

Revelation 6

The Lamb breaks the first six seals, sending God's judgments upon the earth.

- I. The First Seal (6:1-2)
 - A. The announcer (6:1): The first living creature announces this judgment.
 - B. The action (6:2)
 - a. John sees a white horse (6:2a).
 - b. Its rider goes out to conquer with a bow in his hand and a crown on his head (6:2b).

- II. The Second Seal (6:3-4)
 - A. The announcer (6:3): The second living creature announces this judgment.
 - B. The action (6:4)
 1. John sees a red horse (6:4a).
 2. Its rider is given power to take peace from the earth (6:4b).

- III. The Third Seal (6:5-6)
 - A. The announcer (6:5a) The third living creature announces this judgement
 - B. The action (6:5b-6)
 1. John sees a black horse (6:5b).
 2. Its rider is holding a pair of scales, indicating a great famine is at hand (6:5c-6).

- IV. The Fourth Seal (6:7-8)
 - A. The announcer (6:7): The fourth living creature announces this judgment.
 - B. The action (6:8)
 1. John sees a pale green horse (6:8a).
 2. Its rider is death and hell (6:8b).
 3. Millions will now die by the sword, famine, plagues, and by wild beasts (6:8c).

- V. The Fifth Seal (6:9-11)
 - A. What John sees (6:9): He sees the souls of the martyred under heaven's altar.
 - B. What John hears (6:10-11)
 1. The request of the martyrs (6:10): "When will you avenge our blood?"
 2. The reply of the Messiah (6:11): The martyrs are told to wait a little longer, until "the full number of the servants of Jesus had been martyred."

- VI. The Sixth Seal (6:12-17)
 - A. What John feels (6:12a): A great earthquake strikes.
 - B. What John sees (6:12b-14)
 1. The sun turns black, and the moon turns blood red (6:12b).
 2. The stars fall (6:13).
 3. The sky rolls up like a scroll (6:14a).
 4. Every mountain and island is removed from its place (6:14b).
 - C. What John hears (6:15-17)
 1. The place (6:15b): The sound comes from the caves and among the rocks of the mountains.
 2. The persons (6:15a): They include kings, warriors, rich and poor, slaves and free men.
 3. The prayer (6:16-17): They all cry to be hidden from the wrath of the Lamb.