

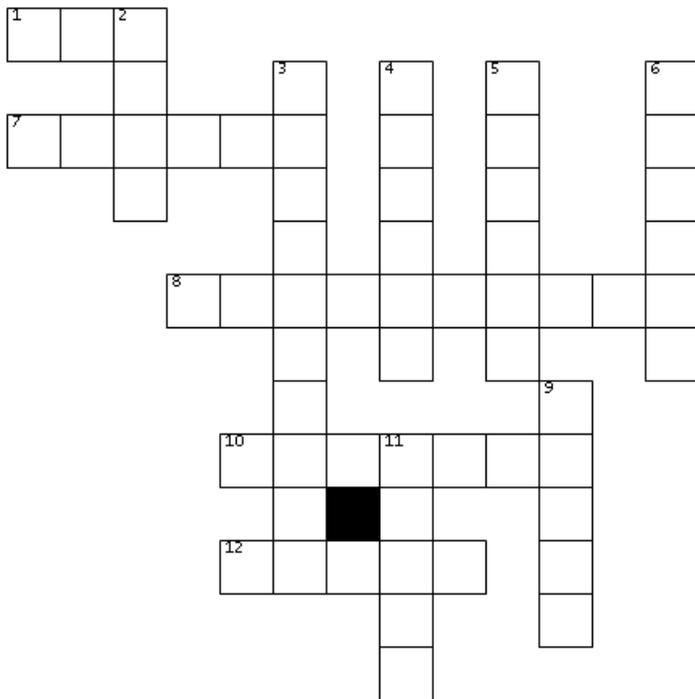
Revelation
Lesson 11
Revelation 6:9-17

Memory Verse – Revelation 22:6 – *“And he said unto _____, These sayings are _____ and _____: and the Lord God of the _____ prophets sent his _____ to shew unto his _____ the things which must _____ be _____.”*

Memory Verse for the Next Lesson – Revelation 22:7 – *“Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”*

Passage to Read for the Next Lesson – Revelation 7:1-8

Review – taken from Revelation 6:1-8



ACROSS

1. During the famine there will be an abundance of what a person doesn't need (___ and wine) and a shortage of what sustains life.
7. The opening of the third seal in Rev. 6:5-6 results in _____.
8. There seems to be a _____ between the four horseman in Rev. 6:1-8 and Jesus's description of "the beginning of sorrows" in Matthew 24.
10. This word in Rev. 6:6 refers to about 3 cups.
12. The figure on the ___ horse was given a bow, but no arrows.

DOWN

2. The _____ opens the seals.
3. The descriptions in Matthew 24 and Revelation 6-19 deal with the _____ Week of Daniel.
4. With the opening of the third seal, the Lord Himself sets the _____ in the commodities market.
5. In Revelation 6:1, this refers to living creatures, not wild animals.
6. When the _____ seal is opened (Rev. 6:3-4), the horseman is given a sword and takes peace from the earth.
9. This word in Rev. 6:6 refers to a day's wages.
11. Revelation 6-19 deals with the dominion of Jesus Christ replacing the dominion of _____ in this world.

Revelation 6:9-17

When the Lamb opens the next two seals the results are very different from the first four seals. No beasts announce the events (Rev. 6:1, 3, 5, 7), and no horses and riders are seen. The result of the fifth seal is seen in heaven, and the result of the sixth seal is felt on earth.

Two important questions are asked as a result of the opening of these two seals. One question is asked by saved people, and one is asked by unsaved people -

1. How long until God's vengeance falls on the earth?
2. Who can stand it when it does?

Revelation 6:9-11

The opening of the fifth seal reveals a scene in heaven. John sees the souls of martyrs gathered in a special place and hears them pray for the Lord to avenge their deaths. It's probable they were martyred during the Seventieth Week of Daniel. From the murder of Abel (Gen. 4:10) onward, there has been an increasing heavenly chorus of cries for justice to be served on this world. It seems so long delayed. When will the just and holy God finally set things right?

The answer is, of course, when Jesus returns as King and Satan's world system is replaced by the Messiah's. The first advent of Christ resulted in the "Day of Salvation," and the return of Christ results in the "Day of Vengeance." (Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:16-21) The answer to their question is, "Not yet, but soon." (Rev. 6:11)

Revelation 6:12-17

The opening of the sixth seal marks a turning point. So far the disasters of war and famine can be attributed to the human race's own folly. As the earlier plagues in Egypt could be mimicked by the magicians of Egypt, the moment had not yet arrived when the world recognized it was the definitive hand of God at work. The sixth seal dramatically changes all that. The earthquake and signs in the heavens have attention getting power the first four seals lacked. The terror of that which is truly uncontrollable by people brings forth a realization from the world not found in the first four seals. The very scope of the worldwide disasters is unprecedented. This is the finger of God Himself! Let's hide!

In an example of "foxhole religion," the unsaved seek cover when no cover can hide them from what they know the world deserves. Like Pharaoh, they're impressed and distressed; but like Pharaoh, it's only temporary.