



Revelation Chapter 6 part 2

The 5th and 6th Seals of Apocalypse!

Basic and General Study of the Book of Revelation

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REV.6:9 And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar **the souls of them that were slain for the word of God**, and **for the testimony which they held**:

REV.6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, **How long**, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and **avenge our blood** on them that dwell on the earth?

REV.6:11 And **white robes** were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season**, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

Although God does not always answer prayer exactly the way we want Him to, we know that He does always answer. --Usually either with a "yes," a "no," or a "wait!" So even when He doesn't seem to immediately answer prayer the way we want Him to, we

know that "He doeth all things well," and that He will answer our petitions in His good time. His wheels of judgement grind exceedingly fine, but they also sometimes grind exceedingly slow.

Even when the Saints in Heaven cried out to Him, beseeching Him to judge and avenge their persecutors on Earth, they were told to wait and "*rest yet for a little season*" until God's purposes were fully accomplished. So just wait, their day is coming! Right now God is showing the World how far they can go, how vile, filthy, cruel and wicked they are. But their cups of iniquity are beginning to run over, and God's about to clobber them! So just wait. Be patient. Their time is coming.

He's going to avenge His wrath on those who are persecuting them. This is *'avenge'*, not *'revenge'*. It is not a question of *'revenging'* them. The meaning is simply this: there is a God in heaven, and he cares for justice.



**** Luk.18:7,8** And shall not **God avenge his own elect** which cry to him day and night, though he takes a long time to do it? I tell you that **he will avenge them...**

**** Rev.16:4-7** And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became **blood**. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and was, and shalt be, because Thou hast judged thus. **For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and Thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.** And I heard another out of the altar

say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, **true and righteous are Thy judgements!**

And the angel says they're worthy of it because they shed the blood of God's prophets and His children and His people, so they deserve to drink blood!

**How the blood of the martyrs is avenged!
Justice will be done.**



We cannot be completely dogmatic and always exact to the nth degree in the application or interpretation of some of these scriptures. Because often the Prophet saw distant events like ranges of mountains one after the other in which only the mountaintops and peaks were outstanding, whereas the valleys were somewhat obscure. If you've ever noticed as you view mountains at a distance, you cannot always distinguish between the ranges, and sometimes two or three ranges can look like one range at a distance.



This is particularly true in consigning periods or events which are sometimes so similar that the prophet could be speaking of either or both. From the following 12th verse till the end of this chapter, those Scriptures could easily apply and describe any one of these major periods of the Rapture, the Wrath of God and the battle of Armageddon.

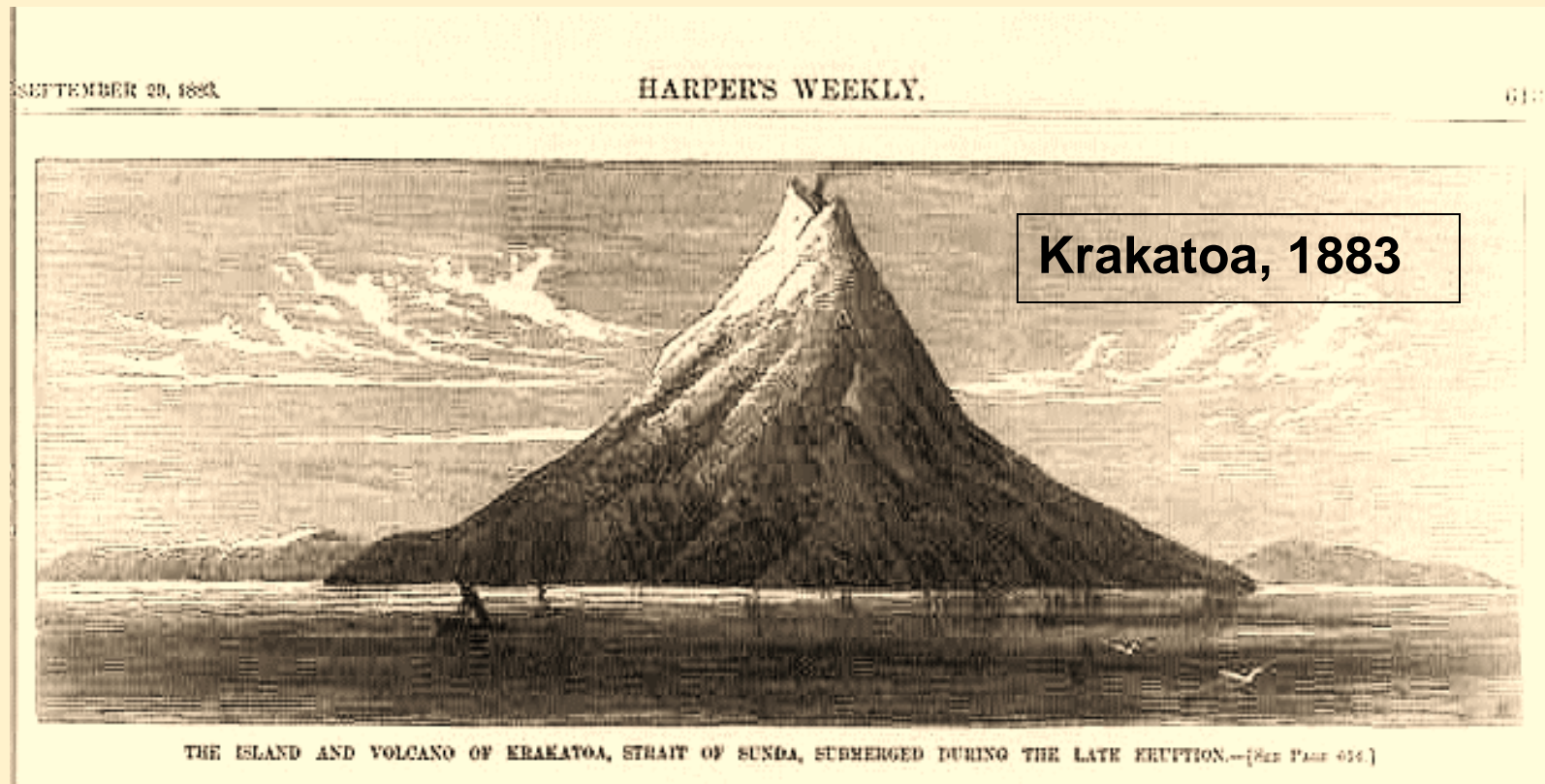
Many of these descriptions sound very much alike and are somewhat fused or confused sometimes, so that it is difficult to see where the one ends and the other begins. They sort of blend together, sometimes overlap, so that the same Scriptures could be applied to any one of them or a number of them, because they are all battles and periods of the Wrath of God on the Earth and of the End.

REV.6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the **sixth seal**, and, lo, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon became as blood**;

It doesn't mean that God is going to destroy the earth itself, neither the great Outer Space heavens beyond the atmosphere. These will not be destroyed, there's no purpose in destroying them. You might say, "*Well, didn't Jesus say that 'the Sun shall be darkened and the Moon will not give its light', doesn't that mean they're going to be destroyed?' (Mt.24:29)*"



--No! We don't know for sure and here is a speculation, it could just mean that there's going to be so much smoke and ashes in the atmosphere on Earth from all these cataclysmic final judgments of God, that even before the Millennium, during the Tribulation and the period of the Wrath of God, the Sun's going to be darkened and the Moon's not going to give its light or be **"turned to blood!"** The atmosphere is going to be so horribly polluted to the point that it's going to actually be dark in some places, as it was in some of the great volcanic explosions of the past.



In the explosion of Krakatoa back in 1883 on the island of Java, for three days the city of Batavia became so dark they had to carry around lanterns in the daytime! And as far away as London and Paris, the sun looked orange and the moon looked blue! There were so many ashes in the upper atmosphere and stratosphere from that tremendous explosion which was actually heard 2,000 miles away! Think of that!!

**** Joel 2:30-31** *And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, **blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.***



**** Mat.24:29-31**

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall

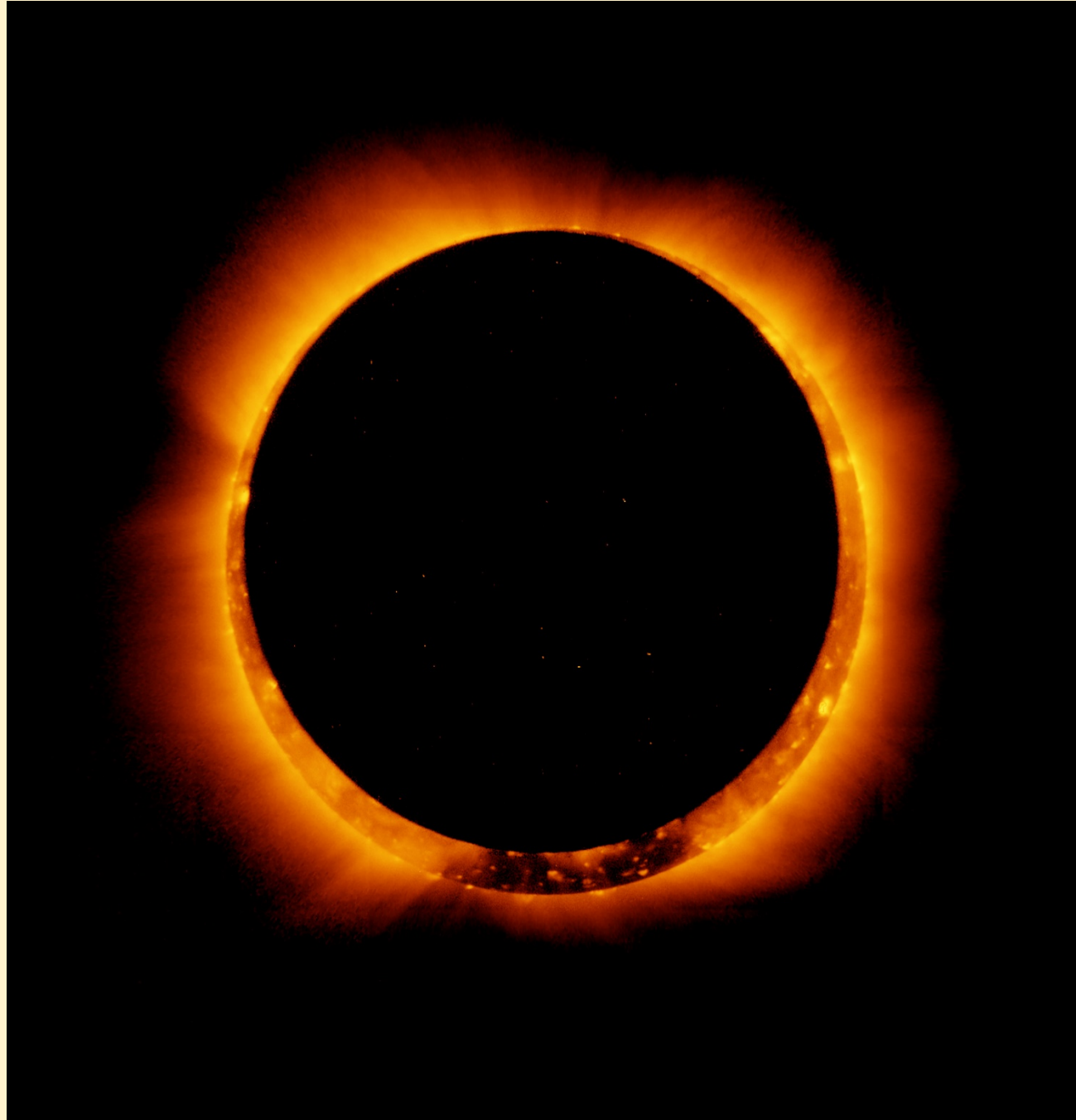
gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

**** Rev.16:18** And there were voices, and thunders, and lightning; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

Here we have the ultimate goal of 6,000 years of history: the glorious second coming of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ (*Jn.1:29*) to rescue the saints of all ages by the miracle of the resurrection and rapture and to mete out His violent wrath upon the wicked. Despite all the persecution of bestial man against the children of God in the Tribulation, the day is coming

"when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2Th.1:7, 8)





The prophet Isaiah and Joel in the Old Testament both saw something similar:

**** Isaiah 13:10-11** *For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: **the sun shall be darkened** in his going forth, and **the moon shall not cause her light to shine**. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

**** Joel 2:10** *The **earth quakes** before them, the **heavens tremble**; the **sun and moon grow dark**, and the **stars diminish their brightness**.*

REV.6:13 **And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree drops her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.**



the time they hit the ground and the buildings, they're going to be the weight of a talent and on fire like a bomb! --Great balls of fire that look like stars falling, and so the Bible calls them stars. In the ancient world, they had never heard of meteors! They hadn't yet discovered what meteors were and they looked like stars to them.

A possible interpretation here is that the earth is going to have showers of meteors, meaning the stars of Heaven falling to Earth, and over in Revelation chapter 16 it says by the time they get here, the Lord said they'll be the weight of a talent, that's the equivalent of about 75 pounds!

**** REV.16:21** And great hail from heaven fell upon men, **each hailstone about the weight of a talent.** Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

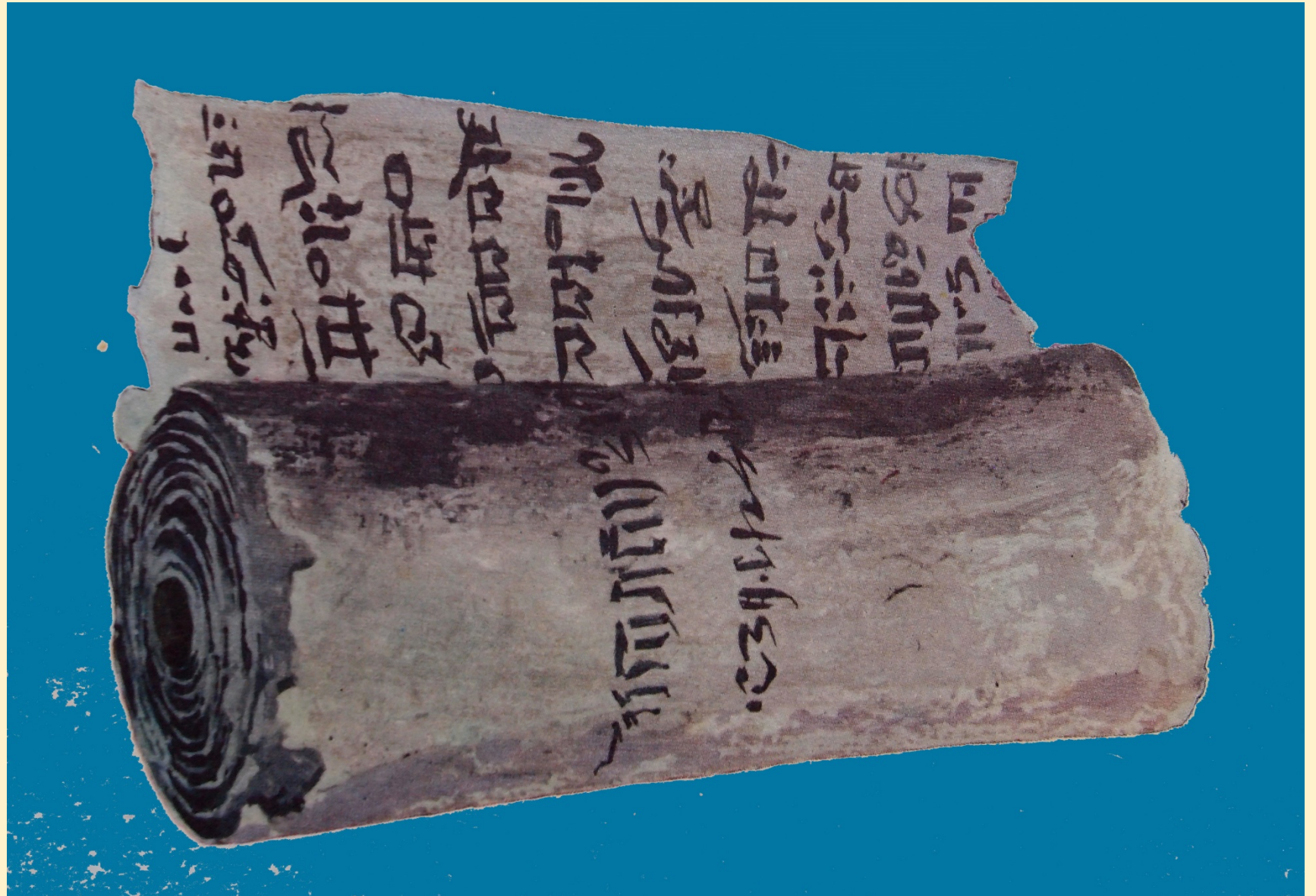
They come through the atmosphere so fast they're going to catch fire, and yet be so big that by

REV.6:14 And the **heaven departed as a scroll** when it is rolled together; and **every mountain and island were moved out** of their places.

The meaning of this verse is unclear at this time. The prophet Isaiah saw something similar and these verses almost always describe the Wrath of God before the Millennium but are sometimes also used for the final wrath of God at the battle of Gog and Magog.

**** ISA.34:4 ...And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down as the leaf falls from the vine, and as fruit falling from a fig tree.**

**** REV.16:20 Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.**



REV.6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, **hid themselves** in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;



**The great day
of his wrath
is come!**

REV.6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne, and **from the wrath of the Lamb:**

REV.6:17 for the great **day of his wrath is come;** and who shall be able to stand?

**** Luk.21:25-26** *And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for **the powers of heaven will be shaken.***

**** LUK.23:30 "Then they will begin 'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"**



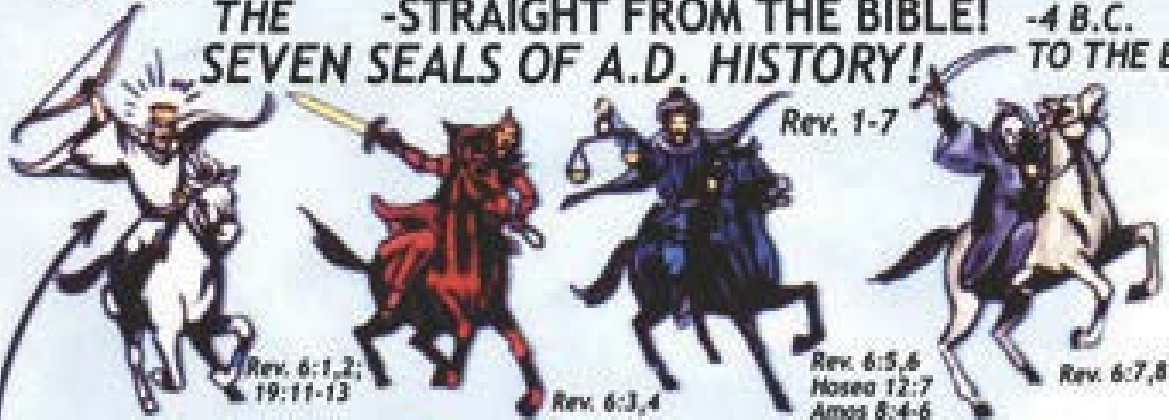
**** ISA. 2:19 They shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.**

During the tribulation and the wrath of God, God's Word says that some are going to beg to die and wish to die and cannot! They cry for the rocks and the mountains to fall on them to hide them from the Wrath of the Lamb, Jesus, who has come to wreak His judgments on them! The time's going to come when men will wish they could die! Death will be easier than the suffering, the torture, the torment and the Tribulation they're going to have to

go through! --Not us who are saved! (Read 1Th.5:9) Thank the Lord He's going to take care of us!

THE REVELATION

THE -STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE! -4 B.C. TO THE END
SEVEN SEALS OF A.D. HISTORY!



FIRST SEAL
WHITE HORSE=JESUS

SECOND SEAL
RED HORSE=WAR

THIRD SEAL
BLACK HORSE=BIG
BUSINESS-
MATERIALISM

FORTH SEAL
PALE HORSE=DEATH'S RULE
IN KINGDOMS OF WORLD



Rev. 6:9-11

Rev. 6:12-17

FIFTH SEAL -MARTYRS CRY OUT
TO GOD TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS



SIXTH SEAL
WRATH OF GOD
-THE END!

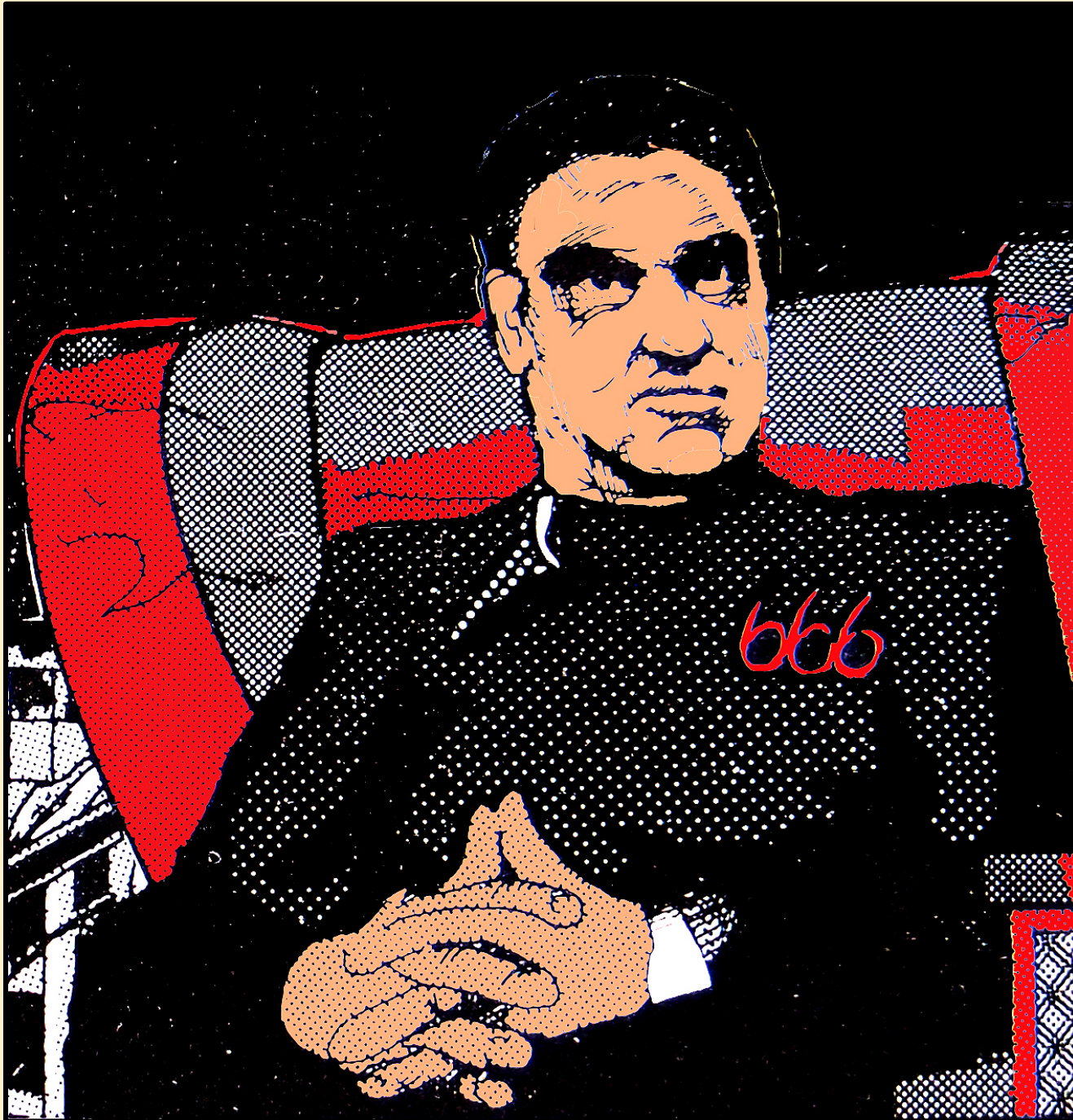


THE
ASCENSION

Since these first six seals present the whole span of history from the Ascension to the Second Coming, they are in a sense like God taking a camera and doing a real quick "shot" of history from the beginning to the very end, just like they often do in movies to give the setting for the story they are about to tell us.

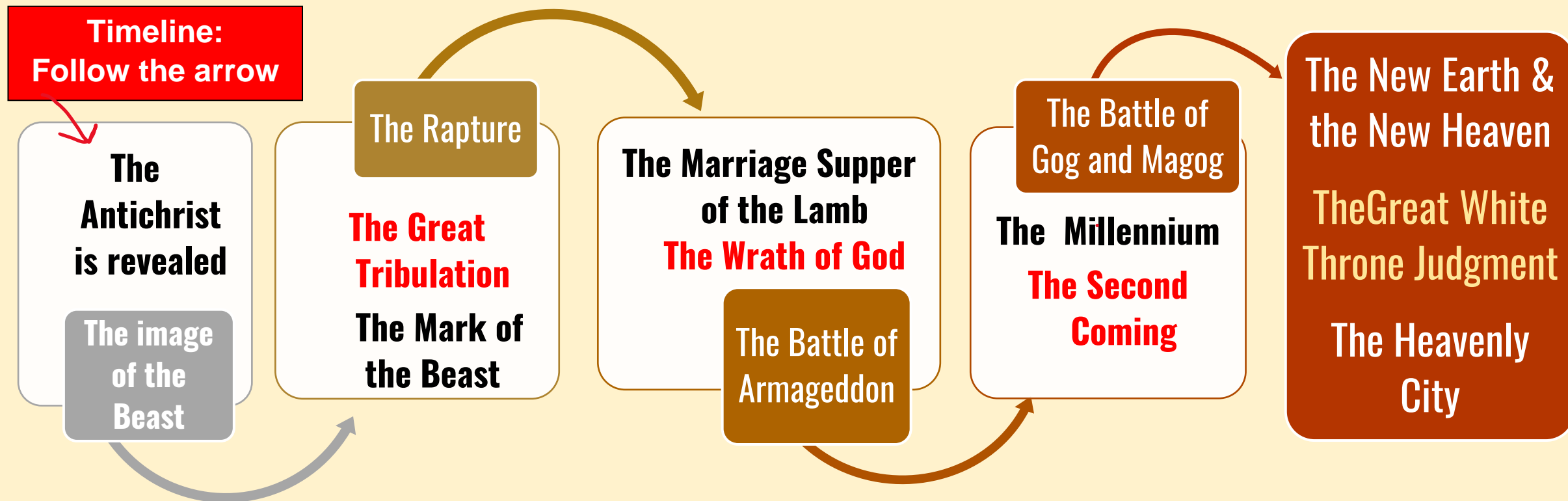
Then, at the second coming of Christ, the white horse and the resurrected martyrs emerge as victors over the other three horsemen: the kings (pale horse), the rich men (black horse), and the captains (red horse). This is also presented in more detail in *Rev.16 and 19*.

However, the worst is not here yet. There are some definite specific events that have to take place before Christ can come back.



**** 2TH.2:3, 4, 8-10** *Let no man deceive you by any means: for **that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;** who opposeth and exalteth himself 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.** 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:** even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and **lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish;** because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

The Antichrist, the man of sin, the world dictator has yet to arise to place the Abomination of Desolation (*Mt.24:15*), the image of the Beast, the imposition of his 666 mark, all this resulting in 3 1/2 years of Great Tribulation for the Church. (*Rev.13*) These events must happen before the events described under the sixth seal, the Second Coming and the Wrath can occur. All of this have been covered in the Daniel classes and will be covered again in the next chapters.



PS. It is important to note that it can sometimes be difficult to differentiate between passages applying to the Great Tribulation and those applying to the Wrath of God, or the battle of Armageddon and the battle of Gog and Magog, the Millennium and the New Earth periods, since some of these events are so very similar.

There can even be confusion between some of the final judgments, the Judgment Seat of Christ for the saved at the Wedding Supper of the Lamb after the rapture and the Great White Throne Judgment of the Wicked, the Second Resurrection, of those who are unsaved and not raised until after the Millennium. Do not let this discourage you as in the next chapters, each of these events will be explained.



Be ready for these events. You can receive Jesus at this very moment. It is a free gift of God. Please PRAY this simple prayer:

"Jesus, please forgive all my faults. I accept that You are the Son of God and that You died for me. I invite You into my heart and life. Thank you for your gift of eternal life and please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Help me to read and understand Your Word. Amen"

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