

## REVELATION WORD BY WORD STUDY 11 (6:1-17)

**Introduction:** Review the background - Revelation is not a closed book, not if Jesus preached it. Chapter 1 is the introduction, chapters 2 and 3 show the Church age, chapters 4 and 5 show the Church in heaven, chapter 6 is a summary of the Revelation, of the Tribulation years. Hebrew writers often gave summaries of future passages and then later came back and filled in the summary outline, this is what the 6th chapter does. It is a summary of the Jewish age that was cut short by 7 years and will make those years up during the Tribulation. Chapters 7 - 19 are the filling in of the Tribulation. YOU MUST KNOW the outline to understand clearly the rest. Daniel 9 gives us fill in material, the calendar. The Jews crossed from Jordan to Canaan and God promised them 490 years in the land. They were to give one day in seven to God (Sabbath). Today it is the first day (Sunday). They were also to give one year out of seven to lay the land by, let it rest, called the Sabbatical year. After 7 Sabbatical years (49 years) the year of Jubilee came and everybody was to be freed who were indentured servants or slaves and the land was to revert back to its original owners and all debts were to be cancelled. THE JEWS REFUSED to give God the 7th year and said that they couldn't live, excuses, etc. Therefore God sent them into captivity into Babylon for 70 years which is 1/7th of 490. GOD ALWAYS COLLECTS WHAT IS HIS - tithe, day, time, etc. The Jews learned in Babylon about that truth of God. God freed them and promised them 490 more years in the land. From 516 to 323 B.C. (194 years) has been called the Golden Era in Jewish history. Those 490 years were cut short by the Cross by exactly seven (7) years. Those 7 years will be given to the Jews during the Tribulation. AND NOW JESUS IS TELLING JOHN ABOUT THOSE SEVEN YEARS IN THIS CHAPTER AND THE ONES FOLLOWING.

v1 - "thunder" - a loud voice inviting John to look

v2 - "white horse/rider - Revived Roman Dictator. There will be a league of nations coming from FOUR areas of the world - North, East, South, West (could be Russia, China/Orient, Arab and African countries, America and Canada). A 10 nation federation will surface and from these will rise the DICTATOR and with these 10 nations will the battle of Armageddon be fought against Jesus Christ. The Dictator will rule the world and all buying and selling will be controlled by him and upon his orders.

vv3, 4 - "red horse/rider - will remove peace from the earth - WAR and millions will die.

vv 5, 6 - "black horse/rider - In Lamatations, Jeremian, Ezekiel, the black horse mentioned there always refers to famine and millions will starve to death.

vv7, 8 - "pale horse/rider - refers to death. 1/4 of the world population will die.

vv 9-11 - reveals the believers during the Tribulation.

- "altar" - stands for the cross of Jesus

- "martyrs" - Christians slain during the Tribulation. They will be given white robes and will reign with Jesus during the 1,000 years of peace.

v12 - A most interesting seal:

- "earthquakes" - Matthew 24:7, Mark 13:8, Revelation 8:5; 11:13; 16:18 all refer to the earthquakes to come and will occur just before Jesus Christ returns to earth.

On August 26, 1883, on an island in the Pacific, KRATATO blew up. It had been smoking for years buton this day it finally blew up. The sound was heard 3,000 miles away - Bankok, 1,300 miles away, Ceylon, 2, 400 miles away, Philippines, 1, 550 miles away. Ashes from the blast went 17 miles into the air and teh next day ashes fell on London, England, 1/2 way round the world. Dutch scientists in the East Indies recorded and charted all these happenings. They also said the sun was hidden and

the ashes caused the moon to take on a blood-red hue because of the tint of the ashes.

When Jesus is about to return, there will be an even greater earthquake than this one of 1883. The sun will become black and the moon red as blood. **THE BIBLE IS A UNIT AND IT ALWAYS PROVES ITSELF.** When Jesus returns there will be NO sun, NO moon, no light, planets or stars will fall and there will be no light for the moon to reflect, thus it too becomes useless. **THAT'S WHY EVERY EYE SHALL SEE THE SON of God** when He returns. **JESUS WILL BE THE ONLY LIGHT** (Revelation 1:7). All this happens right at the end of the Tribulation.

v13 - The earthquake announces the return of Jesus and WE, the Church will be with Him.

- Isaiah 13:9-10 - The Day of the Lord is His second coming. 700 B.C. the Bible said the sun will go out.
- Ezekiel 32:7-8 - There are at least 50 more passages similar to these and they all describe the sun going out and the return of Jesus Christ.
- Matthew 24:29 - Describes the Tribulation.
- Luke 21:25-26 - Another summary of the end of the Tribulation. **CONNECT IT ALL TOGETHER NOW.**

v14 - "departed as a scroll" - Perhaps a nuclear explosion. The Bible speaks of three heavens: the first we know as our atmosphere, the second is heaven where the angels dwell, the third is where the throne of God is millions of light years away. Remember Paul being taken up to the third heaven in 2 Corinthians 12:2. John has now been taken up to the third heaven.

- The first heaven will be rolled up. "A" stands for negative, "tom" means to divide, thus "atom" which means something which cannot be divided. there is a tiny core at the center of the atom and there are 8 protons and 8 neutrons in 2 circles around the core and 6 circles outside those. An atom is a trillionth of an inch in diameter. 1 teaspoon of radium contains 1 million trillion atoms. **NOW THIS ATOM IS THE POWER OF THE UNIVERSE AND ESPECIALLY SO** since the scientists have learned to **SPLIT** the atom. The atom bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki were **FISSION** bombs which involved Uranium and splitting of the atom. **THERE IS NOW A BOMB** which makes the ones dropped on the Japanese look like a firecracker. This new bomb uses **FUSSION**, hydrogen and helium, thus producing tremendous **HEAT**. The universe will be burned up if there is ever a war using these weapons. **THUS VERSE 14:**
  - "mountain and island moved" - if these terrible weapons ever are used, mountains will be leveled and islands completely obliterated.
  - "darkness" - then will be comparable to that when Jesus Christ was crucified. At noon the world was completely dark. Fear came upon all and the soldiers in fear said, "truly this was the Son of God." Three hours of darkness then **LIGHT CAME BACK ONLY** when Jesus screamed out "**TETELESTAI**" it is finished and hung His head and died. **THERE WILL BE THAT SAME KIND OF DARKNESS.** So awful was the scene at Calvary that God refused to let the world watch His Son die. Jesus Christ will return suddenly and swiftly. How can every eye see Him? Every television reporter and news reporter will be covering this tremendous story and every television camera will be trained on the heavens and those satellites will beam that great event all around the world and every eye shall see Him.

v15 - Who will be affected when Jesus returns? Note the seven (7) classes of men at the end of time yet still man will be unequal. Man was never equal. If so all contests would end in a tie and everybody would make straight "A's" in school. There is **NO** equality outside of Jesus Christ. Equality cannot be dictated and you cannot make people equal. **YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN, THEN COMES EQUALITY.**

v16 - "fall on us" - great fear will overwhelm the whole world's population.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:3 - 8 - describes the last times.

- "falling away" is the departure of the Church

- "man of son is a Dictator

- "is god" and people will worship THIS MAN - DICTATOR.

- v 6 - "who" - not "what" withholdeth - the Holy Spirit and the Church

- v 7 - "mystery of iniquity" - religions and eccumenicism and other movements.

- "withholdeth" - the Holy Spirit

v8 - Jesus Christ slaughters the Dictator and defeats the wicked at Armageddon.

THE TRIBULATION is a seven (7) year period at which Jesus Christ returns at the end. HISTORY WILL END.

A thousand years (1,000) of peace with Jesus Christ reigning here on earth. The devil then will be released again for a time and then Jesus Christ will cast the devil and all wicked into Hell forever.

DETAILS BEGIN IN CHAPTER SEVEN (7). The bible will begin to fit together as never before..

STAY WITH THE STUDY.