

## Part 3—The Seal Judgments: The Seals of Death and Destruction Revelation 6



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**Daniel 12:1-3**

### ✦ The Pictured Realities of the Seals

- ✦ Seal #1—The White Horse – The anti-christ’s political campaigns  
*Daniel 9:26-27, 1 Thess. 5:1-3*

**Daniel 9:26-27** 26 “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; And the people of the prince who is to come Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be with a flood, And till the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”

- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3** 1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.
- 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

- ✦ Seal #2—The Red Horse – The anti-christ’s military campaigns  
*Daniel 9:26; Matthew 24:4-17*

**Matthew 24:4-17** 4 And Jesus answered and said to them: “Take heed that no one deceives you.  
5 For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many. (First Seal)  
6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not

- troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*  
7 For nation will rise against nation, (Second Seal) and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines (Third Seal), pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. (Fourth Seal)  
8 All these are the beginning of sorrows.  
9 “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. (Fifth Seal)  
10 And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.  
11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.  
12 And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.  
13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved.  
14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.  
15 “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand),  
16 “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.  
17 Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

The anti-Christ’s military campaigns will be focused at the middle of the tribulation period upon the people of Israel, God’s chosen. However, prior to this shift it will still be the agenda of the anti-Christ to kill God’s chosen, but during the first half of the tribulation he will make a peace treaty with them. The seals occur during the first half of the tribulation and the activities of the anti-christ during this first part of the tribulation sets the stage for the great day of God’s wrath found in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the tribulation.

It seems to me that since martyrdom occurs in the first part of the tribulation (seal 5) this means that believers will already be the target of the anti-Christ’s persecution. At the midpoint it seems that the anti-Christ will convince the world that the Jews are the source of the world’s problems and likely connect the believers with the nation Israel which would be appropriate considering the 144,000 believing Jews that are going throughout the world to evangelize. It will be 3 ½ years of the anti-Christ setting his masterplan in motion and the final 3 ½ years the satanically empowered anti-Christ will unleash His wrath alongside God’s wrath being outpoured in the trumpets and bowl judgments.

- ✦ Seal #3—The Black Horse—Famine

The results of widespread military campaigns will be famine upon the earth. Places that had once experienced plenty will be brought to want...

- ✚ **Seal #4-The Pale** (light green) horse- quarter of world population destroyed by famine, war, disease and beasts  
*Leviticus 13:49; Mt. 24:7; Daniel 12:1*

**Leviticus 13:49** *49 and if the plague is greenish (pale) or reddish in the garment or in the leather, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in anything made of leather, it is a leprous plague and shall be shown to the priest.*

**Daniel 12:1** *1 "At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of your people; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.*

- ✚ **Seal #5-The Cry of the Martyrs**

After the first four seals are opened in the first half of the tribulation there will be a need for a scapegoat to pin these world problems upon, it will be indeed God's chosen that will bear this target. The trumpets and bowl judgments will also bear the supernatural mark of God, so that men will be without excuse as to the origins of these signs of wrath and offer of repentance.

- ✚ **Seal #6-Cosmic Disturbances**-Topography of the globe changed  
Unlike seals 1-4 where God allows mankind to bring wrath upon the earth, God Himself now brings the wrath upon the earth in a spectacular, supernatural fashion.

## ✚ **The Lessons about God in the Seals**

- ✚ Don't confuse God's love and patience with indifference and injustice

**Romans 2:1-10**—God's patiently holding back his wrath in this age

- ✚ Don't confuse your pain and suffering with God's wrath and anger

**Genesis 50:15-21**—The example of Joseph's suffering

- ✚ Don't confuse worldly "power" with divine POWER

**Isaiah 40:1-15**—God is sovereign over the nations!

- ✚ Don't refuse God's salvation while it can be found!

**Hebrews 9:27**, *"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,"<sup>28</sup> so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

**2 Corinthians 6:2**—quote from Isaiah 49... For He says: *"In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you."*

*And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and 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 His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"*

**Revelation 6:15-17**