

66-Revelation – 07-Transcript

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welcome back to Bible study here on this Sunday evening and this week we'll do it tonight and we'll also have Bible study again on Wednesday evening so we'll get back to our regular Wednesday evening this week after tonight so tonight we're planning to do Revelation chapter six and then hopefully on Wednesday God willing we'll do Revelation chapter seven let's begin with a word of Prayer our Heavenly Father we come before you God and we just want to praise you and thank you very much God for your loving kindness toward us and thank you God for this prophecy that you gave to the Apostle John in which we can now read and father we want to claim the blessing that is very clear to those who are willing to read the words of this prophecy but not only read them father but to do those things that are contained herein and so father we pray for insight and understanding as we study we also pray father for a conviction to be among those people those servants of yours who do your will we thank you Father we ask this blessing now in Jesus Most Holy Name Amen so brethren we are now at Revelation chapter 6 we covered chapters 1 to 5 and we saw this book open up as I said with a blessing upon those who are willing to read it and understand it and do those things that are written therein we then saw Christ personally write to the seven churches in Asia Minor and that really understanding a symbol of the whole church through time and so there are lessons in those epistles from Christ himself to the churches for all of us and for every single church there

was this promise to those who will overcome and so we understand we must be overcomers and then we saw in chapter 4 the throne room of God and to see that God is very much in control even though it's gonna look like the world is spiraling out of control in the world is very chaotic what we actually understand is happening is the will of God as it is in heaven is coming down to earth and God is now imposing his will on the earth and he is bringing history to its conclusion bringing it really to its climax and ultimately to the return of Jesus Christ the establishment of his kingdom and then the arrival of God the Father on earth to dwell with us eternally so that's where it's all heading and we jumped ahead actually in Chapter five we saw that the only person that was worthy to open the scroll with the seven seals was Jesus Christ our Messiah he's the only one that could open the seals and actually do God's will of redemption that no one else maybe people could open the seal but they couldn't do what's contained therein Jesus Christ is the only one that can open the seals do what's written therein and and redeem mankind specifically redeem Israel and through Israel the rest of mankind he's the only one because he was pure and holy and lived by the Covenant by every word of God and sacrificed himself so that through his blood he could redeem us we jumped ahead then two chapters 21 and 22 just so we could understand how all of this ends and we got to see the New Jerusalem coming down from heaven as a bride adorned for her husband so we know it this is all leading to the ultimate good and the

ultimate vision that God has from mankind which took us all the way back to the beginning which was the original intention that God had when he created Adam and unfortunately Adam failed and so the second Adam has come to redeem us and make us successful so that we can we'll live in the eternal will of God so now we're gonna come to chapter 6 where we're gonna get now into some of these difficult prophecies and as we do this I want to remind us number one that much of Revelation is symbolic we saw that right from the get-go that that Christ signified what he saw and gave it to John so that John could share it with us so that we could know the things that are going to take place very soon but it's symbolic so we have to be very careful as we go through revelation to first of all understand that much of it is symbolic and then we see through a glass darkly so we can't always see very clearly what these symbols mean sometimes we're going to be guessing many times you're gonna find me saying I don't know what this means and but as time unfolds we will begin to see things more clearly so I'd rather say that I don't know what something means rather than take a guess and then mislead so if I do take a guess I'll say hey I'm guessing here you know take it with a grain of salt but we certainly know that these words are true and every single word of God is going to unfold exactly as he says so that's one thing that I wanted to say that much of it is symbolic and there was something else I'm gonna say just just escape my mind I'm sure we'll come back later as we go through these prophecies I wouldn't know the other thing I wanted to say was I it is all good news and we must not forget

who's on stage who's on stage god has a controversy with his people he has a controversy with his covenant people and he has many promises that are outstanding to his covenant people and what we see in the book of Revelation is all of these covenant promises all of the all of these covenant promises coming to fruition by the end of Revelation nothing is outstanding and all the prophets are really speaking into this this this final unfolding of God's will and so John is constantly making references back to the Old Testament prophecy prophets and and we need to understand that God has an agenda and it's an agenda with his covenant people mankind in general will be collateral damage but God is raising up empires or an powers to go after his people to drive his people to repentance and in the midst of all of this he has his faithful people ie the church the ecclesia who are bearing witness to the true gospel who understand what's going on who are poor sounding the alarm who are giving the warning and who are preaching the true gospel and who are saying to Judah behold your God who are saying to Israel come back to the Covenant and who were saying to mankind in general repent repent and he believed the good news so so we can't forget that as we go through this so with all of that said let's begin our walk through these prophecies beginning in Revelation chapter 6 so let's just go back to revelation 6 beginning in verse 1 and he says here so this is after the lamb is found worthy to open these the scroll with the seven seals and I saw when the lamb opened one of the seals so these seals this scroll has been closed with these seven seals and he

opens one of the seals and when he opens this seal John says and I heard as it were the noise of thunder so he can't see anything yet but this is the scroll the seal has been opened and what he hears is thunder and then one of the four beasts saying come and see so he's gonna find out what's behind the seal but right now all he does all he can do is hear the thunder so he says come and see now these and I said four beasts I'm gonna try to say four living creatures when we're talking about the angels this word is so on it's a living being so I think beasts is the wrong english word here because that will confuse us when he is actually talking about beasts which are wild animals which represent those evil empires that are tearing apart God's people so one of the four living creatures says to him come and see now he's gonna see four beasts I started for horse for four riders on horses now this is not new this is in Zechariah if we look at Zechariah beginning in verse 1 of chapter 6 where Zechariah said then I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked and behold there came four chariots out from between two mountains and the mountains were mountains of brass in the first chariot were red horses in the second chariot black horses in the third chariot white horses and in the fourth chariot grizzled and bay horses so so he sees these four different color horses and then he says then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me what are these my lord and the angel answered and said unto me these are the four spirits of heaven which go forth standing before the Lord of all the earth the black horses which are therein going to the

North Country and the white goat after them and the grizzled go towards the South Country and the Bay went forth and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth and he said go and get you hence walk to and fro through the earth so they walked to and fro through the earth so so we see this imagery of these four different color horses going through the earth we've seen it before so now what's gonna happen is John's gonna see these four horsemen with four different color horses which is a call back to what Zechariah saw and what Zechariah saw was these horses going through the earth that's what we're gonna do this what John's gonna see now but it's a different purpose so it looked like in Zacharias time these horses were more reporting back to God what was going on these horsemen now have a very specific purpose so if we continue he says so first he heard the thunder or he had some what'd it sound like thunder what it actually was was the galloping of these horses and so it was this loud kind of rumbling that he's hearing and he's in and the the living creature says to him come and see so he comes and he looks to see what is this sound and then this is what he sees and I saw and behold a white horse so so now he's like this is amazing what he sees is actually a white horse so I looked and behold a white horse and he that sat on him had a bow and a crown was given unto him so he is given authority he is given rulership is its lid sin is clearly an empire and he went forth conquering and to conquer so what we see in this first Horseman is he is given victory he is given this ability to conquer and he's a deceiver a

lot of people think that this or some people think that this Horseman represents Jesus Christ nothing could be further from the truth these four horsemen worked together there they are partners in crime as it will and they work together and this first one is the foundation of the rest he's the deceiver and when we see yes Christ does ride a white horse but it's very different when we look at revelation 19 when we get there he saw heaven opened and behold a white horse and he that sat upon him was called faithful and true so in juxtaposition or in Contra distinction to this first Horseman who is not called faithful and true in fact he's faithless and he's false and in righteousness he does judge and make war so again this first Horseman goes forth conquering and to conquer but it's not in righteousness his eyes were as a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns so this Jesus Christ has many crowns on his head and he had a name written which no man knew but himself and he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood and his name is called the Word of God so it's a very different image that we see from this first white horse that John describes now a couple of things we want to notice here this is a deceiver number one he's on a white horse John hears the sound of thunder before he sees him and he has a bowl in his and now that bowl and he's copied it's a conquering of force he goes forth conquering and to conquer now that bow we know from Hosea symbolizes military strength so because God says it shall come to pass at that day that I will break the bow of Israel

in the valley of Jezreel
so that was he was gonna crush their
military strength now if we look at a
very interesting hadith here hadith are
these traditions of Muhammad and the
first one we'll look at actually is a
smaller one that says here the Prophet
says the Prophet passed by some people
who were shooting arrows and he said
shoot children of Ishmael for your
father was an archer and he's actually
correct in in quoting their father as an
archer because we know from Genesis if
we go to Genesis here
21:20 that God was with Ishmael and he
grew and dwelt in the wilderness and he
became an archer so this concept of a
bow military could be in fact and
deception could be in fact related to
the forces of Ishmael now if we go back
to what what's called the Sioux another
hadith look at this very interesting a
dthe which I find quite fascinating that
he goes on just some nonsense here about
his heart being washed opened up surgery
and being washed that he can be made
pure but then if we go down further it
says I was then brought a white horse a
white Beast which is called al Buraq
that means thunder so Muhammad was
brought a horse called thunder bigger
than a donkey and smaller than a mule
its stride was as long as the eye could
reach
I was mounted on it and then we went
forth till we reached the lowest heaven
Gabriel asked for the gate to be opened
and it was said who is he he replied
Gabriel it was again said who is with
you he replied Mohammed it was said has
he been sent for
he Gabriel said yes he said then the
gate was opened for us and it was said
welcome unto Him his is a blessed

arrival then we came to Adam so Adams in the first heaven peace be upon him it says and he narrated the whole account event death the holy a prophet observed that he met Jesus in the second heaven so Muhammad is so great he passes Jesus in the second heaven then he meets John the Baptist in the third heaven Joseph and in the third Aaron in the fifth so Joseph and Aaron their higher than Christ we travelled at 670 meet Moses he gets there the seventh heaven he meets Muhammad and then finally he meets God so on the strength of this hadith which nobody witnessed he was alone by himself there's no witness to this but on the strength of this the Muslims claim the right to Jerusalem and so that's why they're conquering all of this land all around Israel and all this land has been conquered on the strength of the fact that Muhammad went to heaven on a white horse called thunder and and got this authorization from God that he in fact is the prophet of God and and on the way by the way he meets Jesus in the second heaven so fascinating so we don't know how all of this is gonna play out the collusion between Islam and the Pope where we're working our way through this but I would like to tell you and ask you to break for if you haven't written already for Bill Watson's book Islam a prophetic consideration I think that we just have not been looking carefully enough at Islam and this thing has been bubbling up for hundreds of years he went forth conquering and to conquer pretending that he is in fact the the replacement for Christ and and through deception has really mobilized these armies to do his bidding I think we need to understand what is the role of Islam in

prophecy and this book well well
researched Islam a prophetic
consideration just write to info at CGI
dot org info at CGI org or you can go on
our website and go in the search box and
and look for that so back to the
scripture now we will see here I said I
don't want to just go back and mention
here in Genesis with that go forth
conquering and to conquer we've seen
this before with Nimrod when the whole
earth was of one language and of one
speech and I think that's what I think
of when it says go forth conquering and
to conquer where Nimrod made up this
false religion that authorized him gave
him the right to have military power
over the the the nations or over the
people around him and to have this
control totalitarian control over
everyone through this false religion and
so this first Horseman in the white
horse represents a deceptive belief
system that authorizes this military
conquest now we come to verse three when
he opened the second seal I heard the
second beast say or sorry the second
living creature say come and see 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
so when this horse rides now and then we
have to see these as working together
so the first Horseman rides out he's
full of deception he's conquering he
kind of reconfiguring the earth as a
result of that horse riding the second
horse is now released and he takes peace
from the earth and so we can expect now
as we're heading and can hear wars and
rumors of wars as Christ taught us and
we're heading into world war and so this
piece is taken from the earth and it's
not just in terms of war but we're also

going to see it and we are seeing it now
in terms of civil unrest
so we're gonna see within nations
there's unrest and then among nations
there's unrest so there's this spirit of
evil going through the earth
that's just stirring people up to be
just groomed for military conquest for
civil unrest and so that's what we're
seeing now with this red horse 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 so the
first one has a bowl this one has a
great sword and when he opened the third
seal I heard the third living creature
say come and see and I beheld and lo a
black horse and he that sat on him had a
pair of balances in his hand and I heard
a voice in the midst of the four living
creatures say a measure of wheat for a
penny and three measures of barley for a
penny and see that you do not hurt the
oil and the wine so now what we see as a
result of all of this war we see famine
and that's kind of a natural thing that
a consequence of this unrest and war on
the earth is that now we see economic
hardship and we see famine and and and
this is why food has to be measured very
carefully now remember again who's on
the scene here what is this all about
God is pursuing his covenant people and
he is driving them to repentance and at
the end of this process his covenant
people either repent and and come into
his fellowship or they don't and they
are driven away so let's so let's
understand that that's the agenda and we
can see that if we go to Ezekiel Ezekiel
four and the Lord said even thus shall
the children of Israel eat their defiled
bread among the Gentiles so here we have

this Kingdom of Israel that should have been glorious that the whole world should be looking to and instead they've been conquered and they've been scattered and they've been taken captive they've been exiled from the land and God promises that they shall eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles where I will drive them God will personally drive them among the Gentiles dropping down to verse 16 of chapter 4 moreover he said unto me son of man behold I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem and they shall eat bread by wait and with care and they shall drink water by measure and with astonishment so that's the agenda lot is driving his people to repentance his covenant people to repent their repentance and if this is what it takes this is what it takes but we know that ultimately the outcome will be good because we're gonna see on Wednesday when we cover

god-willing chapter 7 we're gonna see that a great many of God's people do repent his covenant people to repent and they shall drink water by measuring with astonishment so that's what the famine is all about now we come to verse 7 of verse 7 of chapter 6 in Revelation and when he opened the fourth seal I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say come and see and so he comes to see and I looked and behold a green horse that without word pale is better translated green you can see it means closed chorus as we say like chlorophyll so chorus and it means green so I saw a green horse and his name that sat on him was death and the grave followed with him so now when this horse is released there is ditte there are dead bodies everywhere this this this horse is out to kill and just take men's lives and

power this is interesting
power was given unto them over the
fourth part of the earth so power was
given unto them over the fourth part of
the earth to kill with sword so we
already saw the red Horseman was given a
great sword but here now this Horseman
is
the authority to kill with sword and
with hunger and with death and here now
this is the beasts of the earth this is
a different beast this is theory on and
this means wild animal so isn't as Owen
was what the Angels are living creatures
these are wild animals so so these are
these beasts actually represent kingdoms
of the earth that are gonna tear apart
God's people and and he's been given
this power now I used to read this and I
think there's two ways that we can read
this I used to read this as power was
given unto them over 25% of the earth so
I used to read this as 25 percent of
mankind will be wiped out so we have 8
billion people on the planet 2 billion
people will be wiped out and that will
leave 6 billion and then a third of
those will be wiped out later that'll be
another 2 billion they'll leave 4
billion and then 50 percent of mankind
so I'd be another 2 billion that would
leave 2 billion but another way an
alternate way we could read this I think
his power was given unto them over 25%
of the earth and that 25% of the earth
will work together with this horsemen
and the other horsemen to kill the rest
of mankind or to kill mankind so 25% of
the population will be under some kind
of influence or spell that they are
doing the bidding of the devil as
opposed to 25% of mankind being killed
so I think we look at the Greek it could
go either way it's a it's not clear

which way to read this but we do know that this is the rider death and the grave follows him so many people are going into the grave as a result of this beast now it is interesting and again we don't know exactly how this is gonna unfold and the role of Islam with the Roman Catholic Church but it is interesting that these four horsemen do have the colors of the Islamic countries if you look at the flags of these Islamic countries they're black red white and green and so an Islam is certainly playing an increasing role on the earth so we need to be looking at Islam and again I'm gonna really urge you if you have not read this book it's well researched a well written Islam a prophetic consideration somehow we have to understand how does Islam fit into the prophecies it cannot be ignored anymore it's gaining ground in all these countries and the other question we want to ask is why is Islam so popular with Western democracies why are countries that are founded on judeo-christian principles giving themselves over to Islam in fighting Islam Muslim migrants in vitae hundreds of thousands of thousands hundreds of thousands some cases millions and giving them a free pass that despite some of the troubles that they're facing they're being led off out there they're not being sentenced properly they're just being given a free hand and and I'd like to propose that those elite that are in control of these Western democracies they hate Christianity they cannot stand Christianity and they are doing everything they can whether it's the homosexual agenda the transgender agenda

just sexual immorality period all the movies everything that we see today that's just pure filth and Islam they're throwing everything at society in order to root out this foundation of our judeo-christian principles I'm take a listen to this truthfully the world is full of origin myths and creation myths and myths of all kinds and many of them are very beautiful but what worries me about the Bible is that it has acquired it in our civilization an enormous privileged position I mean everybody knows something about the Greek myths and the and the Valhalla myths and so on and some other myths as well and they are interesting and they're treated as interesting myths but the Bible myths are given a special privileged treatment I mean they are they're regarded as some are set off on one side away from all these myths no doubt you'll find truths in the LMS you'll find some truths of that kind in Australian Aboriginal me so if I'm looking for God well which God I mean why not Jupiter why not Zeus why not why not sort yes yes applause applause I mean it's just so wonderful why not you Jupiter why not into this why not Thor there's just this despising about the by of the privileged position wide that the Bible has so these elite intellectuals are doing everything they can to new technologies or Christianity when the Bible and pumps they are interesting and they're really gaining revival with our special privilege so we have to be very careful internal there about a sexual immorality side with our you away from you and be we need to be making them so that when these false religions our kids have the wherewithal to say Michael not

true you and they have counter arguments which are Christian children well in schools they do not have clear counter clear counter arguments and so that's I'm that's something that we have to make sure that we focus on that we understand what's happened we understand the agenda and we're prepared to work with it or work against that I should say so let's go back now to Revelation chapter 6 so we've seen the four horsemen now and actually I do want to just emphasize this with this fourth one or with all four actually again we need to be clear what is the agenda what is going on here let's go back to Jeremiah to see this where Jeremiah in chapter 15 he says and it shall come to pass if they say unto you where shall we go forth then you shall tell them there so the children of Israel are asking where shall we go then shall you tell them thus says the Lord such as for death to death such as are for the sword to the sword and such as are for the famine the famine and such as for the captivity to the captivity and I will appoint over them four kinds says the Lord so we see these four horsemen and God is saying here through Jeremiah there are four kinds of punishment that God Himself personally is going to appoint over the covenant people and I will appoint over them four kinds as the Lord the sword to slay the the wild animals to tear and the fowls of heaven and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy and in chapter 24 he says and I will send the sword the famine and the pestilence among them till they be destroyed till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers so God is very very serious

about the land when when he gave this land there were conditions for them to be in the land and be successful in the land and we go back to Deuteronomy we can see what those conditions are and as they continue to break all of the conditions the terms that allowed them to be in the land God then was bound to do what he said in Deuteronomy and that is to exile for them from the land and so that's what we see happening here where he says now I will send the sword the famine the pestilence among them until they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers and again in Jeremiah thus says the Lord of Hosts behold I will send upon them the sword the famine pestilence and will make them like vile fig that cannot be eaten there so evil now let's look at what the prophet Ezekiel says for this says the Lord God how much more when I send my for sore judgments upon Jerusalem so so the focus is Jerusalem but God's people are all over the earth so these four horsemen are going to be going through galloping throughout the whole earth looking for the covenant people and yes the rest of mankind is going to get caught up but that's casual what do you call that collateral damage but the focus here is on Jerusalem I will send my force or judgments upon Jerusalem just what Jeremiah saw the sword the famine and the noise some beasts and the pestilence to cut off from it man and beast now we know that ultimately this is all good news and so we can read through Hosea that ultimately God promises and and this is the thing that we have to teach our Muslim brothers and sisters that yes Judah is evil yes Israel is evil but they're God's people

and God is faithful and because he has made this unconditional covenant with Abraham and he is going to fulfill his promise to Abraham through Israel that here we can read through Hosea he writes I will ransom them from the power of the grave so that fourth Horseman that we saw riding was death and the grave followed after him and he's hunting down God's covenant people but then God says here through Hosea I will ransom them from the power of the grave the grave will no longer have power over them we know through Ezekiel the valley of the dry bones that they will be redeemed from the from the grave I will redeem them from death Oh death I will be your plagues so death is a plague now but God is gonna be a plague to death that the the death will be destroyed Oh grave I will be your destruction repentance shall be hid from my eyes so God is you know and again we can read in the first month Ian's 15 that ultimately death will be destroyed and God will not change his mind that the death second death will end death and then it's eternal life there'll be no such thing as death after that and so that's what we can look forward to and so these four horsemen are gonna cause a lot of destruction there's gonna be a focus on Jerusalem and a focus on God's people wherever they are and there's gonna be these four different types of judgment that are going to come down on them and then there's gonna be a lot of collateral damage give me a lot of human beings that just I have no clue what's going on but the people of God we need to know what's going on and we need to be proclaiming the gospel to God's people to God's covenant people we need to be calling them to repentance

and then we need to be warning the rest of mankind and inviting them as well through the Gospel message to repent coming back to chapter 6 verse 9 and when he opened the fifth seal so now he's gonna open this fifth seal and when he opens the fifth seal he says I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God so remember what we said God has an agenda here God has an agenda and on the stage are his people his covenant people who are rebellious but also on the stage are his covenant people who are faithful who are the ekklesia who are the called out ones and the book of Revelation begins with God writing personally to his churches warning us to be overcomers warning us to be focusing on our works and to do the will of God and that's what we saw when we were reading Luke that we must do the will of God and we must go to God and pray for him for the Holy Spirit so that we are empowered to do the will of God without fear but now in doing the will of God we are proclaiming the Word of God it has a price it has a price and we need to be faithful and fear him not those who are threatening us with death and so he says when he opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain why would they slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held somebody's trying to take it away from them they're not letting go and they are proclaiming faithfully the Word of God as a witness and as a warning and so the gospel is being preached and they suffer for it and their slain now this is symbolic so there's an altar and the souls are under the altar and and this is just sweets incense the God but it's

all symbolic but it does say what it is saying as a result of these four horsemen riding the souls that are faithful to God are martyred and they cried with a loud voice saying how long how long O Lord holy and true do you not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth so what we get from this is this is taking a while this is not an instant thing so these horsemen start riding they their chaos and the casualties are everywhere the people of God are in the midst of this no there isn't a rapture you know that this is teaching that oh you know we'll just be raptured away and we won't have to worry about anything this is a terrible teacher well we need to do is stare this down stare that it's there this evil down and be prepared to preach the Word of God no matter what because our lives are hidden Christ and we understand we have eternal life and that's what we are laying hold on to but these people who are thinking you know what I don't have to face any of this I'll be raptured away they're gonna get a real shock and they're not going to be mentally spiritually emotionally psychologically prepared for what's coming but we need to be prepared for the hoping for the best but preparing for the worst and so when the worst comes we're not shocked we're not disoriented we're not disillusioned we're not off our game we are expecting the worst we've we can read it that's why it's such a blessing to be able to see all of this ahead of time so what happens now the scripture says they're they're asking how long it's giving the sense here this is taking a long time like really how much longer and so it's again

it's symbolic they're not really saying
this we're not gonna actually see this
anywhere but it is a symbol that shows
that God's people are X
sizing patients but the patience is
beginning to run out how long O Lord
holy and true do you not judge and
avenge our blood on them that dwell on
the earth so these are really evil
people and we know that God is gonna act
but he's gonna is he's not gonna ask
right away because he's trying to save
as many souls as possible and so what we
see next now is white robes were given
unto every one of them every single one
of them were given white robes this
could be symbolic of our new body it's
certainly symbolic of righteousness of
God counting us as righteous white robes
were given unto every one of them and it
was said unto them that they should rest
yet for a little season so a little
longer until their fellow-servants also
and their brethren so there seems to be
two categories here fellow servants and
brethren I'm not sure if this means you
know the covenant people as well as the
people who are Holy Spirit oriented I'm
just not quite sure hundred percent of a
plate seems like there's two categories
their fellow-servants also and their
brethren that should be killed as they
were should be fulfilled so again
there's this sense of oh we're gonna be
raptured where the scripture sing the
exact opposite and it's actually an
honor it's actually this is the way we
have to really think and understand that
it's a great honor it's a great honor to
stand for Christ to witness for Christ
and if necessary if needs be to die for
Christ this is a great honor and this is
the way we have to think as opposed to
nothing I'm not gonna be hurt in any way

I'm just gonna be whisked off to heaven
and then when all the bad stuff is over
then I'll come back down to earth
because I'm just so special nothing can
happen to me that's not the way we
should think we should think Christ is
so special and he has done so much for
us we are just so willing to do anything
for him so let's come back now this is
the fifth seal
and again as this I just want to remind
us that we're not gonna see these
martyrs in heaven making these
statements it's all symbolic and we saw
that right at the beginning that this is
the revelation of Jesus Christ which God
gave to him to show unto his servants
things which must shortly come to pass
and he sent and signified it made it
symbolic so he sent and signified it it
means to make indications to make signs
to make it symbolic by his angel unto
his servant John so those martyrs are a
symbol and we have to just remember as
we go through Revelation we're gonna see
these symbols now now we come to verse
12 now we come to verse 12 and this is
the sixth seal which is a very
significant seal so we have the four
horsemen we had the martyrs and now this
is what they have been waiting for how
much longer Lord while here it is and I
beheld when he opened the sixth seal and
lo there was a great earthquake this is
a massive earthquake and the Sun became
black as sackcloth of hair and the moon
became as blood so this is like a great
cosmic sandwich you know these mighty
men these powerful people have been
exercising their will all over the earth
having their way having their way with
God's people what they see now is
they've lost control the earth but I
haven't been in an earthquake but I'm

told it is absolutely terrifying when the ground that you walk on is you you just have no control and and it's just you know anything can happen buildings are falling on you you have no control when when earthquakes right at the same time they're seeing these signs in the heavens where again they have no control and now this is when God acts and this is again underlining that that first Horseman that comes out in with the white horse that is not Christ Christ does not act until now and this is what we will look in Matthew 24

we should really read Matthew 24 alongside revelation 6 that this is what he tells them to look for when they're asking you know what when shall be the sign of your coming and the end of the age and he's telling them be patient be patient be patient but look for this the signs in the heavens that this is when God is beginning to act and this is when mankind loses control and this again is something that the prophets all saw they were prophesying of it Haggai says for thus says the Lord of hosts yet once it is a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land this is gonna be a massive shaking of the earth that God is angry and these evil men who thought they were in control are going to lose complete control they're gonna lose completely lose control Isaiah said I clothed the heavens with blackness and I make sackcloth they're covering Joel says the earth shall quake before them the heavens shall tremble the sun and the moon shall be dark and the stars shall withdraw their shining so evil men are used to punish God's people but then God Himself now is gonna punish these evil

men and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth even as a fig tree casts her untimely figs when she is shaken of a mighty wind and again Isaiah and all the hosts of heaven shall be dissolved and the heaven shall be rolled together as a scroll and all their hosts shall fall down as the leaf falls off the vine and as the fallen fig from the fig trees all these prophets are seeing the same thing and it's all now happening finally here in revelation 6 continuing in verse 14 and the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together and every mountain and Island were moved out of their places I mean what kind of cosmic energy has taken place here that all the mountains are being flattened and moved out of their place this is a violent shaking of the earth and you can just imagine how much it reflects God's anger and God's wrath and you can just imagine people who were previously in very powerful positions inflicting their judgments on helpless and vulnerable people you can just imagine how terrified they're going to be when when the Lord finally acts when his patience runs out and he now acts on behalf of his people so he says here the mountains and may have saw the same thing the mountains quake at him and the hills melt and the earth is burned at his presence yes the world and all that dwell therein in revelation 6:15 saying the kings of the earth and the great men so we saw these kings of the earth previously these great leaders the kings of the earth and the great men and the rich men all these guys making all these powerful decisions and the chief captains and the mighty men and every bondman and every free man hid

themselves in the dens and in the rocks
of the mountains they've lost control
they're no longer in these privileged
positions and even King David saw this
for lo the kings were assembled they
passed by together they saw it and they
so they marveled they were troubled and
hasted away fear took hold upon them
there and pain as of a woman in travail
so this is where we as the Saints have
to understand that these prophecies will
come to pass and these evil men who are
going to be very very powerful man we
just have to leave them to God at the
same time we have to preach the gospel
and preach the warning we have to give
them this warning message so he says
here oh sorry I have to verse 10 enter
into the rock and hide you in the dust
for the fear of the Lord and for the
glory of His Majesty the lofty looks of
man shall be humbled and the haughtiness
of man shall be bowed down and the Lord
alone shall be exalted in that day
so as opposed to this time just ahead of
us where there's gonna be all these
powerful men powerful leaders they're
all going to be brought down when this
sixth seal is revealed for the day of
the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every
one that is proud and lofty and upon
everyone that is lifted up and he shall
be brought low and that's exactly what
we saw if you'll remember in when we
were studying Luke and Isaiah 60:1 that
that the prophecy about Christ was that
he was going to lift the lowly and he
was gonna bring the mighty down and so
this is finally how we see that coming
to pass and they shall go into the holes
of the rocks and into the caves of the
earth for the fear of the Lord and for
the glory of his majesty
when he arises to shake terribly the

earth all the prophet saw saw this end time and John is now seeing it very very clearly and all these prophecies are converging here in the book of Revelation continuing with Isaiah therefore shall all hands be faint and every man's heart shall melt and they shall be afraid pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them and they shall be in pain as a woman that travails they shall be amazed one in another one at another their faces shall be as flames back to Revelation six and they said to the mountains and rocks fall on us and hide us from the face of him that sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb so they would rather face anything except the wrath of the Lamb and it's it's amazing to see that the lamb has wrath so the lamb we see normally as this being that is domestic it's it was willing to be sacrificed he opened not his mouth as he was being led to slaughter but now they're facing his wrath Hosea says the high places also of even the sin of Israel shall be destroyed the thorn and the thistles shall come upon their altars and they shall say to the mountains cover us and to the hills fall on us so even the Israelites now that have not repented that are part of this global elite you know you think of men like Karl Marx who are responsible for so much evil in this world and this is a Jewish man this is part of the Covenant community and others you know Sigmund Freud that could go on and on many of them being covenant people if they don't repent here we see that this wrath of God that comes down finally to destroy wicked men it includes these evil men of Israel verse 17 for the great day of his wrath has come and who

shall be able to stand and this is exactly what we see King David saying this and and Joe ledger as well you even you are to be feared and who may stand in your sight when once you are angry Jeremiah said alas for that day is great so that none is like it it is even the time of Jacob's trouble but he shall be saved out of it Nahum says who can stand before his indignation again no one can stand when the when God acts no one can stand before his wrath and who can abide in the fierce fierceness of his anger his fury is poured out like fire and the rocks are thrown down by him Zephaniah the great day of the Lord is near it is near in a haste greatly even the voice of the day of the Lord the mighty man shall cry there bitterly that day is a day of wrath a day of trouble and distress a day of waste miss and desolation a day of darkness and gloominess a day of clouds and thick darkness a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities and against the high towers and I will bring distress upon men that they shall walk like blind men because they have sinned against the Lord and their blood shall be poured out as dust and their flesh as the dung neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath but the whole land shall be devoured by fire by the fire of his jealousy for he shall make even a speedy riddance of them that dwell in the land and again most of us are familiar with Malachi but who may abide the day of his coming and who shall stand when he appears for he is like a refiners fire and like Fuller's soap and so he's going to refine the sons of Levi so this whole

process it's actually a good process it has a good outcome because God's people will finally repent and they will be refined and they'll be ready to make a pure offering toward him I'm just gonna quickly go through now Matthew 24 as which really should read it alongside revelation 6 the two go together Matthew 24 and verse 1 and Jesus went out and departed from the temple and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple and Jesus said unto them do you not see all these things truly I say to you there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down and as he sat upon the Mount of Olives where where he's going to return the disciples came to him privately saying tell us when shall these things be and what shall be the sign of your coming and of the end of the world and Jesus answered and said unto them take heed that no man deceive you so this is this white horse that's horse of deception for many shall come in my name saying I am Christ and shall deceive many and then the next one you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars as to the red horse see that you be not troubled for all these things must come to pass but the end is not yet for nation shall rise against nation and Kingdom against Kingdom so peace will be taken from the earth and there shall be famines and pestilences again we see now the Black Horse and earthquakes in diverse places all these are the beginning of Sorrows then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted so this is the martyrdom now and shall kill you and you shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake and then shall many be offended and shall betray one another and shall hate one another in this verse

10 I'll tell you that verse 10 frightens me when I first started to look at these prophecies and I noticed this this prophecy here in verse 10 I just couldn't believe my eyes that that many shall betray one another we're gonna be offended that that love has not been perfected in us because when love is perfected in us we are not offended we have this self-sacrificing love which is supernatural and that's why God says if you cannot love your brother who you can see how can you love God who you can't see because it's not about the object of the love it's about what's inside us and doesn't matter we love our enemies because God when we were his enemies he loved us and that's the kind of love that we have to be developing and if we have not been developing that love in the time that's ahead of us we're gonna end up betraying one another because we're gonna be offended we're gonna be hurt we're gonna be very self oriented and many false prophets shall rise and shall deceive many and because iniquity shall abound so were coming into a time now where sinfulness is everywhere the love of many shall wax cold fortunately that's the agape love of God's people wax in cold but he that shall endure to the end the same shall be saved and that's why it's so important that we read these prophecies we face the worst news head-on we pray for the Holy Spirit and we ground ourselves so that we can endure to the end let's not fool ourselves and tell ourselves all we're gonna have the rapture we're gonna be in heaven we're not gonna have to face anything and then when times gets tough tough we just are not prepared so we need to have this emergency preparedness

mindset and this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come so we're gonna see later on that angels are going to be preaching this gospel though two witnesses are going to be preaching this gospel but when we just saw in Revelation 6 is the martyrs of God those witnesses of God being martyred for the testimony and that they held and for the word of God and so in the midst of all of this chaos in the midst of all of this flexing of muscle from these evil empires God's people are preaching the gospel and they're preaching it boldly and all around the world and we're gonna see next on Wednesday actually went to Revelation 7 that multitudes of all nations repent and so the preaching is effective and so here I just want to call it out here now in chapter 14 where we get there I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people saying with a loud voice fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment has come and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of water so the angels are gonna even help us but we have to be saying this now with a loud voice fear God and give glory to him for the hour of his judgment has come and worship Him that made heaven and earth and the sea and the fountains of waters and so I think I'll just skip through for now we can go through this is just good this is the abomination of desolation but back to revelation of certain Matthew 24 then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains so

they are the target they said this is really God is thriving his people to repentance and so there's these armies gonna be surrounding Jerusalem and if you're in Judea got the Jews that are there have to flee let him which is on the housetop not come down to take anything out of his house neither let him which is in the field turn back to take his clothes and woe to them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days so these people are merciless and we see that we can compare this with Zechariah chapter 12 12 and 14 actually to see the ruthlessness with which Jerusalem is going to be treated but pray you that your flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day for then shall be Great Tribulation so these four horsemen are riding through the earth and it's a time of Great Tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time nor ever shall be and except those days should be shortened so this is now the sixth seal when we see the great earthquake and the signs in the heavens that's God shortening these days but if he didn't do it there should no flesh be saved and that I really believe is no flesh of the Covenant people that they would just completely destroy God's people but God has promises outstanding to Israel and so it's impossible for Satan to get the upper hand and frac for his covenant people to be destroyed because he's going to fulfill his promises through his covenant people and we're gonna see that in Revelation chapter 7 we have this quick interlude but for the elects sake so again for the covenant people for their sake those days shall be shortened then if any man shall say unto you lo here is Christ or

there don't believe it for there shall
arise false Christ's and false prophets
and shall show great signs and wonders
in so much that if it were possible they
shall deceive the very
alexis is gonna be a great time of
deception again that white horse is
riding and and he's deceiving many many
people behold I've told you beforehand
so we should know beforehand wherefore
if they shall say unto you behold he is
in the desert and that's something that
sort of jumped off the page to me that
there's some people who are in the
desert claiming that Christ is with them
and again when we saw earlier this this
notion that you know Muhammad went up on
a white horse to heaven came back down
and so that gives them the right to
Jerusalem and it gives them the right to
all of the Middle's and then they're
claiming oh he's in the desert don't go
forth behold he is in the secret
chambers don't believe it for as the
Lightning comes out of the east and
shines even unto the west in this way
shall the coming of the Son of man be so
so the whole place is gonna be in
darkness and when Christ descends it's
gonna be like the Sun rising this rule F
that's the light that's coming and the
whole earth is gonna rotate and see this
light descending and so that's the way
it's gonna be it's not gonna be like oh
he's here but nobody else knows or it's
secret for whatever the carcasses there
will the eagle's be gathered so wherever
he is this this land that sacrificed
himself his people will be gathered to
him immediately after the tribulation of
those days shall the Sun be darkened and
the moon shall not give her light so
that's what's gonna happen we saw that
in the sixth seal so after the

tribulation we see the sixth seal that's when everything's darkened and then Christ returns and the stars shall fall from heaven we just saw read that and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken and then shall the sign of the Son of man then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven so we should not be deceived that these signs that this mankind loses control with this great earthquake this great shaking this the signs the Sun darkening the moon turning to blood that's the stars falling from heaven when we see this complete lack of control from mankind and God intervening supernaturally now that's when we look for the return of Christ we're not listening to anybody that says he comes before that and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory and that's what we're looking forward to and he shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds so he says you know where the carcasses or the their the Eagles are there the vultures shall be gathered that's what he's showing here there'll be this great trumpet and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds from one end of heaven to the other

now learn a parable of the fig tree when it's branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near so likewise you when you shall see all these things know that it is near even at the doors so there are others are they be falling asleep not not realizing how close it is we should be watching we're watching and when we see all these things we realize just how near it is

barely I say unto you this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall not pass away and we know from numbers that a generation in God's reckoning is about 40 years the Lord's anger was kindled against Israel and he made them wandering the wilderness 40 years until all that generation which had done evil in the sight of the Lord was consumed and so when all of this happens now it's gonna be about 40 years but there's gonna be a remnant that comes through that 40 years so that God can fulfill his promises to Israel and that's why it's important that that generation sees everything so that they can bear witness to God's faithfulness in fulfilling all the promises that are outstanding to Israel and Judah so that's Revelation chapter 6 we're going to continue the story on Wednesday night God willing as we go into Revelation chapter 7 so thanks very much for joining