

The Book of

REVELATION

Lesson 6

Chapter 6:1 to 7:8

Vision 2: The first six seals are opened.

Look for the answer to these questions:

1. Revelation 6:1-8 tells of 4 horses and 4 riders. What color is the first horse? What does the rider represent?
2. What color is the second horse? What does the rider represent?
3. What color is the third horse? What does the rider represent?
4. What color is the fourth horse? What does the rider represent?
5. What are the four “sore judgments” of Ezekiel 14:21?
6. In Revelation 6:10-11, who cries out from under the altar?
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IN HEAVEN

The Throne Room. The Book with 7 Seals. The Lamb.

In Chapters 4 and 5, we learned about the book with seven seals that can only be opened by the Lamb of God.

ON EARTH



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The first Six Seals are Opened. The 144,000 are sealed.

John's second vision is of things that will happen on earth.

At this time, the Bride of Christ has already been carried into heaven.

On Earth, the first 3½ years of the Antichrist's reign (the peaceful years) have ended.

When these seals are broken, the Great Tribulation begins.

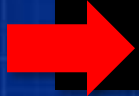
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Part 3: The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter

4:1 to 22:21

Chapter 6: The opening of the first six seals

verses 1-8: The first 4 seals and the 4 men on horses.





Revelation 6:1

- ¹ And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals,
and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder,
one of the four beasts saying,
Come and see.

1



Revelation 6:2

And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.



The first horseman is THE ANTICHRIST, pretending to be the savior on a white horse. But just like the devil who comes only to steal, to kill, and to destroy (John 10:10), the antichrist comes only to conquer.



Revelation 6:3

³ And when he had opened the second seal,
I heard the second beast say,
Come and see.

2



Revelation 6:4

And there went out another horse *that was red*: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

2



RED is the color of BLOOD, and the sword is a symbol of WAR. “For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape” (1 Thess 5:3).



Revelation 6:5a

⁵ And when he had opened the third seal,
I heard the third beast say, Come and see.

3



Revelation 6:5b-6

- ⁵ ...And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances [measuring scales] in his hand.
- ⁶ And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

3



The Black Horse signifies FAMINE.

Food will be in short supply, and the payment for a full day's work ["a penny"] will not be enough to buy one day of food. The preservation of oil and wine may point to special protection of God's elect during famine times.



Revelation 6:7

⁷ And when he had opened the fourth seal,
I heard the voice of the fourth beast say,
Come and see.

4



Revelation 6:8

And I looked, and behold a pale horse:
and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him.
And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill
with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

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These are the “four sore judgments” of Ezekiel 14:

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Ezekiel 14:20-21

²⁰ Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it,
as I live, saith the Lord GOD,
they shall deliver neither son nor daughter;
they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

²¹ For thus saith the Lord GOD;
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noisome is evil and hurtful

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The Antichrist, War, Famine, Death:
These are the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.



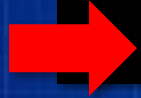
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1-8 The first 4 seals and the Four Horsemen

9-11 The 5th seal, and the martyrs under the altar





Revelation 6:9

⁹ And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:





Revelation 6:10-11

- ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying,
How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge
our blood on them that dwell on the earth?
- ¹¹ And white robes were given unto every one of them;
and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little
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In this vision, John sees the Tribulation martyrs waiting to be resurrected. They are able to speak from the grave only because this is a vision, not an literal truth. “For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing” (Eccl. 9:5).

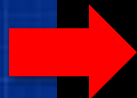


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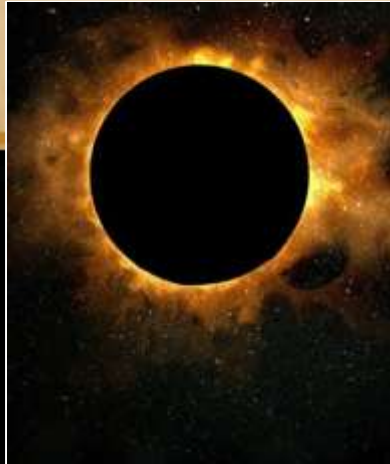


Revelation 6:12-13

¹² And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal,
and, lo, there was a great earthquake;

Revelation 6:12-13

- ¹² ...and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair,
and the moon became as blood;
- ¹³ And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth,
even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs,
when she is shaken of a mighty wind.



A scroll with a starry sky background. The scroll is unrolled, showing a vast field of stars and a bright, glowing region on the right side. The scroll is held by two wooden rollers on the left and right sides. The background is a deep black space filled with numerous white and blue stars, with a prominent band of light and color stretching across the upper portion, suggesting a galaxy or nebula. The overall scene is framed by a red border.

Revelation 6:14

¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together;



Revelation 6:14

¹⁴ And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together;
and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Revelation 6:15-16

- ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth,
and the great men,
and the rich men,
and the chief captains,
and the mighty men,
and every bondman [slave],
and every free man,
hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;
- ¹⁶ And said to the mountains and rocks,
Fall on us,
and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne,
and from the wrath of the Lamb:
- ¹⁷ For the great day of his wrath is come;
and who shall be able to stand?

This question will be answered in Chapter 7.

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 Chapter 7: “Who Shall Be Able To Stand?”

“Chapter 7 is a parenthesis in the chronology of Revelation, showing God’s program of grace and salvation during the period of judgment.”

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These events happen *before* the six seals are opened.

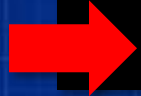
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Chapter 7: "Who Shall Be Able To Stand?"

1-8 The four angels and the 144,000



Revelation 7:1

- ¹ And after these things
I saw four angels standing on
the four corners of the earth,
holding the four winds of the
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The four winds are God's judgment of the earth. Four angels hold back the judgment until God's servants can be protected.

Revelation 7:2-3

- ² And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,
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The 144,000 who are sealed by God will be able to stand in the great day of his wrath.

Revelation 7:4-8

- 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed:
and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand
of all the tribes of the children of Israel.
- 5 Of the tribe of Juda *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Reuben *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Gad *were sealed twelve thousand.*
- 6 Of the tribe of Aser *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Nepthalim *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Manasses *were sealed twelve thousand.*
- 7 Of the tribe of Simeon *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Levi *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Issachar *were sealed twelve thousand.*
- 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Joseph *were sealed twelve thousand.*
Of the tribe of Benjamin *were sealed twelve thousand.*

The 144,000 are believers
from the 12 tribes of Israel.

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This completes John's second vision.

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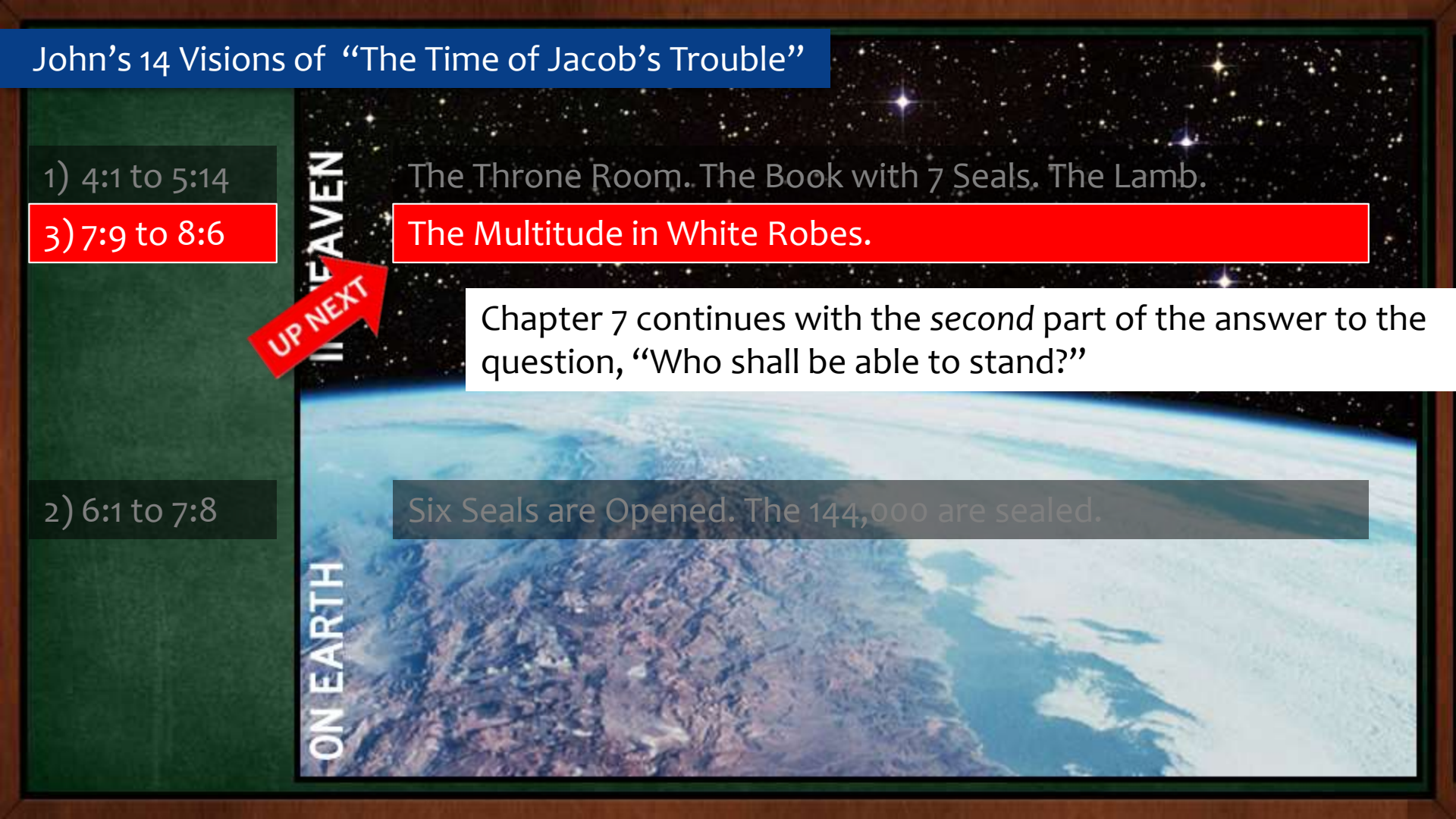
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The Multitude in White Robes.

Chapter 7 continues with the *second* part of the answer to the question, "Who shall be able to stand?"

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Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

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Each question is worth 10 points. Do NOT share your answers with other students.



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