Revelation 6:1 ~Plus supplementary verses~ Matt 24:1-8, II Thes 2:3-12, John 5:43

First, follow the rules of reading the bible. If common sense makes sense, then don't seek any other sense. If you read it and it really could happen, then don't twist it into something other than the way God meant it.

Chapter 6 opens the judgment of God unto the Earth. This starts the tribulation. The book of Daniel gives the timeline, 7 years, divided into 2 3.5 year periods. The Antichrist rules for the first 3.5 years. He's a charismatic individual, and wages a war without weapons. He will make peace on earth at first. But then he will almost destroy the Earth and all living things on it, except Jesus comes back and saves us and the Earth and the other living creatures on the planet. Jerusalem will be the capitol city of the Earth at that time, and He will rule from there. He has already designated this in scripture.

Rev 6:1. Here is the first seal, the first judgment upon the earth.

- Matt 24:1-8 summary. See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. Jesus tells his disciples that all will be destroyed. When shall these things be? What shall be the sign of Jesus coming? When will the consummation of the age occur? First Jesus issues a warning instead of answering the questions. Jesus does not want his people to be deceived. Vs. 6 is warning of wars and rumors of wars, constantly. Don't let it upset you because this must all happen, but it's not the end yet. Vs 8: all of these wars, earthquakes, and floods are the beginning of sorrows, they are the birth pains that occur right before the return of Jesus Christ. Right before the baby comes, the pains get more intense and closer together, and this is how it will be right before the consummation of the age, right before Christ returns.
- II Thes 2:3-12. Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away (abandonment of principals. This is about the antichrist.) first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition (son of Destruction);
- 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself (he'll arrive on a white horse, acting good and pure) above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God (he'll tell us that he's God. The temple in Jerusalem will be rebuilt, and the abomination of desolation will be set up here).
- 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?
- 6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. (the Holy Spirit on this Earth holds the antichrist down)
- 7 For the mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way.

- 8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
- 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, (amazing tricks will be performed with supernatural powers, not illusions)
- 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- 11 And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: (people will believe him and follow him, those who are left behind for the Rapture. If they have been presented with the Gospel truth and they reject it, they will be told a specific lie and believe it and be judged with it.)
- 12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
- John 5:43. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (Jesus says, I'm here, and you reject me. Another one will come in his own name, and you will accept him.)

At this point in time, everything is set for the antichrist to return. Nothing else needs to happen.