

## “Revelation #11”

Revelations 6: 1 – 17 (The seals begin to be opened)

### Review: Chapters 4 and 5

- The throne room of heaven, John is taken up to heaven, God gives him a glimpse...
- Not just his benefit, but for all our benefit... throughout time. To encourage us and to give us a hope. (Hope the scriptures tell us purify us, keep us on track)
- Chapters 4 and 5 tell us what heaven is like, what God is like and how He is worshiped!
- We see God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world in the midst and seated on the throne...

Text V1... Read.

- Before we go on, I need to explain that there many different ways chapters 4 thru 22 are interpreted, understood, and viewed...

**Preterist:** Believe that everything from chapters 2 – 22 were and have been fulfilled before and up to 70AD at the destruction of the temple.

**Partial Preterist:** Contend that most of these events occurred before 70 AD but there may be future judgements still to happen.

**Futurist:** Believe that Revelation is prophecy primarily about the future end of the world.

**J.I. Packer** says futurist understand Revelation 4 – 22 to refer to events still future to twenty-first century readers... they believe that the opening of the first seal is the beginning of the great tribulation!

**Idealist:** Believe it's a non-historical non-prophetic drama about spiritual realities. Symbolize tendencies in the church and ongoing judgements and troubles on earth. (Allegory)

**J.I. Packer** says Idealist believe the events of Revelation 4-22 range over the entire span of time between the first and second coming of Christ... they believe some of the seals refer to ongoing realities...

**Historicist:** Believe Revelation is a prophecy about church history from the time of John to the end of the world...

**Text V1 – 2 Read** *(I believe that the scriptures we read, and study had to make sense to the early readers as well as us today, we need to understand scripture as they understood it.)*

- First 4 seals is the judgements of God... throughout Revelation we will be seeing the judgements of God... **(Zech. 6: 1-8)**
- White horse, rider? There is controversy about this. **(We are not told)**
- Bow and a victor's crown... conquering to conquer...

What would the readers of that time reference or relate this to? **(Rome)**

How about us today? **(War and conflict throughout history and future)**

**Passion Bible gives this commentary:** *"The horse is an emblem of overcoming; invincible in battle. The color white is found throughout Revelation, always associated with Christ or spiritual victory... He went out continually conquering so that He might conquer."*

**Rev. 19:11-13... Read.**

**Text V3-4 Read**

- Red horse, permitted to take peace from earth...
- Early church certainly knew what it was like to have no peace, as do we!
- So, the people would slay each other... **Had a great sword.**
- What did Jesus say murder was?

**James 3: 14 – 16 Read**

**Text V5-6 Read**

- Historically this area had an abundance of oil and wine. But they had to import wheat and barley.
- Again, the people of that era and the church understood shortages.
- We also see this in the world today... **(Covid)**

### Text V7-8 Read

- 165 AD... was a great pandemic recorded by Arillus, that lasted 15 years...
- Black plague... Spanish Flu 1920's
- Again, the church and people of that day were seeing these things, as we do!

### Text V9-11 Read.

- This is what human history looks like.
- Martyrdom has always been a reality... *Alter...*
- Martyrs are crying out for Justice... *What is God's response... V11?*

### 2 Peter 3: 1-9!

### Text V12- 14 Read.

- Josephs... 68 AD there was a great earthquake. Throughout history we have seen great earthquakes and destruction.
- Chases Deo... 69 AD records a similar event.
- **You can see why Preterist believe what they believe.**