

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Seals 1-6 as revealed in Revelation 6 (Part 1)

Contextual Review:

1. Revelation 6:1 – 19:21 follow a **progressive pattern**. It moves from subtle to dramatic, evangelistic to judgmental, and confusion to clarity. These do _____ progress independently, but **interactively**, and **in conjunction with** one another.
2. The Seals and Trumpets are not judgment, but the Bowls are.
3. The entire Tribulation is a call for repentance and salvation. It is _____.
4. The Tribulation begins immediately _____ the Rapture of the Saints.

Initial observations we must not overlook:

1. “When the Lamb opened the ### seal...” Vs 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 12
“I heard the ### living creature say “come!”” Vs 1, 2, 5, 7 (like thunder – vs 1)
These phrased emphasize that Jesus (God) is in _____.
2. Seals 1-4 take about _____ years to be completed. Seals 5-6 take another _____ years to be completed. Seal 7 will take just a few _____ to be completed.
3. Seals _____ what has been written down and must come to pass, although _____ in apocalyptic prophecy can be understood with absolute certainty.

Seal #1 Peaceful Beginning Revelation 6:1-2

1. Horses represent **power**, the bow represents **force**, conquest represent **acquisition**.
2. A bow is a _____ and _____ weapon, sometimes requiring stealth.
3. A bow without arrows tells us that he wins the battle _____ having to fight.
4. The phrase, “he was given a crown” tells us that he was **made** king, perhaps _____.
5. This first seal takes place over the _____ of the first 3.5 years.

Summary: Someone is given the power to take control of the world politically, is elected to power by those whom he is in alliance, and he does so without violence.

Note: The leader of this group is very likely the one who will become The Antichrist.

Seal #2 Hostile Takeover Revelation 6:3-4

1. This is very close to the 3.5 year mark.
2. Peace is _____ from the Earth. The coalition fails. Greed and Jealousy take over.
3. This time, The Antichrist and his allies retain power and control by _____.
4. The phrase, "large sword" tells us that he now has great militaristic power as well.

Summary: Human nature takes over and those in power no longer wish to share power, but fight with each other to take control. The Antichrist wins the power struggle using weaponry and violence. In the end, The Antichrist is now has both _____ and _____ authority over the entire world.

Seal # 3 Extreme Famine Revelation 6:5-6

1. "Two pounds of wheat" is food for _____ adult, for _____ day.
"Six pounds of barley" is food for one _____, for one day. (quality of feed stock)
2. "Oil" was used for heat, light, cooking (today oil is energy and mobility)
"Wine" was their main _____ other than water, often in place of water.
3. The skirmish which elevates The Antichrist to power also brings about _____ and a _____.

Summary: God is showing what _____, through the Antichrist, has to offer humanity. The result of his reign is war, starvation, recession, and poverty.

Seal #4 Massive Death Revelation 6:7-8

1. "Power over a fourth of the Earth" is both empowering and _____.
2. War brings famine. Famine brings plague (sickness and disease). All three bring poverty and desperation, which cause man to compete with animals for food.