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## Revelation 6:3-16

Christ is the lamb here, the church has been raptured and is not on the earth anymore, and this is what's happening. A man comes riding on white horse with a bow, ready to conquer. He's the antichrist, going to rise to be king of the earth, conquering with charisma and words, not violence at first.

Rev 6:3: the first four seals are brought on directly because the antichrist comes to power. Seal One is the antichrist loosed on the earth. Seal Two is a red horse, and power is given unto him to take peace from the earth, to war. History is a record of the failures of man. A Great Sword means this is going to be a Big War. The horses are not real horses, they represent speed and swiftness. These changes are going to occur quickly.

Vs.5: 3<sup>rd</sup> seal, black horse, pair of balances in hand. Always following war is famine. The 3<sup>rd</sup> seal is famine brought to the earth. The balances mean the food is going to be measured out, food will be scarce. A measure = a day's wages. 3 measures = 3 days' wages. Wheat makes white bread, for rich people. Barley makes black bread, bread for the poor. The oil and wine, these are the rich people, and they will be unaffected. But the poor will suffer greatly.

The 4<sup>th</sup> seal: pale horse, name of Death, and hell followed him. This means a plague is next. So to recap, a charismatic guy comes along and makes peace on earth, then after he is made King of the Earth, he starts a great war, which famine and plague follows. The pale horse means cholera. Dying tissue gets pale first. Hell in this verse means Hades, the unseen world, not the lake of fire. Hades, the unseen world, is gathering souls from these dead bodies, those who die from the plague. The 4<sup>th</sup> seal kills one-fourth of the earth, and that could be over a billion and a half people. We don't know if that is ¼ of the whole population, or ¼ of the earth in a certain geographical location - we just aren't told.

Vs. 9: 5<sup>th</sup> seal: not a judgement, this is something different. He sees the altar under the throne of God, people slain for the Word of God, for the testimony that they had held during the tribulation period. All those who accept Jesus Christ as their savior are being killed for their belief in Jesus. The soul and the spirit are 2 different things. Body, soul, and spirit are 3 different entities. Soul = a living being. Animals have souls, but they don't have a spirit. Spirit = comes from God. Allows mankind to recognize a Supreme Being. There is no such thing as soul sleep. The soul and spirit live on after bodily death. All three will be reunited in heaven.

Vs. 10: How long, O Lord? When Jesus was on the cross, people were asking for forgiveness for the murders. Now they are begging for judgement in vs. 10.

Vs. 11: White robes were given to each one, and they were told to rest a little bit longer. God says, I'll give you a white robe now, but be patient. Have patience because their fellow servants and brothers should be killed as they were, and gather all like them. It needs to be finished. These are new believers in Christ, because the

church had already been removed from the earth. 144,000 Jewish witnesses will be left behind when the church is taken up, someone to preach that the church/ judgement time has come and gather new Christians during the tribulation time. This will greatly upset the antichrist and he will kill all new Christians, but God is giving each of these people a white robe. The last shall be first and the first shall be last...these last new Christians will be very brave to accept the Lord in these awful times. God has a timetable, and he will do things according to his time, not man's.

Vs 12. 6<sup>th</sup> seal, earthquake, black sun, blood red moon, stars fall to earth. The heavenly bodies are disturbed. These are natural disasters happening upon the earth now. Vs. 15: Everyone is hiding themselves, rich and poor alike. These natural disasters are affecting everyone, the whole earth. This is what will happen to nature during the tribulation period. And all people left on earth will know that God is making it happen. They see God sitting on the throne, they see the wrath of the Lamb, in vs. 16.