

# The Voice of Truth # 489

## The Opening of the Second Seal

Throughout the world today, in every phase of life, we can see manifested the spirit of the Antichrist, but how few seem to see it. Only those whose eyes have been opened. Spiritual darkness is appalling in the pulpit, the pew, and the world, and especially the religious and political world. That will be an awful day when the Antichrist will be manifested or revealed and come forth as the son of Satan, taking over the reins of this world socially, educationally, religiously, politically, and economically. We found that he'll come forth with a bow, with no arrow, which means he will conquer peaceably, mainly with flattery and compromise, and because of that, the multitudes will flock to him, giving their allegiance to him, except God's elect, whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life, according to Revelation 13:8.

Now we come to the opening of the second seal and the beginning of the fall of judgment. As we study the opening of these seals, trumpets, and vials, let us not forget that God is on the throne, and all of these judgments are coming either directly or indirectly from his own hand as the Lord Jesus Christ opens those seals and they are falling upon a Christless people who have refused the Son of God reigning over them. No man can reject the Lord Jesus Christ, regardless of who he is, and escape the judgment of God. Listen to God's word, **He that believeth on the Son is not judged, but he that believeth not is judged already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.** It is either Christ or judgment, Christ or hell, choose you this day, which it will be.

Yes, in these four different horses and horsemen, we see here in the sixth chapter of Revelation, we see the coming forth of the judicial power of God upon the inhabitants of this earth with one purpose in mind, the breaking up of the dominion of wickedness; according to 2 Thessalonians 1:8, **in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** And it is the consummation, and the fulfillment of all prophecy,

and the answering of all the prayers of the Saints. Let's bear this in mind, that the fulfillment of the prophecy of the shields of the horsemen are consecutive, and yet at the same time, they are contemporaneous; that is, the careers of each horseman overlap each other and that their doings run, to a certain extent parallel, or side by side with each other.

Now we come to the breaking of that second seal. With your Bibles in hand, let's read it. Revelation 6:3,4, **And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast or the living one say, Come, 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 they should kill one another, and there was given unto him a great sword.** All through God's Word, we find that God employs four great instruments of punishment to send forth judgment upon rebellious man. This is set forth in Ezekiel 14:21. Listen, **thus saith the Lord God, how much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, the famine, the noisome beast, and pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast.** Then in Zechariah 6:1-3, we have his vision of the four horses, which is in full harmony with the four horses of Revelation. Then if you'll turn to Matthew 24:5-7, you'll find this same truth set forth at the beginning of Christ's sermon on Mount Olivet in regard to his second coming. Listen, **For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ and shall deceive many; and ye shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars. See that ye be not troubled, for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines, and pestilence, and earthquakes in diverse places.** This second seal sets forth the first of these four sore judgments, which is war or internal revolution. In the opening of the first seal, we saw that the Antichrist had in his hand a bow, but no arrow. The bow here signifies war at a distance, or in this case, it means he will come in peaceably, built on flattery and compromise. There was no bloodshed, but the taking over, over a period of time, the reins as a conqueror. He will come forth largely, as we saw in our last study, as an economic savior and will be herald as the world's deliverer. But in the coming forth of this second horse, which the scripture says, **that was red.** This literally means fiery red or hue of blood. There was given to this rider a great sword, or a mighty sword. It is not primarily the sword of battle. I want you to get this now. It's not primarily the sword of battle. When he says a great sword or a mighty

sword, or a sword of war, as one nation warring against another, but it carries this great truth, it means fighting, bloodshed, slaughter, near at hand, worldwide. It means the mighty sword reaching out to the four corners of the globe. It means hand-to-hand conflict. It means man against his neighbor, and it seems that it would be the fulfillment of 1 Thessalonians 5:3, which reads thus, **For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child, and they shall not escape.** It's the picture of the whole world in one revolt, fighting each other like a madhouse.

Paul goes on to say to the born-again believer, **But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day.** We are not of the night, nor of the darkness. But on the other hand, the individual who does not know the Lord Jesus Christ, and who has turned his back upon him, there shall come sudden destruction from the presence of the Lord. Some of us have gone through two world wars, and we know the horror and cruelty, but the war spoken of here, or the revolution, shall make all other wars pale into insignificance, because it will be internal. Or you might say a civil war, or neighbor turning on neighbor. Now let's read the scripture again, **and power was given unto him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth.** I tell you, I wish that thing would sink into your hearts like it has mine, to take peace from the earth. Did you notice that statement, to take peace from the earth? That is to turn the entire world into a theater of war. Christ says here, there'll be no peace as he will take peace from the earth. As we look over the world situation today, we find that human life has very little value. But after Christ comes for his own, and the Antichrist comes on the scene, and peace is taken from the earth, human life will have practically no value. For the scripture says here, men will slay one another. To read the exact words it says, **and that they should kill one another.** This could mean nothing else, but that the whole earth will be filled with internal civil wars and strife. Ezekiel says, every man's sword will be against his brother. Judges says, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow. In other words, all law and order breaks down. Now let's look at that statement more closely. **And power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another.** As we have said in the broad sense of the word, it means war. Nation shall rise against nation. But I think the primary meaning of that scripture is that the Lord God of heaven

will permit a strong delusion to pass upon the people which will, within itself, cause peace to flee from the inhabitants of the earth. We see that that thing is in the making now. Right now, it's in the making. Let me analyze our world situation as we face it at the present moment and show you how close we are to the fulfillment of that scripture, which is being fulfilled in a partial way, but will be completely fulfilled after our Lord comes for his own and the Antichrist comes upon the scene. Let's first look at the world from the educational point of view, beginning now in our elementary schools on through the high schools into the colleges and universities is being taught the atheistic theory of evolution as a living fact. Those children in the first grades of the schools are being brainwashed year after year with the theory of evolution, that men came into being by the process of evolution. That is, coming from a one cell animal through the diverse stages of development over a period of millions of years to the place that he is now, denying the first chapter of Genesis, laughing at it. Being taught it from the first grades on up, they come to accept it as a fact, never question it. Therefore, man begins to view himself as an animal with no soul, ruling God completely out of his life and out of his universe. Therefore, he is a god unto himself and is responsible to no supreme being. This eliminates from his thinking the actual condition of man as a fallen being, as a totally depraved creature. It also eliminates from his thinking, sin. No longer is drunkenness a sin, it's only a disease. No longer is murder a sin, it comes from a state of an unbalanced mind, that has not reached maturity. No longer is stealing a sin, it becomes a virtue, to make money. And so it is with all other acts of sin, they are rated only as different types of disease. Such untruths, such lies, are permeating this generation. All shame, and guilt complex is leaving our people, and churches are employing psychiatrists to help finish the job. You listen, will you? It has not only captured our schoolrooms from the elementary school through the universities, but it is capturing our pulpits, and our governments. No longer are our governments being built on facts, realities, but on theories of depraved minds. For instance, the present civil rights bill that's just been passed is not based on facts and realities. You get that thing. This whole false doctrine of the theory of evolution is a worldwide revolt against God's judgment upon rebellious, sinning humanity. They'll not have or accept the fact of original sin or the fall of the human race through Adam. The theory is we are not a fallen race. We are a race that is evolving and going upward. Wherever the influence of the gospel of the Lord

Jesus Christ is not felt, the race does not evolve, it devolves; Always going back to savagery, to the control of the beastly, fallen, depraved nature of man, and no laws can hold it in restraint. Did you know that? The fleshly mind, **the carnal mind, is enmity toward God, is not subject to the law of God and cannot be.** You listen to me. Therefore, through such teaching, God will permit peace to be taken from the earth. They shall kill one another, or as the Lord will permit, every man's sword against his fellow.

Now let's trace another false theory that's permeated the school, the pulpits, the home, and the governments of the earth, and see where the revolt of the human race is taking place from another angle. It is this, for decades now, there has been injected into our teaching, this theory, you get it now, you get it. It is this, every emotion, every desire and wish of the child is natural, and ought to be satisfied or turned into the so-called right channel of thinking. Remove all punishment from the child. Do not cross the child's will, for if you break the will of the child, you'll ruin him. Then there's laid down certain principles in our plan of teaching by which this would be put into effect. Let the child do what he wills to do. Therefore, no teacher or parent is permitted to punish a child. This sums up the basis of our entire teaching today with few exceptions.

All right now, let's see where this has led us to. The father restrains from punishing the child. He has let the child have his own way. Therefore, there is no obedience. No obedience of the child toward the parents, which the Bible calls disobedience to parents. Therefore, turning the average home into a living hell, the average child tells dad where to head in. The average girl has no respect for her mother; therefore, our homes of correction are overflowing with what they call problem children. Let me stop here and say this, my father was the best psychiatrist that I ever knew. With his razor strap, he cured every one of us problem children. I raised my children, five of them, under the stars and stripes. I furnished the stripes and they saw the stars, and as a whole, I have an obedient group of children. They're all married and have families of their own. My children love me because I taught them obedience. The cry from parents over the land everywhere is, my child doesn't love me, my children don't love me; and the reason is, you didn't make them obey you. You make a child obey you, it'll love you. So, from that angle, peace is being taken from the earth.

Now let's take it to the schoolroom. No longer can you punish a child in school for disobedience. Therefore, our schools are becoming cesspools of vice, dope addicts, vice clubs, and non-virtual societies. And it's the most difficult thing in the world for a teacher to be able to teach anything because the children are so disobedient, and unruly, knowing nothing about quietness, but given over to the study and the practice of every type of sex perversion. It consumes their entire thinking. Every teacher knows what I'm talking about. Every enforcement officer knows what I'm talking about. And parents know what I'm talking about. If every desire of the human heart is natural and ought to be satisfied, according to theory of behavior that is being taught and practiced everywhere, then it expresses itself in this manner; Here's a child, he thinks that the other child is mistreating him, put him out of the way. Kill him if you have to. Therefore, we have child murder, which is rising in intensity today. On the other hand, here's a child that wants what the other child has. Then by force, he obtains it, justifying the means to the end, and so on. Now let's carry it a step further into our pulpit. As we see the ministry of today succumbing to this false theory of human nature and false theory of basic teaching, the ministry no longer sounds forth a warning against sin. They're preaching a so-called little loving gospel, setting forth a little effeminate God who wouldn't harm a flea, so much so, until there's a worldwide revolt against the Word of God, against the God of the world, against blood redemption in Christ, against such age-long doctrines as total depravity, the sovereignty of God, and that man must repent or go to hell. This has resulted in over 65% of our ministry denying the virgin birth of Christ, the inspiration of the scriptures, or literal hell, the bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, our seats of learning are hotbeds of modernism, infidelity, and vice of every sort. I know what I'm talking about, I came out of them. There is also that seething, restless, revolting spirit within our churches, captivated by Satan to keep men from hearing the gospel.

Now let's analyze this text, **and he shall take peace from the earth**, from another angle. Let's look at it from the racial viewpoint. There is a worldwide revolt among the races against the Lord God of heaven and his judgments. First, there is a revolt as we said of the human race, against original sin, or the Adamic sin. The Bible says, listen now, **Therefore as by the sin of one, Adam, judgment came upon all men to condemnation**, listen again, for by one mans sin death reigned by one,

listen again, **for by one man's disobedience many were made sinners. Wherefore by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned** in Adam. Listen again at God's word, **For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.** Listen again. **There is none righteous, no, not one.** These scriptures set forth the judgment of God upon the human race because of Adam's sin, and in Adam we are all seen, therefore, we are under the original sin, death. Man is a fallen spirit. The only difference between Satan and fallen man is that Satan, who is a fallen spirit, has no body, and man, who is a fallen spirit, has a body. As the old divine Whitfield said, by nature man is half beast and half devil. If, under the illuminating power of God's Holy Spirit, you never come to see that original sin and the curse you are under, you will never be saved in and through the Lord Jesus Christ, because you will never see your need of him. There is revolt everywhere against the original sin among all nations, there is.

Listen again, we find in Genesis the curse that was placed on Ham, and Canaan, and their descendants, which is being revolted against today, listen to God's word, **and Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him.** And he first said, **cursed be Canaan,** a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. This is an additional curse that came on the descendants of Ham, because of his sin of disobedience and sodomy. This curse has never been removed, like the curse of the original sin.

Before any member, get it now, hold your seats, before any member of the descendants of Ham are ever saved, they must come to acknowledge this curse, and that God was right and this curse is righteous, and just, because the God of all the earth doeth right. As I said, there is a move throughout the world today among all nations to ignore this curse. They can't remove it; therefore, they are revolting against it. And because our government, and our governmental officials, religious leaders and educators will not accept the Bible as God's word, and accept the judgment of God's word, as just and righteous altogether, there is a revolt against the Lord God of heaven and his word and the judgments of his word. This is leading to a revolt politically, religiously, and socially. That seems to be the spirit, we'll show God what we will do. Atheism is sweeping the world and removing peace from the world. This revolt now is greatly manifested among the

youth, especially among the students of colleges and universities throughout the world, not only in America, but in Europe, Africa, Asia, South America, to eliminate as they term, poverty, illiteracy and oppression. This is a false motive. The uprising is the fruit of the false teaching. They have been learning a revolt against the curse and the judgment of God upon the human race. This youth revolt is now being headed by the U.S. Attorney General, Robert F. Kennedy. As expressed in these words, quoting from the Washington World of June the 8th, 1964, Mr. Kennedy says, listen, we must recognize that the youth in many areas of the world today are in the midst of a revolution against the status quo. Their anger is turned on the system, which has allowed poverty, illiteracy, and oppression to flourish for centuries. And we must recognize one central fact, they will prevail. They will achieve their idealistic goals one way or the other. If they have to pull governments tumbling down over their heads, they'll do it. But they're going to win a share of the new world. Unquote. It is his aim, he says, and his purpose to lead and to head this revolt. This revolt is based upon false concepts and false theories of life. It's a revolt against the Lord God of Heaven, His Bible, His Christ and His judgments. This is the seed plot. There are three seed plots I've given you, from which is coming the uprising and taking peace from the earth.

Now, my friends, I've thought those things through. I followed that for years. I'm not wrong. You think that thing through. How is it with you? My friend, do you know Christ? I know the vast majority laugh, make fun, ridicule, and hold in contempt salvation by grace through the Lord Jesus Christ. I plead with every one of you, get ready to die. If I did not know the Lord Jesus Christ, and seeing the things that are coming upon this earth now and understanding them in the light of God's word, I'd be like multitudes of others, I'd either die of heart failure or commit suicide. You cannot rebel against God's word and the God of that word without meeting him in judgment. The flaming red horse will go forth. The vintage is ripening. Peace will soon be removed from this earth completely. Then the black horse of famine will step forth in our message next Sunday morning.