

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

In the beginning of chapter 6 of Revelation – the Tribulation begins, and God is going to start shattering human beings loose from a false sense of security. Outside of your relationship with God, what typically in your life gives you a sense of security? How have you seen that sense of security broken?

Digging In**Read Revelation 6**

Question 1: Pastor Jeff talked about the significance of what the scroll and 7 seals on the scroll symbolize. These seals when opened will unleash different types of judgements on the earth. Why do you think it's significant that the "Lamb" is the one worthy to open the scroll and seals? (**Rev 5:9-10; 6:1**) How do you think that will help you understand your study of Revelation?

Question 2: Pastor Jeff talked about the first 6 seals that are opened in Revelation 6. The first four seals are described as the "Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" (**Rev 6:2-8**). The fifth seal is the "Martyred Tribulation Saints" (**Rev 6:9-11**) and the sixth seal is "Catastrophe on Earth" (**Rev 6:12-17**).

- 1st Seal – White Horse – A Conqueror (Crown and Bow) : anti-christ offering false peace
- 2nd Seal – Red Horse – A Conflict (Sword) : Nation against nation and man against man
- 3rd Seal – Black Horse – A Famine (Scales) : great famine
- 4th Seal – Pale Horse – Death : great death worldwide, ¼ of population dies.
- 5th Seal – Martyrs Cry – put their faith in Christ during the Tribulation, die for their faith
- 6th Seal – Cosmic Disturbance – great earthquake, sun turns black, moon turns red

Talk in your group about these different seals. After reading about these seal judgements, what response do you have? Does it scare you? Does it comfort you? Why or why not?

Question 3: Pastor Jeff applied this passage by allowing us to focus of **the justice of God**. Think about all of the injustices in our world today. How often in your life do you want to be the justifier instead of God? How do you want justice to be tweaked into your favor instead of allowing God to be the Judge of all the Earth? (**Genesis 18:25**) How do we remind ourselves that "The Judge of all the Earth will do right?"

Question 4: Pastor Jeff also said to focus on the peace of God after reading Revelation 6. All of us are longing for peace. What do we substitute the peace of God with in our lives? What do we put in place of the true peace that Jesus offers? (**John 14:27**)

Jesus says, “not as the world gives you peace, do I give you peace. Don’t let your hearts be troubled.”

How and why has your heart been troubled this week? How can you rely of the peace Jesus offers?

Taking it Home

While we as Christians wait a little longer for God to ultimately return, we are told to pray. How does this sermon and this passage encourage you to pray differently?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?