

The Seven Seals of the Lamb

6: 1-17

There is a parallel between Christ's prophecies while speaking privately to His apostles on the Mount of Olives in **Matthew 24** and the six seal judgments in **Revelation 6**. **The first seal** was opened revealing a rider on a white horse, who held a bow and who rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest. The Lord Jesus will come on a white horse, but this is not He, but a counterfeit Messiah, or the antichrist, who will establish a temporary peace. What is the first prophecy of **Matthew 24**? **Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many (Mt 24:4b-5).**

The second seal was opened revealing a man on a red horse with a large sword, who will take peace from the earth. The second prophecy given by our Lord was that there will be **wars and rumors of wars . . . nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom (Matthew 24:6-7a).**

The third seal was opened revealing a rider on a black horse, who was holding a pair of scales in his hand, and a voice among the four living creatures pointed to famine. And the third prophecy on the Mount of Olives made by Yeshua Messiah was that **there will be famines (Matthew 24:7b).**

The fourth seal was opened revealing one on a pale horse, the color of a corpse, whose rider was named Death and Sh'ol. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by the sword, famine and plague. Furthermore the fourth prophecy by the Lord Jesus tells of **famines and earthquakes in various places (Matthew 24:7b).**

The fifth seal has to do with those who were slain because of the Word of God, who, under the altar, cry out: How long, Sovereign Ruler, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood? What is the fifth prophecy by Messiah? **Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death (Matthew 24:9).**

The sixth seal described the earth in its death throws where the sun turned black, the moon turned blood red, stars fell and the sky receded like a scroll. Then another prophecy given by our Lord was that **the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken (Matthew 24:29).** Six of the seven seals are broken in this chapter; the scroll itself is opened when the seventh seal itself is broken in **8:1.**

The scene now shifts to **the earth**. Taken as a whole, **Chapter 6** is one of the most pivotal chapters in the entire book. It describes the first **six seals** and also introduces **the seventh seal** that consists of, and introduces, **the seven trumpet judgments** of the wrath of **God**. It should put to rest the false teaching that **Jesus Christ**, being a **God** of love, could not judge a wicked world.¹⁹²