

The Seals (3/30/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: In Revelation 6, the Lamb of God opens the first six of the scroll's seven seals. The first four seals introduce the four horsemen who bring deception, war, famine, and persecution. The fifth seal reveals the martyrs of the faith, crying out, "How long?" The sixth seal brings a cosmic disturbance, marking the wrath of the Lamb upon the earth. This chapter offers a redemptive vision and theological framework for the Church as it navigates the age before Christ's final coming. God's people are called to: 1) persevere in faith in the Lamb; 2) proclaim their commitment to the Lord; and 3) patiently wait for God's justice. Let us prepare ourselves for the opening of the final seals, knowing that the Lamb is in complete authority over all that is to come.

Outline:

- **Persevere in Faith in the Lamb** (Rev 6:1-8)
 - Despite the chaos, remain faithful (Rev 6:1-17; Psa 91:4; Deut 7:9)
 - Endure suffering by keeping your eyes on Jesus (Rev 6:1; 2 Tim 4:7-8; Heb 12:1-2)
- **Proclaim Your Commitment to the Lord** (Rev 6:9-11)
 - Rest in God's Timing (Rev 6:10-11; Ps 46:10)
 - Our commitment to Christ can become a testimony to the world (Rev 6:11; Acts 1:8; Matt 28:1-20; Ps 71:15-18)
- **Patiently Wait for the Justice of Lord** (Rev 6:12-17)
 - Those who reject Christ will face terror and regret (Rev 6:15-17), but God's people will be vindicated (2 Thess 1:6-10)
 - Trust God to bring justice in His time (Rev 6:12-17; James 5:7-8; Rom 12:19)

Get Started:

1. How do you feel about the end times in general?
2. When you hear "the four horsemen of the apocalypse," what does it bring to mind?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 6:1-17. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How does chapter five provide an important backdrop for the opening of these seals? What does Jesus' authority to open the seals tell us about the various things that happen as a result?
5. What do you think the four horsemen represent?
6. What happens when the fifth seal is opened?
7. What about the sixth seal? Is it surprising to you that more events are still to come after this seal? Why or why not?

Move Forward:

8. After discussion and reflection about these end times prophecies, how do you feel now about "the end of the world"? Why?
9. Read Matthew 24:1-14. What are the main points Jesus is making here? How does this encourage you?
10. In light of the imminent return of Christ, what (or whom) are you most burdened to pray for? Let's take time to pray for these concerns together.