

SERMON NOTES

Countdown to Armageddon ***“When the Love of God Turns to the Wrath of God”*** **Sunday, April 26, 2020 – Online Sermon**

Text: Revelation 6

INTRODUCTION

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Understand something: Jesus said that the **church** is the **salt** and **light**.

- **Salt** preserves, but take it away and things rot.
- **Light** gives warmth and illumination, but take it away, and there is darkness.

Rev. 6:1, **Thunder** = This is God’s storm signal telling us the clouds of **God’s judgment** are about to **break forth** over a lost world.

I. THE PARTICULARS

A. FIRST SEAL – DOMINION

Question – Who is this one riding a white horse?

= The **Antichrist**

- He imitates the Lord Jesus Christ.
- At **this moment** in time – the world will be **ripe** for the **Devil's messiah**.

White Horse = Conquest

= This one has in his hand **2 things**:

1. In his hand, he had a **bow** = Power, and warfare.
2. On his **head** is a crown = Dominion.

B. SECOND SEAL – DESTRUCTION

Red Horse = The blood-thirsty plans of evil man

- This is the **result** of man's attempt at **peace without** Christ.

C. THIRD SEAL – DEPRESSION

Black Horse = Famine

D. FOURTH SEAL – DEATH

Pale = Death

“It is tempting to believe that modern science has eliminated the fear of plague, but today we may be on the verge of the worst plagues the world has ever known. Notice I have written plagues, plural. It is quite possible that several deadly scourges could kill more people than have died in all the pestilences yet known to man. I am referring to plagues of bacteria, that are fast becoming resistant to almost every drug and antibiotic. Even now they are called the “nightmare bacteria” and they presently stalk hospitals all over the world.” “Satan and the Antichrist would like nothing better than to have a worldwide plague underway at the beginning of the Tribulation to further their argument for a one-world government led by a seemingly benevolent-peace-loving dictator.” **David Jeremiah**

E. FIFTH SEAL – DEVASTATION

These are slain for their testimony and faith = Martyrdom.

2 REASONS THEY ARE KILLED

1. Because they held to the **Word of God**.
2. Because of their **testimony**.

White robes = Their redeemed state.

F. SIXTH SEAL – DISTURBANCES

God hurls His wrath down upon a blasphemous world.

- Earthquakes
- Sun darkened
- Meteor shower

II. THE PLEA

This will be the **world’s greatest prayer meeting**. Every **class** of people from the **meanest** slave to the **greatest** King is affected.

STUDY GUIDE

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Would you consider yourself a patient person or an impatient person, and why?

When are you most impatient with other people?

Why does mankind deserve the wrath of God? (Romans 1:18)

Why do you think God has been patient with mankind even though we deserve His wrath? (2 Peter 3:9)

Have you ever experienced the “wrath” from someone because of something you said or did? How did it make you feel, and why?

Read Revelation 6:1 again.

What does thunder usually indicate? Have you ever “jumped” when the thunder cracks? Does it strike fear in you?

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Revelation 6 reveals to us the seal judgments. Six of them are described in detail. The seventh seal is opened in Chapter 8, which begins the seven trumpet judgments.

Using pastor’s sermon notes, read each of the following six seal judgments and ask these two questions:

1. How is the judgment described?
2. What does the judgment mean?

A. FIRST SEAL – 6:1-2

B. SECOND SEAL – 6:3-4

C. THIRD SEAL – 6:5-6

D. FOURTH SEAL – 6:7-8

E. FIFTH SEAL – 6:9-11

F. SIXTH SEAL – 6:12-14

II. THE PLEA

Read together Revelation 6:15-17

What is the reaction of mankind to the six seal judgments?

Why do you think they hid from God?

Why do people today run and hide from God?

If you are a believer, how have you escaped the wrath of God? Read Romans 5:8-9

Read together Matthew 5:13-16

What does it mean that the church (believers) are the salt and light of the earth?

What makes it challenging to live as the salt and light in this world? How are you distracted?

Knowing that God's wrath is coming on mankind, what should you be actively doing as a believer?

What needs to change in your life this week so that you can be the salt and light of this world in a better way?

Pray together and ask God to help you be the salt and light of this world. Each of you mention one person you can tell of God's love and how they can escape God's wrath.