

Book of Revelation Overview Chapters 4 – 7

Chapter 4 Summary

- John caught up in heaven.
- The 24 Elders wear crowns.
- Seven lampstands are in heaven.
- The sea of glass
- Four living creatures: lion, calf, man, and eagle – six wings each, singing Holy, Holy, Holy
- The 24 Elders cast their crowns before Him who sits on the throne.

Chapter 5 Summary

- Scroll with seven seals with instructions written on the outside.
- Who is worthy of opening the seals?
- No one in heaven, earth or under the earth was worthy.
- John weeps cathartically.
- Seven Conditions – my personal conjecture
 1. Had to be a man (descendant of Adam) – the Incarnation
 2. Had to be a descendant of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob (not Ishmael, Esau).
 3. Had to be of the Tribe of Judah – Genesis 49:10
 4. Had to be a descendant of David – Genealogy of Luke and Matthew
 5. Had to be without sin – 2 Corinthians 5:21
 6. Had to willingly offer himself in obedience to God - Garden
 7. His sacrifice had to be accepted by God – Resurrection
- The Lion of the Tribe of Judah; the Root of David
- Jesus takes the book.
 - He was slain.
 - His blood was shed to redeem all humanity – every nation, tribe, tongue.
 - Made us kings and priest unto God.
 - And we shall reign on the earth.
- Jesus is worshiped for who He is; where He is, and what He does.
 1. Power
 2. Riches
 3. Wisdom
 4. Strength
 5. Honor
 6. Glory
 7. Blessings

Chapter Six – The Seven Seals are Opened.

- The Tribulation begins with the opening of the Seals.
- The Tribulation is the wrath of God.

The First Seal – The White Horse

- Antichrist – Crown is *stephanos* – a victor’s crown, not *diadem* – Sovereign crown.
- White horse is an imposter – Jesus rides a white horse in Rev. 19
- Brings peace – welcomed as a savior – Daniel 8:25 – by peace he shall destroy many.
- He is.
 - Intellectual genius
 - Persuasive orator
 - Shrew politician
 - Financial genius
 - Military leader
 - Brilliant organizer
 - Unifying religious guru

Second Seal – The Red Horse

- Takes peace from the earth – false peace from White Horse is removed.
- War, killing, a great sword.

Third Seal – The Black Horse

- This is famine.
- Bread by weight – scarcity
- Manipulated famine through authoritarian leaders?
- Manufactured famine to control population?
- The Antichrist will eventually control the economy (beast system) Rev 13
- Also, a famine of the “word of God” – (feed my sheep)

The Fifth Seal – The Pale Horse

- Death and Hell were riding on this horse.
- Death claims the body.
- Hell claims the soul.
- Twenty-five percent of the earth’s population will die through.”
 - The sword
 - Hunger
 - Pestilence
 - Beasts

The Fifth Seal – Martyrs

- Under the throne of God
- Crying out for Justice and Vindication for their blood shed on His behalf.
- Crying out to God to avenge their blood upon those who dwell on the earth.
- Given white robes and assurance God will indeed act on their behalf.
- Many others will join them through martyrdom.

The Sixth Seal – A Great Earthquake

- Cosmic and Physical Changes in the Heavens and Earth
- Sun Black – Joel 2:10
- Moon Red – Joel 2:51
- Stars Fall as a fig tree loses figs– Matt 24:29
- Mountains and Islands are moved – Jer 4: 23-24
- Heavens departed as a scroll rolled up. - Isaiah 34:1-8
- One of three earthquakes in the Book of Revelation. - Rev 11:13 and Rev 16:18-19
- Kings, great men, rich, chief captains, etc. hide from the wrath of the Lamb.
- The wrath of the Lamb continues through chapter 19.

Chapter 7 – The Interval

VS 1-8 The sealing of the 144,000

- Four Angels identified as having the power to hurt the earth and the sea.
- Told to wait until 144,00 are sealed on their foreheads.
- 12,000 from each tribe of Israel.

VS 9-17 The Saved Servants

- Great multitude from every nation, tongue, tribe, and people group.
- Before the throne with white robes and palm branches in their hands
- Salvation belongs to our God and to the Lamb
- They have come out of the great tribulation.
- They will hunger no more, thirst no more and dwell with Jesus.
- God will wipe away every tear.

Multitudes will be saved during the tribulation through martyrdom.

Remember only 25 % were destroyed during the opening of the seals.

God continues to offer grace and mercy to those who repent and refuse the mark of the beast.

Chapter 8: 1-2 -The Seventh Seal – Silence in Heaven for 30 minutes.