

Syllabus
The Book of Revelation
Chapter 6

The judgments of The Book of Revelation take place in a seven-year cycle.
That cycle is Daniel's 70th week (Daniel 9:27).
It is a seven-year *schmittah* cycle.

(See Appendix: Time: *Schmittah* Cycles.)
(See Appendix: Daniel's Seventieth Week)

First Four Seals
Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Rev. 6:1 ¶ *And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, Come.*

One of the Guardian Zoa gives the order to the first rider to "Come..."
They can only come forth as they are allowed by Heaven to do so.
And unbeknownst to them, they ride to their doom.

Rev. 6:2 *And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.*

The rider is not the Christ. The rider is the antichrist.
The Christ is holding the scroll and opening the seals.
The Christ is already the conqueror (Ephesians 1; Colossians 2:15).
This false one comes forth "to conquer."
The white horse does not symbolize purity, but the mount of a leader in battle.
The antichrist sets out to dominate the world.
The following riders are at his disposal throughout the seven years.

Rev. 6:3 ¶ *And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come.*

Rev. 6:4 *And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.*

War!

Rev. 6:5 ¶ *And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a balance in his hand.*

Rev. 6:6 *And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.*

Famine!
Shortage of food.

Brim Thought: These four horsemen ride throughout the seven years. For 3 ½ years, Israel (the woman) is hidden and nourished. If the church is the wheat harvest, could the oil and the wine refer to Israel? (Revelation 12:13, 14.) Just a thought.

Rev. 6:7 ¶ *And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come.*

Rev. 6:8 *And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority **over the fourth part of the earth**, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

Hilton Sutton, *Revelation Revealed* (page 93).

Over the seven years of the Tribulation, these Four Horsemen have authority over only ¼ of the earth. From this reference along with Isaiah 19, Zech. 14, Daniel 11:25, 30, 32, 40, 41, 44, and Revelation 9, we know the Antichrist will never rule the world, only the European-Mediterranean area comes under the Antichrist's influence. However, there is much destruction and death caused by these Four Horsemen.

Fifth Seal
Tribulation Period Martyrs

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

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

Rev. 6:11 *And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have fulfilled their course.*

I. These are Tribulation Period Martyrs (A Special Class.)

Not martyrs from the beginning (Abel and onward.)

Not martyrs from the church age.

Their bodies were resurrected and caught up with the church.

II. Their Call: For Judgment and Vengeance

E. W. Bullinger, *The Companion Bible*

“Avenge...” A call consistent with the day of judgment, not with the present day of grace.

Brim Note: A call from the present day of grace would be for forgiveness.

The Savior: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).

Stephen: “Lord, lay not this sin to their charge (Acts 7:60).

Numerical Bible: The call for judgment...indicates...the passing of the long parenthesis of grace upon the earth, during which God has been gathering a people for heaven. It is the day of wrath and judgment that is at hand, thus it is of God that they should cry for judgment — a judgment which is ready to be executed.

Clarence Larken, *The Book of Revelation*, (page 59)

These martyrs are those who will be killed for the “Word of God” and their “testimony” after the church is caught out.

According to Christ (Matt 24:9-14) a persecution will be brought about by the preaching of the “Gospel of the Kingdom.” When the church is caught out, the preaching of the “Gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24), which is being preached now, will cease, and the preaching of the “Gospel of the Kingdom” will be revived.

It is the Gospel that John the Baptist preached, “Repent ye: for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand (Matt 3:1,2), and that Elijah the Prophet...will preach (Mal. 4:5,6). It is to be preached by the Jews, and will be the announcement that Christ (The Messiah) is coming back to set up His Earthly Kingdom, and rule over the affairs of men.

Brim Note: Could be Jews (or at least include them) who remember the ancient promise from the Great Song of Moses:

Deut. 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people:
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And will render vengeance to His adversaries,
And will make expiation for His land, for His people.

III. Heaven’s Answer to These Martyrs

- White robes are given them only *after* their cry.

- Rest for a little season (3 ½ years) until their number (tribulation period martyrs) is filled up. (See other instances where one thing has to be “filled up” before another can come: Genesis 15:16; Romans 11:25.)

The Sixth Seal

Rev. 6:12 ¶ *And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood;*

Rev. 6:13 *and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs when she is shaken of a great wind.*

Rev. 6:14 *And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.*

Rev. 6:15 *And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains;*

Rev. 6:16 *and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb**:*

Rev. 6:17 *for **the great day of their wrath is come**; and who is able to stand?*

The Wrath

The absolute assurance that the Body of Christ is not on the earth during this period is substantiated by these Scriptures:

Rom. 5:8 But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom. 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be **saved from the wrath of God through him**.

1Th. 1:9...and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living and true God,

1Th. 1:10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **even Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come**.

1Th. 5:9 For **God appointed us not unto wrath**, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

E. W. Bullinger, The Companion Bible,
These are the signs immediately preceding the Advent of Revelation 19.
Matthew 24 covers exactly the period of the six seals thus:

Bullinger's Chart Follows:

Matt 24	The Seals	Rev 6
4, 5	1 st The False Messiah	1, 2
6, 7	2 nd Wars	3, 4
-7-	3 rd Famines	5, 6
-7-	4 th Pestilences	7, 8
8-28	Martyrdoms	9-11
29, 30	6 th Signs in Heaven of Advent	12-17

Brim Note:

The church is not on the earth for the Six Seals nor for Matthew 24.

See Appendix: Comparison of Matthew 24 and Luke 21.