"

E. Fellow servants who will be killed for their faith - completed God's redemption.

* Death is not the end! *

II. The Sixth Seal - Catastrophic

Cosmic Event and the Response of the World!

A. A great earthquake - like never experienced

It is a universal shaking. (Haggai 2:6)



(1) Every mountain and island moved from their places.

(2) Caused the sun to go black, the moon to turn red like blood, and the stars to fall to the earth (as shaken)

Presence, Power and Judgment of God

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Earthquakes

Mt. Sinai - Law

Elijah at the mouth of the cave

When Jesus was murdered

Paul and Silas in Prison

Darkness

Mt. Sinai

As judgement (plagues over Egypt)

When Jesus died

B. The Response of the World!

(a) From kings to slaves HID themselves from God - Response of sin (Adam and Eve)

(b) Realization of the existence of God and the wrath of God!

(c) Who do they cry out to for help?

Deaf and Dumb Rocks - No Repenting!

Ends with a question → Who is able to stand?