

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Session 17

Part 4: The Battle Plan - Rev 6-22

I. THE BATTLE PLAN – CHRONOLOGICAL SECTION #1

A. The Seals - Revelation 6:1-17

1. Jesus opens the Scroll, breaking the seals
 - a. With each seal, events in Heaven occur that have direct ramifications on earth.
 - b. We begin to see the fullness of the answer to our prayer from Matt 6:10.
2. Judgment upon the earth
 - a. Why?
 - b. “God uses the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love without violating anyone’s free will.”
 - c. The anger of God – the jealousy of God
 - d. The love of God
 - e. Created to be in a relationship with God voluntarily
3. 4 Key Time frames at the end of the age
 - a. Beginnings of birth pangs – signs of the times Matt 24:1-8
 - (1) Transitional Generation
 - (2) 1948 or 1967
 - b. Increased birth pangs Matt 24:9-14
 - (1) 3 ½ years
 - c. Hard birth pangs Matt 24:15-28
 - (1) 3 ½ years =
 - (2) 1260 days
 - (3) “time, times, ½ a time”

(4) “midway through the week”

(5) 42 months

d. Birthing of the new age – 2nd coming procession Matt 24:29-31

(1) 30 days = 1290-1260 days Dan12:11 Winepress

(2) 45 days = 1335-1290 days Dan 12:12 Coronation, Wedding Feast, (?)

(3) 965 days = 2300-1335 days Dan 8:13-14 Restoration of Temple

B. Seals 1-4: Revelation 6:1-8

1. “Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse”

a. Similar to the 4 spirits of Zech 1:8; 6:1

2. Events in the natural reflect what has been released in the supernatural

3. Seal 1 – The Antichrist is released: vs 1-2

a. The AntiChrist

(1) I Jn 2:18,21; 4:3 the spirit of the AntiChrist

(2) 2Thes 2:3 Man of Lawlessness

(3) Rev 13 The Beast that comes from the sea

(4) Dan 7:7f, 19f, The 4th Beast

b. White horse – counterfeit of Rev 19:11

c. Crown – stephanus – crown of honor

d. Bow – Mounted Archer

e. Goes out in victory – nikos – win a contest, a case, or a battle

f. Learn from history – Hitler’s pre-war moves

g. Beginning of the seven years.

4. Seal 2 – Peace is removed from the earth: v 3-4

a. Fiery Red Horse

(1) spirit of Murder, War

b. Permitted to take peace from the earth

c. People slay one another

d. Given a great sword – short sword

- (1) Assassination
 - (2) Murder and mayhem
 - e. 3 ½ year mark – Beginning of the Great Tribulation
- 5. Seal 3 – Famine and economic stress: v 5-6
 - a. Black horse – spirit of poverty
 - b. Rider had a pair of scales
 - c. Wheat & Barely prices
 - d. Do not harm the oil or wine – perhaps a reference to the rich being untouched.
- 6. Seal 4 – Death: v 7-8
 - a. Ashen/Green Horse – spirit of Death and Hades
 - b. Death is the rider
 - c. Hades is following
 - d. Authority over ¼ of the earth to kill
 - (1) Sword
 - (2) Famine
 - (3) Death - plague
 - (4) Wild beasts
- C. Seal 5 - Prayers of the saints move the heart of God: v9-11
 - 1. Under the altar of incense
 - 2. Souls of the martyrs
 - 3. “How long?” A cry for justice for the martyrs of history
 - 4. Rest a little longer – garments of light – reward of Sardis Rev 3:4-5
- D. Seal 6 – The heavens & earth are shaken: v12-17
 - 1. Response to their prayers and ours.
 - 2. Earthquake #1 global
 - 3. Sun & moon (1st time)
 - 4. Stars fall – is this the event of Rev 12:7-9 War in heaven, Satan cast down to the earth and all of his angels?
 - 5. Sky rolls back like a scroll – heaven revealed!
 - 6. Every mountain and island are moved

7. Response of the peoples
 - a. Is 2:12F – Fall on us!
 - b. Who can stand?
 - (1) Nah 1:6
 - (2) Mal 3:2
 - (3) Ps 76:7