

**“Judgment is Coming”**  
The Revelation of Jesus Christ—Part 12  
*Revelation 6*

***Understanding the judgments of the Revelation:***

Seal Judgments 1-6

Seal 7

Trumpet Judgments 1-6

Trumpet 7

Bowl Judgments 1-7

**Note:** *The Seal Judgments and the Trumpet Judgments all happen during the first 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation, while the Bowl judgments happen during the second 3 1/2 years of the Tribulation.*

**1. Seal #1—Rider on a white horse.**

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!" 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. Revelation 6:1-2

***The rider on the white horse represents the Antichrist conquering by diplomatic means, offering peace and safety!***

While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

**2. Seal #2—Rider on a red horse.**

When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Revelation 6:3-4

***The rider on the red horse represents the blood of war. It is not war between opposing armies, it is the kind of war that takes place when civil order breaks down.***

**3. Seal #3—Rider on a black horse.**

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. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"

Revelation 6:5-6

***The rider on the black horse  
represents economic upheaval!***

**4. Seal #4—Rider on a pale horse.**

When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 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. Revelation 6:7-8

***The rider on the pale horse represents  
physical and spiritual death by  
famine and plague.***

**5. Seal #5—Souls under the altar.**

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. 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?" Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed. Revelation 6:9-11

***Souls under the altar represent martyrs,  
lives given for the sake of the Gospel  
in service of the Savior.***

**6. Seal #6—Geological upheaval.**

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, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Revelation 6:12-14

**Seal #6 represents geological upheaval.  
It is as though the whole world begins to convulse.**

***People's response to God's judgment:***

Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 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! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" Revelation 6:15-17

***Every kind of person will cry out against God***

***instead of turning to God in repentance.***

Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand — a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. The day of the Lord is great; it is dreadful. Who can endure it? 'Even now,' declares the Lord, 'return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.' Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity.

Joel 2:1-2; 11-13

**Knowing Christ through His judgments:**

- 1. The warning of the Revelation itself demonstrates Christ's love and grace.**
- 2. The growing intensity of His judgments demonstrates Christ's longsuffering, patience and mercy.**
- 3. The judgments origination in heaven demonstrates Christ's judgments are completely under His control.**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief.

2 Peter 3:9-10

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