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Revelation 6

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The wrath of Jesus

Revelation, chapter 6

Chapter 6 describes the Lamb continuing to open the scroll and the events that led to the opening of the seal, including war, famine, death, natural disasters, and God's judgment.

Chapters 6 through 8, which deal with the vision of the seven seals, speak of the plague that will afflict the whole earth, and that the fulfillment of God's plan will pass through the stage of calamity throughout the earth. The seventh seal will unveil the seventh, and the seventh trumpet is the seven bowls, which is the whole arrangement. John told the church about the vision he had received, and it was A.D. 100 that the emperor of the Roman Empire was persecuting Christians and imposing many sinners on the church. Let's look at the book of Revelation to consider how John's message helped the church at that day. The seven seals, the seven trumpets, and the seven bowls are God's eschatological plan for the church then, present, and future. For the church at that time, the book of Revelation gave them the strength to know that God was in control. In today's circumstances, we receive this truth that can be applied in the church today. Now that the earth is under the threat of war, we are to believe that God is in control and that God's plan is being done. The beginning of the Seven Years Tribulation describes the tribulation of the Seven Seals. In particular, the plague of the seven seals is very similar to the end-time signs that Jesus spoke of. Every time the Lamb unveils a seal, it brings out a vision; The first four seals are a group, and the last three seals are a group. At this time, only the seven seals of the sealed scroll were opened, and the scroll itself had not yet been unfolded, so the first six seals (vv.2-17) only brought out the "beginning of the tribulation" prophesied by the Lord Jesus. The seven trumpets

(8:1-2) brought out by the seventh seal are the real tribulations recorded in the scroll. The Gospel of Matthew mentions that great calamities will occur in the world before Christ's second coming, which goes hand in hand with the calamities described in the book of Revelation. Matthew 24:21: "For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will it ever be." "The situation in the disaster is very tragic and intense.

Before the Four Seals—The Tribulation of Human Corruption (6:1-8)

Matthew 24:6-8 says, "Do not be dismayed when you hear the wars and the rumors of wars, for these things are necessary, but the end is not yet coming." The people will fight against the people, and the kingdom will fight against the nation, and there will be famines and earthquakes in many places, and these are the beginning of calamities. After reading this passage and comparing it with Revelation 6:1-8, we will see that there are many similarities between the two passages. Verses 1 and 2 of chapter 6 are the first seals, and they speak of conquest, and a victor appears; Verses 3 and 4 are the second seals, and they speak of war, of bloodshed; Verses 5 and 6 are the third seals, speaking of oppression and famine, of the oppression of the poor by the rich; Verses 7 and 8 are the fourth seals, which speak of plague and death, which killed a quarter of the earth's population. All of these disasters are the result of the corruption of human nature. Killing a quarter of the earth's population is an incredible amount. The total population of the world today has exceeded 7 billion, and 1.7 billion people will leave this world in a disaster. But this is only the beginning of a catastrophe, and God's punishment will be the worst catastrophe in human history, beyond words. Both the Old and New Testaments continue to reveal that there must be judgment before the coming of God's kingdom, "the day of the Lord." Thus, the tribulations in chapters 6-7 are only a prelude to the beginning of the final phase of the plan of salvation, and the timing is uncertain, and each calamity may not be fulfilled only once, but probably beginning with the Roman Empire and continuing throughout the history leading up to Christ's return. Because the Lord Jesus said that these calamities, like women's "childbirth difficulties," will become more frequent and more severe. The trial is getting stronger and stronger. God has put judgment on people in the hope that they will return to God. Therefore, when people kill each other with swords and swords and cannot repent of famine, God says that the heavens and the earth will be shaken, and eventually the heavens and the earth will be displaced! When Jesus returns, the earthquake will get stronger and stronger, and the goal is to get people to repent and seek God. (v.17) Even if the heavens shake the earth but the hardness of man's heart is unmoved, God's wrath will grow stronger and stronger. We may be persecuted in the process, but God will strengthen us when we encounter them. The great economic turmoil in the world has begun, and wars seem to break out at any time, all of which point to the end times. When people act evilly, these trials will become more and more intense in the midst of us. When adversity comes, we have the opportunity to preach the gospel and call people back to Him, and people are always especially easy to believe in the Lord at low times, so tribulation is also an experience that we need in life, and people can be humble and soft. Pray that the Lord will keep our hearts and minds so that we can stand in the last days

'Come' (vv.1, 3, 5, 7) 'Come' is not addressed to John, but the 'four living creatures' giving a command to the four horsemen in the vision. The thunderous voice of the four living creatures

saying "you come" is better translated as "go", as in "you go", which means to the rider that they want to go out to complete their task, this view is more in the nearest context, and seems to be natural. When Jesus the Lamb unveils the seven seals, it represents what will happen during the cataclysm.

The vision of the Four Horsemen (v.1–8) symbolizes God's judgment on the earthly kingdoms: war, invasion, social upheaval, economic collapse, and death from plague, and so on. The judgment of the Four Horsemen has been present throughout the history of mankind. No earthly kingdom, whether secular nation, escapes these four outcomes. For the Lord said, "My kingdom is not of this world," therefore, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; Give to God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:22), and we should not have any illusions that the world will get better and better.

The first seal is a white horse

The first seal is a white horse, and the rider has a crown, which is different from the white horse rider in chapter 19, because chapter 19 wears many crowns on the head, which is called "Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords." The horse and the rider came out of God to come into the world to judge. So here it is mentioned that the man who rides on a white horse and holds a bow is the enemy Christ, who has no sword, but only a bow, but no arrows, and a bow without arrows means that he will win not by weapons, and the presence of the enemy Christ will win many nations to claim to him. So the beginning of the great calamity was the appearance of the enemy Christ, who had force, but did not use force to conquer the nations and become the co-lord of the nations. It's the "False Christ" and the "Antichrist," the "Antichrist" mentioned in 1 John 2, who is to imitate Christ on a white horse. Revelation 13:3 tells us that because of His appearance, all the people of the world were amazed to follow Him. This is what Jesus told His disciples when He preached on earth. Mark 13:6: "Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many."

The second seal is the red horse

The second seal is a red horse, and the rider takes the peace from the earth and kills each other. One of the phenomena of the catastrophe is war, there are international wars, there are civil wars, and the red horsemen have a broadsword, which should be a symbol, because modern wars use guns, not swords. "Red" (v.4) is the color of blood, and the knight on the red horse represents social unrest, civil war, and revolution. The Lord Jesus prophesied that before He returned, "the people will rise against the people." "Power is given to him that rides a horse," indicating that all authority is given by God. God allows people to kill each other and let people judge themselves. The sword, a short sword or side sword worn at the waist, was not the main weapon of warfare at the time, but was suitable for internal unrest, 'taking peace from the earth and causing men to kill one another' (v.4). The Christian life is a spiritual battle, and earthly wars are bound to bring all sorts of suffering. Protracted wars can lead to poverty and displacement of people, and even the emptiness of national coffers and high prices.

The second seal is war! "Take away the peace from the earth, and cause men to kill one another; And another great knife was given to him." (cf. v.4) The Bible's First World War is in the

fourteenth chapter of the Book of Creation, a battle between four kings and five kings, and Abraham with three hundred and eighteen men of men put an end to it. By the time of World War II, when atomic bombs were dropped on Japan's territory, the number of deaths was much higher. The terrible war is at this time. We can speculate that it was the crowned rider on the white horse who would have had to first achieve a short-term victory by bloodshedding massive murder. After that, when the red horse rider appears, he will fight another bloody war, and the peace of the world will be taken away, and the intensity will become stronger and stronger. In other words, until the last days, God's wrath against those who do not want to believe in Jesus will grow!

The third seal is a dark horse

When the third seal was opened, he saw a black horse; He who rides on a horse has a balance in his hand." Verse 6 "And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, 'A penny buys a measure of wheat, and a penny buys three measures of barley; Do not waste oil or wine.'" The colour 'black' is the colour of mourning, 'black' (v.5) is the colour of hunger and famine, and the knight of the black horse represents economic collapse and famine. The Lord Jesus prophesied that before He returned, "there will be famine in many places." The "scales" (v. 5) are the scales used to weigh valuables, and in times of economic collapse, food is so precious that it must be weighed because of an economic crisis in the event of a catastrophe and a shortage of food that has led to high prices. One dollar of silver is equivalent to a day's wages, and you can only buy one liter of wheat and three liters of wheat, which is very expensive and enough for one person to serve in a day. During the catastrophe, there will be agricultural harvest failures, resulting in famine and insufficient grain. 'Do not waste oil and wine' (v.6), a ban given to the knights of the dark horses, meaning not to harm oil and wine. At this time, the famine was limited by God, and it had not yet reached the point of starvation, and the basic needs of man could still be satisfied. In the midst of the tribulation, God still imposed restrictions on the work of the man on the dark horse, and the oil and wine were not only for human consumption, but also had the effect of healing diseases. Therefore, it is extremely precious, and it is forbidden to trample on it, but it is also a manifestation of God's mercy and abundant grace.

The fourth seal is a gray horse

The fourth seal is a gray horse, and he is on a horse, and his name is Death, and hell follows him; and power unto them to slay a quarter of the earth with the sword, and with famine, and with pestilence, and with wild beasts." "Hell (v.8)" is the place where the souls of the dead temporarily dwell and await judgment, so "death" (v.8) and "hell" go hand in hand. Hell is also known as the "bottomless pit," and the souls of believers do not rest in "hell" but in "paradise" (Luke 23:43).)。 Again, it states that 'authority was given to them' (vvv.4, 8), indicating that the authority to die was also given by God. 'The sword, the famine, the pestilence and the beast' (v.8) is exactly the same as the 'four plagues' prophesied in the Old Testament. In the history of mankind, plagues have been around and lingering. God has repeatedly used the Great Plague to reverse the course of human history, using tiny viruses and bacteria to teach proud humans to be humble. Since the beginning of the 21st century, there have been several outbreaks of plagues, which have shocked mankind to discover that the beautiful world is full of risks, and modern medicine is helpless. The seals were all unsealed by Christ, and all these calamities were of

God's will, not accidental, and the whole earth was to be judged for the sins of men. So history is not out of control, God is still in control! This was an encouragement to the church at that time.

The judgment of the four horses is the beginning of the great tribulation, and the end is yet to come. But the four horses and the horsemen, who have prophesied their actions and deeds throughout the ages, and their final fulfillment is determined to be at the end of the world. That was the time when Jesus would return to judge on Jehovah's great and terrible day.

Fifth seal

The fifth seal brings out a vision of heaven. These "souls" may have been martyrs in the Roman Empire, or they could refer to all martyrs from Abel to the return of the Lord Jesus. The souls of these martyrs are 'under the altar' (v.9), symbolizing that they have given their lives to God, so their souls live with God. The fifth seal does not seem to be a calamity, but a vindication of the souls of those who have been killed for the Word of God and for their testimony. This cry of retribution came from the altar and indicated that their martyrdom was a sacrifice in God's eyes (v.9). On the surface they were innocently killed, but in the spirit they were sacrifices remembered by God, who did not forget that everyone who sacrificed for the Lord would clothe them in white as a sign of holiness. When they are told that there are still people who will be killed and that they have to wait a little longer, it means that there is great persecution and that there are believers who are martyred. This great persecution provoked God's wrath and brought about the sixth seal. If the church has been raptured, those who have not been overcome have not been raptured and repented, and those who have come to faith during the Tribulation, they will be persecuted and martyred (v.11).

Sixth Seal

The series of tribulations brought about by the sixth seal mentions seven things "heaven, earth, sun, moon, stars, mountains, and islands" to represent a drastic change in the entire universe, which is the universal tribulation that will precede Christ's return.

The Lord Jesus prophesied that before He returned, "the earth will shake exceedingly..... and terrible visions and great signs appeared from heaven." "The sun turns black like wool cloth, and the full moon turns red like blood" may be caused by a super earthquake, which caused many volcanic eruptions and filled the air with volcanic ash. "Woolen cloth" is a coarse cloth woven from black mountain wool, which can be made "black like woolen cloth by solar eclipses, sandstorms and smog", and "red like blood by a full moon" by a total lunar eclipse. The Lord Jesus prophesied, 'As soon as the tribulations of those days have passed, the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the heavens will be shaken', and 'the stars of heaven will fall to the earth' (v.13), which may be a rain of meteorites or lava falling from the sky. "The heavens moved as if a scroll were rolled up" may refer to a violent change in the atmosphere, as if the heavens were moving, and the clouds rolled as if a scroll were being rolled up. 'Mountains and islands were removed from their places' (v.14), prophesied by the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 4:24), probably referring to a great earthquake causing a great change in the landscape. Verse 15 gives a complete list of the seven classes of people on earth. Their power, their position, their strength, their wealth, their power,

and their identities will be of utter utter useless use in the day of judgment. This is the only mention of 'the wrath of the Lamb' (v.16). The "Lamb" that has been slain (5:6) is weak, but the "wrath of the Lamb" is terrible; If the world rejects the substitutionary atonement of the Lamb on the cross, he will be judged by the wrath of the Lamb, for the Lord Himself declares, "If anyone hears my words and does not obey, I will not judge him." I have not come to judge the world, but to save it. He that rejects me, and does not receive my word, will judge him—that my preaching will judge him at the last day" (John 12:47-48). Even in the midst of such a great retribution, God leaves room for repentance. The calamities of the first six seals (v.2–17) are mainly natural and man-made disasters. Although the sixth seal was earth-shattering and alarming (vv.16–17), it was rarely harmed. Because these are only the prelude to the "great day of wrath," the truly terrible judgment and tribulation will not come until the seventh seal is opened and the scroll is opened. But instead of repenting, the world became more and more judgmental, and the hardened hearts became. The world that rejects God 'hides us' (v.16) and laments, 'Who can stand'. They have always lived in contradiction, on the one hand, they do not believe in the God of righteousness and goodness, and on the other hand, they complain about the lack of justice and goodness in the world. On the one hand, he believes that man will conquer the sky, and on the other hand, he prays to the heavens. Believers also often live in contradictions, hoping that God will not examine them on the one hand, and on the other hand, hoping that God will always take care of them. On the one hand, he yearns for the inheritance of heaven, and on the other hand, he is reluctant to leave the world. At the Last Judgment, only the born-again, faithfully victorious saints will be able to "stand before the throne and before the Lamb" (79). Therefore, "keep watch, and pray always, that ye may flee from all these things that are to come, that ye may stand before the Son of Man."

Let's pray:

Abba Heavenly Father, the great economic shaking of the world has begun, global diseases are happening before our eyes, and wars are breaking out in different parts of the globe, all pointing to the end times. When people do evil, these judgments will come upon us stronger and stronger. When tribulation comes, we have the opportunity to preach the gospel and call people to turn to God, and people are always very easy to believe in the Christian when they are at a low ebb, so tribulation is also a necessary experience in our lives, so that people can be humble and soft. Pray that the Lord will keep our hearts and minds so that we can live on the watchful foot, so that we can stand in the last days!

In the holy name of Jesus Christ. amen

Revelation 6

6:1 When I saw the Lamb unveil the first seal of the seven seals, I heard one of the four living creatures, and the voice was like thunder, saying, Come.

6:2 And I looked, and behold, there was a white horse, and the one on the horse had a bow. and a crown was given to him. And he came out, and he triumphed, and he triumphed.

6:3 When the second seal was opened, I heard the second living creature say, "Come."

6:4 and another horse came out and was red . He who rode a horse was given authority to take peace from the earth and cause them to kill one another. And a great sword was given to him.

6:5 When the third seal was opened, I heard the third living creature say, Come. i looked and saw a black horse . Hold the scales in your hand on a horse.

6:6 I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, "A penny buys a litre of wheat, and a penny buys three litres of barley. Oil and wine must not be wasted.

6:7 When the fourth seal was opened, I heard the fourth living creature say, "Come."

6:8 i looked and saw a grey horse . the name of the one who rides on the horse is called death . hell also followed him . and power was given unto them, to slay a fourth of the earth with the sword, with famine, with pestilence, with famine, with beasts of the beast of the earth.

6:9 When the fifth seal was opened, I saw the spirits of those who had been slain for the word of God and for witnesses under the altar.

6:10 And he cried out with a loud voice, "Holy and true Lord, how long will thou judge the blood which dwelleth on the earth for avenging us."

6:11 So white robes were given to each of them. And it was said to them that they should rest for a while, and that they should wait for their fellow servants and their brethren to be killed as if they were to be killed, and the number was full.

6:12 When the sixth seal was opened, I saw a great tremor in the earth. the sun turns black like wool , and the full moon turns red like blood .

6:13 The stars of heaven fall to the earth as the trees of no flowers and fruits are shaken by a strong wind and fall unripe fruits.

6:14 The heavens are moved like a scroll being rolled up. Mountains and islands have been moved away from their original positions.

6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the generals, and the rich, and the mighty, and all the slaves, and the lords, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks.

6:16 Say to the mountains and to your rocks, Fall upon us, and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.

6:17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who will stand?

Revelation chapter 6 continues to describe John's vision, including the Lamb continuing to open the scroll. The lamb opened the first seal, and a man on a white horse appeared, with a bow and a crown in his hand. He is interpreted as representing the image of victory and conquest.

The lamb opened the second seal, revealing a man on a red horse with a large knife in his hand. He is interpreted as representing the image of war and killing.

The lamb opened the third seal, revealing a man on a black horse with a balance in his hand. He is interpreted as representing the image of poverty and famine.

The Lamb opened the fourth seal, revealing a man on a grey horse, known as Death, followed by Hades. He is interpreted as representing the image of death and destruction.

The Lamb opens the fifth seal, revealing the souls who have been martyred for the faith, crying out to God and asking when they will be avenged.

The lamb opened the sixth seal, which caused a huge earthquake and other natural disasters. The people of the earth were so terrified that they wanted to hide in caves and rocks to avoid God's judgment.

Overall, chapter 6 describes the Lamb's continued opening of the scroll and the events that led to the opening of the seal, including war, famine, death, natural disasters, and God's judgment.

The key verses of the sixth chapter of the Book of Revelation are in the Chinese version in the Union Version.

1. Revelation 6:1-2 - And I saw the Lamb of the flock standing at the throne, and I came near and took the seven seals that were on the altar. When I saw the Lamb open the first of the seven seals, I heard a thunderous voice from one of the four living creatures, saying, "Come!" "
2. Revelation 6:7-8 - He opened the fourth seal, and I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come!" "Then I looked, and behold, there was a gray horse, and his name was death, and Hades was with him. The power was given to them to kill a quarter of the earth with the sword, and with famine, and with pestilence, and with wild beasts.
3. Revelation 6:12-14 - And I behold, the Lamb opened the sixth seal, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as wool, and the full moon became red as blood, and the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree was shaken by a strong wind, and fell unripe fruit.

Revelation chapter 6 describes the opening of the seven seals by the Lamb (Jesus Christ), which triggers a series of judgments and events. This chapter deals with the foreshadowing of the end times and God's plan of judgment and salvation in the world. Here are some of the key points of theological significance, theological thought, and spiritual impact in Chapter 6:

Meaning of the Seven Seals: The seven seals represent the gradual unfolding of God's plan of judgment and salvation. Each time a seal is opened, a series of events are triggered, including wars, famines, disasters, etc. These events show God's judgment on sin and His protection and salvation of believers.

Revelations of the End Times: The descriptions in Chapter 6 deal with the events of the end times, including earthquakes, natural disasters, political chaos, and more. These foreshadow the dilemmas and calamities of the end times, and also emphasize the importance of human obedience and faith in God.

Perseverance of the Believer: Describes a person who bears the mark of the Lamb, which symbolizes spiritual salvation. This expresses the perseverance and faith of believers in the midst of end-time difficulties, who are protected and empowered to resist the pressures of the world.

God's Judgment and Mercy: There is spiritual mercy despite the judgment of the world. God's judgment reveals his evil feelings about sin, but it also shows his mercy and salvation to those who seek him.

Warning of the Last Days: The description in chapter 6 is a warning to humanity to be converted, repent, and thrown into the arms of God. It emphasizes the urgency and decisiveness of the end times and encourages people to seek God's salvation.

In terms of theological thought and spiritual influence, Revelation chapter 6 highlights God's plan of judgment and salvation. This chapter reminds us of the approach of the end times and emphasizes the importance of faith and perseverance. It also inspires believers to seek God's protection and strength in difficult situations, and warns people to reflect on their lives and ensure that they maintain a relationship with God. This chapter also lays the groundwork for the events and themes that follow in the chapters, helping us to understand eschatology and God's sovereignty.