

Sermon Guide - Sunday, September 20, 2026

Current Series: The Revelation

The Antichrist. Armageddon. The Beast. 666. For centuries, the book of Revelation has fascinated, frightened, and confused Christians, but what if we've been so focused on decoding its mysteries that we've missed its main message? *The Revelation* is a 3-month journey through the Bible's final book, exploring its controversial prophecies, warnings to the Church, and breathtaking vision of the future. Along the way, we'll separate Scripture from speculation and discover that Revelation wasn't written just to make us afraid of what's coming. It was written to reveal **Jesus Christ** - the King who reigns over all other powers, the Lamb who conquers evil, and the Savior who promises that pain, death, and darkness won't have the last word. **The future belongs to Jesus, and that should change how we live right now.**

Today's Message: Part 6 - The Beginning of the End

As you look at the state of the world today, where do you see things going in the future, and why?

TODAY: *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse* in Revelation 6



When it comes to the events described in Revelation 6-18, such as the *Great Tribulation*, the *Antichrist*, and the *Rapture*, why is it understandable that Christians have some different understandings and interpretations?

THE FIRST SEAL: THE WHITE HORSE

Revelation 6:1-2 - I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, "Come!" I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

Who does this rider appear to be, and what do we know about him from elsewhere in the Bible?

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 - Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

Daniel 7:25, 11:21-23, 36-37 - He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands... a contemptible person who has not been given the honor of royalty. He will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue. Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and a prince of the covenant will be destroyed. After coming to an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully, and with only a few people he will rise to power... The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no regard for the gods of his ancestors.. nor will he regard any god, but will exalt himself above them all.

THE SECOND SEAL: THE RED HORSE

Rev. 6:3-4 - When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

What will the second Horseman take from the earth, and what will be the result?

THE THIRD SEAL: THE BLACK HORSE

Rev. 6:5-6 - When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

What is the significance of this rider’s scales, the prices of wheat and barley, and the safekeeping of oil and wine?

THE FOURTH SEAL: THE “PALE” HORSE

Rev. 6:7-8 - When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

What is this horse’s actual color, and what will its rider unleash on the world?

THE FIFTH SEAL: THE MARTYRS’ PRAYER

Rev. 6:9-11 - When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the full number of their fellow servants, their brothers and sisters, were killed just as they had been.

How does the question of the martyrs reflect some of the questions you’ve asked the Lord when you were in pain?

THE SIXTH SEAL: DEVASTATION

Rev. 6:12-17 - I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The heavens receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone else, both slave and free, hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can withstand it?”

How can we make sense of God’s judgments? If He is truly loving and good, why would He judge the earth in these ways?

Why is it important for us to read and study passages like Revelation 6?

How should our knowledge of the coming judgment change the way that we’re living now?

How do these prophecies of the End Times reflect the grace of our Heavenly Father?

Your Notes: