

Revelation 6

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The Seven Seals

¹ And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

² And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

³ And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

⁴ And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

⁵ And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.

⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

⁷ And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

⁸ And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The Sixth Seal

12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Altar — θυσιαστήριον (Thusiastērion)

Altar

The Greek **thusiastērion** (θυσιαστήριον) denotes an altar for sacrifice. Hebrews 13:10 declares 'We have an altar' from which temple priests cannot eat—referring to Christ's sacrifice outside the camp.

Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Lamb — ἀμνός / ἀρνίον (Amnos / Arnion)

Lamb

The Greek **amnos** (ἀμνός) means lamb. John declared Jesus 'the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world' (John 1:29). In Revelation, Christ is the slain Lamb (arnion) who alone is worthy to open the scroll.

Word — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

Wrath — ὀργή (Orgē)

Wrath, anger

The Greek **orgē** (ὀργή) means wrath—settled, righteous anger against sin. Believers are 'saved from wrath through him' (Romans 5:9), as Christ bore God's wrath on the cross, satisfying divine justice.

CROSS REFERENCES

Revelation 6:1 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:1; 6:3; 6:5; 6:7; 11:19; 14:2; 19:6

Revelation 6:2 **Parallel theme:** Zechariah 1:8

Revelation 6:3 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:7; 6:1

Revelation 6:4

Parallel theme: Revelation 17:6; Zechariah 1:8; 6:2. **Word:** Revelation 13:10; Matthew 10:34

Revelation 6:5 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 5:5; 5:9; 6:1; Leviticus 26:26; Ezekiel 4:16; Zechariah 6:2; 6:6

Revelation 6:6 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 9:4

Revelation 6:7 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:7; 6:3

Revelation 6:8 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 1:18; 9:15; 9:18; Isaiah 25:8; Hosea 13:14; Zechariah 6:3. **Word:** Jeremiah 16:4; Ezekiel 5:12

Revelation 6:9

Word: Revelation 1:2; 1:9; 20:4. **References God:** John 16:2. **Parallel theme:** Revelation 2:13; 2 Corinthians 5:8. **Witness:** 2 Timothy 1:8. **Sacrifice:** Revelation 14:18; 16:7; Leviticus 4:7

Revelation 6:10 **Judgment:** Revelation 11:18; 19:2; Romans 12:19. **Blood:** Psalms 9:12; 79:10. **Holy:** Revelation 3:7; 18:20; 18:24. **References Lord:** Zechariah 1:12. **Parallel theme:** Luke 21:22

Revelation 6:11 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 7:9; 7:14; 14:13; Hebrews 11:40

Revelation 6:12 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 8:5; 11:13; 16:18; Isaiah 24:23; 29:6; 50:3; Joel 2:10; 3:15; Amos 8:9; Matthew 24:29

Revelation 6:13 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 9:1; Isaiah 34:4; Daniel 8:10; Matthew 24:29

Revelation 6:14 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 16:20; 20:11; 21:1; Psalms 102:26; Isaiah 34:4; 54:10; Jeremiah 51:25; Ezekiel 38:20; Nahum 1:5; 2 Peter 3:10

Revelation 6:15 **Parallel theme:** Judges 6:2; 1 Samuel 13:6; Isaiah 2:10; 2:19; 2:21; 42:22; Micah 7:17; Hebrews 11:38. **Kingdom:** Psalms 76:12

Revelation 6:16 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 4:2; 20:11; Jeremiah 8:3; Hosea 10:8; Matthew 26:64; Luke 23:30

Revelation 6:17 **Parallel theme:** Revelation 16:14; Psalms 76:7; Jeremiah 30:7; Joel 2:11; 2:31; Malachi 3:2; Luke 21:36. **Judgment:** Revelation 11:18; Romans 2:5; Jude 1:6

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