

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. We believe God is a God of love. How do we explain the events of these six seals?
2. What encouragement can we receive through the opening of the fifth seal?
3. Will men recognize the Lord when they see the terrible happenings of the end time? What will their reaction be?

### SUMMARY:

God is a God of love, but also a God of righteousness who cannot tolerate a continuance in sin. He is forbearing and patient but will manifest His wrath when men refuse to repent for their sins.

The opening of the six seals reveals a picture of wars, famines, death by various means which will kill one fourth of the world's population, a great earthquake, the sun turning black, the moon becoming red as blood, the heavens rolled back as a scroll, and the mountains and islands moved out of their places. Men of all stations of life will fear and tremble and will try to hide from the face of God who is revealed to them. They will **know** these events are an evidence of God's wrath for their sins.

By contrast, the multitudes of martyrs are adorned with white robes and an assurance that they will in due time, receive their rewards.

Note: See introduction to this lesson on the inside of last week's lesson.

### NOTES:

## APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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### THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD

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**LESSON TEXT:** *Revelation 6:1-17*

**LESSON SETTING:** John's vision of the Lamb opening the six seals in heaven.

**TIME:** Approximately 96 A.D.

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#### **I. THE FOUR HORSEMEN.** Revelation 6:1-8

- A. The Victor (vs. 2) Matthew 12:20; 1 Corinthians 15:24; Revelation 17:14
- B. War (vs. 4) Matthew 24:6
- C. Famine (vs. 5) Matthew 24:7; Revelation 18:8
- D. Death (vs. 8) Psalm 49:10; Ecclesiastes 8:8

#### **II. THE MARTYRED SAINTS.** Revelation 6:9-11

- A. Martyrs (vs. 9) Matthew 10:21; Revelation 20:4
- B. Suffering for Christ (vs. 9) Romans 8:17; Hebrews 11:25; James 5:10

#### **III. THE WRATH OF THE LAMB.** Revelation 6:12-17

- A. God's Wrath (vs. 12-14) John 3:36; Romans 1:18, 2:8; Ephesians 5:6
- B. Man's Guilt (vs. 15, 16) Genesis 3:8; Isaiah 2:19; Hebrews 10:27
- C. God's Vengeance (vs. 17) Romans 12:19; 2 Thessalonians 1:8; Hebrews 10:30

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**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE GREAT DAY OF HIS WRATH IS COME; AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?* Revelation 6:17

**NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON:** Revelation 7:1-17

**SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES:** Isaiah 35:1-10; 43:1-13

**QUARTERLY THEME:** Christ, The Triumphant Lord

**TOPIC:** VICTORIOUS SAINTS

**INTRODUCTION:**

We see in our lesson again that angels play a part in the fulfilling of the revelation of Jesus Christ. The four angels mentioned in the first verse have power to hurt the earth but have been requested to wait until the servants of God have been sealed. This number is 144,000 of the children of Israel, 12,000 from each tribe. As far as is known today these tribes have lost their identity, but God still knows them and they shall be revealed according to their tribes.

After this John saw a great multitude, every kind of people from all nations and all tongues. They stand before the Throne and before the Lamb with white robes. These robes were washed in the blood of the Lamb and made white (salvation). This great multitude, INNUMERABLE, with the angels, all worshipped God.

John apparently did not know where this multitude came from. They were different than the martyrs whom he recognized as such in chapter six. Then one of the elders told him that they had come out of **great** tribulation. It appears that great multitudes will come to Jesus during the tribulation period and by faith will find salvation through His blood. Those who turn to the Lord during this great tribulation will forfeit their lives because of their faith. Those who are gathered around the throne shall serve God day and night. They are with Him and He shall protect them.

The eternal joy of being with Him will make all our sufferings and heartaches pale into insignificance. The days of our trials will be revealed as inconsequential in comparison with eternity in God's presence.

**CENTRAL TRUTH:** Though God is love, He is a just God, and judgment will fall upon all those who persist in their wicked ways.

**GOLDEN TEXT:** *THE LAMB WHICH IS IN THE MIDST OF THE THRONE SHALL FEED THEM, AND SHALL LEAD THEM UNTO LIVING FOUNTAINS OF WATER: AND GOD SHALL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS FROM THEIR EYES.*  
Revelation 7:17

What a blessed state to be in! To think that the things that become such burdens to us in this life shall be done away. We will have no concerns for hunger and thirst, cold or heat. Those who are with the Lamb shall be nurtured by Him. He will feed His own and will lead them by living waters, the river of water of life. He will reveal Himself as that true Shepherd caring for His sheep. He will wipe away all tears. There will be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, or pain. (Revelation 21:4)

Then to think that so many people today procrastinate and refuse to make the greatest decision of their lives. Seemingly men would rather suffer, not only in this life but in all eternity then to submit to Jesus and receive the promises of His salvation. Joshua said "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15) As for me, I will serve the Lord so that I can be with Him eternally.

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 16 – 22**

- M. The Purpose of Spiritual Power. Acts 1:1-8
- T. Victory in Persecution. Acts 4:9-31
- W. A Victorious Ministry. Acts 8:4-17
- T. Sealed for Spiritual Service. 2 Corinthians 1:13-23
- F. Sealed by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:25-32
- S. \*Sealed and Kept During Tribulation. Revelation 7:1-8
- S. \*Rescued Out of Great Tribulation. Revelation 7:9-17

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