

Revelation Chapter 6

Bible Study Notes

“For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”

Revelation 6:17

Just as the four Gospels: *Matthew, Mark, Luke & John*, give us the account of Jesus’ ministry on earth from different perspectives, so the seven churches, seals and trumpets all give us an account of the timeline of the Christian Church from different points of view within Church history, starting with the Early Church under the Apostles, **31AD**, to the last day Church, symbolically called *Laodicea*. As we progress from the seven Churches to the seven seals and finally the seven trumpets, the details given become more and more clearer and we get a better picture of the timeline of the Christian Church from its beginning to its ending here on earth. Therefore, as we delve into this study on Revelation chapter 6 dealing with the seven seals, it will help us to get a better understanding of what was written in Revelation chapters 2&3 which deal with the seven Churches. It is advisable to compare the notes given on the seven churches that we may get a better understanding in our study.

v. 1-2

*“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, “Come and see.” And I looked, and behold, **a white horse**. He who sat on it had **a bow**; and **a crown** was given to him, and **he went out conquering and to conquer.**”*

Here we see the Lamb of God, *Jesus Christ*, opens the first of the seven seals and John sees a white horse, with a rider who has bow and a crown upon his head, galloping forth to conquer.

The white horse here represents a pure and undefiled early church, with Jesus as its rider, the great King, crowned with splendour and glory. He is the one directing the path of the Church, giving its members the power of the Holy Spirit to go out into the world and to preach the Word with power, to conquer the hearts of the unbelievers and convert them to a life of righteousness. The early church under the leadership of the Apostles and early disciples, preached the word with authority and boldness and the word was shot out with speed, piercing the hearts of unbelievers. The testimony of Jesus Christ spread far and wide throughout the known world with speed as an arrow shot out of a bow and the gospel went out to all of the Roman Empire in an entire generation.

White is a symbol of purity, and the Apostolic Church was a Church that was pure in **doctrine** and in **lifestyle**, they were a shining light, in a dark and sinful world.

*“Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and **I shall be whiter than snow.**” **Psalm 51:7***

*“Come now, and let us reason together” says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, **They shall be as white as snow**; though they are red like crimson, **they shall be as wool.**” **Isaiah 1:18***

*“Many shall **be purified, made white, and refined**, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.” **Daniel 12:10***

This first seal represents the first church we see in **Revelation 2:1:7**, the Church of Ephesus, **AD31-100**. Compare the previous notes which we did in our study on **Revelation Chapter 2** to get a clearer picture.

Notice the power and speed at which the gospel went forth:

“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.” **Acts 2:41**

“However, many of those who heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.” **Acts 4:4**

“Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. **Acts 6:7**

“...the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit...” **Colossians 1:5-6**

v. 3-4

“When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.” Another **horse, fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it **to take peace from the earth**, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him **a great sword**.”

Here the red horse and its rider represents or is parallel to, the Church of Smyrna, as seen in **Revelation 2:8-11**. This was a Church which metaphorically had a pleasant and fragrant aroma of which Jesus was well pleased; it was a very desirable Church. During this time, they endured widespread persecution, poverty, and tribulation but they remained faithful to God even unto death, of this Jesus was well pleased.

This period lasted from the year **100AD-313AD**, of which the **peak** of this persecution lasted from **303-313AD**, starting with the reign of Emperors Diocletian and Maximian and ending with Emperors Galerius & Constantine of the Roman Empire (*commonly called The Tetrarchy*.)

When peace is taken from the earth the result is **bloodshed & war** symbolic of the **red horse**.

“Why is Your apparel **red** and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? **Isaiah 63:2**

“The shields of his mighty men are **made red**; the valiant men are in **scarlet**. **Nahum 2:3**

Usually in our Bible studies we know that the Word of God is generally represented by a sword, **Ephesians 6:17**, **Hebrews 4:12**, **Isaiah 49:2**, but it also has a secondary meaning which represents the legitimate disciplinary power of the government to punish those who transgresses its law, **SEE: Romans 13:1-5**

Therefore, this large sword which the rider upon the red horse has in his hand, represents the power of the ruling empire at the time of the Church of Smyrna, *the Roman Empire*, to punish those who went against its state laws. History shows us that during this period of the red horse, year **AD 100-313**, the wicked rulers of the Roman Empire used the **sword of the state** against God’s faithful followers for preaching the gospel of the Word of God.

The preaching of the gospel brings peace to the receivers but awakens war from the rejectors.

Because of the immense progress of the gospel message during the period of the Church of Ephesus, *the white horse*, satan used the power of the state to persecute with power God’s faithful Church. This is a trend which we see throughout the Bible; **revival** and the **preaching** of God’s Word always brings wrath against God’s followers and this trend will play out unto the 2nd Coming of Jesus.

We see this for example after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts, the gospel message was proclaimed with power and there was wide-spread reformation throughout the land of Israel and subsequently after this the Apostles then endured persecution from the religious and political rulers of the time.

Another example we see is in the Book of Joel, chapters 2 & 3, where the Holy Spirit is poured out upon God's people in the last days, and as a result of this widespread global preaching of the gospel, the nations of the world shall conspire to destroy the faithful followers of God.

"That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done and there is nothing new under the sun." **Ecclesiastes 1:9**

At the end of the time of the red horse, **313AD**, the church was weary of the persecution and satan knew this. He had a plan in place to further attack the Church, and it was at this time that compromise crept in, the time of the *black horse* was to commence.

v.5-6

*"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So, I looked, and behold, a **black** horse, and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales** in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of **wheat** for a denarius, and three quarts of **barley** for a denarius; and do not harm the **oil** and the **wine**."*

This period of Church history parallels with the 'Church in Pergamos' which we read of in **Revelation 2**. It was during this period of Church history which commenced under Emperor Constantine that we see compromise entering the church and persecution ceasing. It was during this time that Christianity went from being outlawed to being accepted and encouraged by the Roman state.

Constantine, who like all the other Roman Emperors before him were pagans, began to favour Christianity and in the year **312AD** he 'converted' to Christianity and issued a decree in the year **313AD**, that the persecution and martyrdom of the Christians throughout the Roman Empire should cease, *the Edict of Toleration*. This then led to Christians within the Roman Empire proclaiming their faith more openly as they were now *tolerated* by the state and even saw many of them rising to prominent offices within the Roman government.

The **white** horse: represents the pure, early Church under the Apostles.

The **red** horse: represents the bloodshed & persecution of the Christian Church just after the time of the Apostles.

The **black** horse: represents the period of compromised Christianity & the infiltration of worldly customs into the Church commencing during the era of Emperor Constantine

Throughout the Bible we notice that satan has two main methods of attack against God's people:

- **Persecution**- as seen in the story of Cain and Abel. The wicked persecute and attack the righteous for their faith. **Genesis 4**.
- **Infiltration**- as seen in the days of the Israelites at the border to the promised land when the Israelite men were deceived by the Moabite women and engaged in sexual immorality and idol worship. **Numbers 25**.

When satan cannot overpower the Church by **persecution** he seeks to **infiltrate** it and overcome it from within.

As we studied in the 7 Churches of **Revelation 2&3**, we noticed that satan had infiltrated the Church of Pergamos with many false doctrines and teachings as he attempted to destroy the Church from within. This practice of compromise and false doctrines continued throughout the entire period of the Church of Pergamos, *the black horse*, up until the fall of the Western Roman Empire and the rise of the Papal Roman Empire **538AD**, commonly called the Roman Catholic Holy Roman Empire, under the Pope.

It was during this time, that there was a period of **spiritual darkness**, represented by the **black horse**.

*“But the path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.
The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.”* **Proverbs 4:18-19**

Many false doctrines and beliefs crept into the church at this time, starting from the days of Constantine up until the time of the Papal Roman Empire, many of which have remained in the Church to this very day and thousands acknowledge these ‘beliefs’ as truth when they are not Biblical in the least.

Compare both the ‘*white horse*’ & the ‘*black horse*’ and notice the contrast. During the period of the white horse, God’s people were lights in a world of darkness, spreading the gospel message with power, but the black horse represents the spiritual darkness that came into the church from the rejection of God’s Word. Where God’s Word ceases to exist, there becomes, blackness and spiritual darkness.

Barley & Wheat were staple crops for the people in those days, and what we gather here from the text, “*and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius”*”, in conjunction with the **pair of scales** is that there was to be a scarcity of food during the time of the ‘*black horse*’.

Revelation 6:6 describes a **scarcity of bread** because the wheat and barley were extremely expensive. A denarius was the daily wage of a common labourer. Thus, a labourer was only making enough to purchase one quart of wheat and three quarts of barley. According to the Roman historian **Cicero**, the price mentioned by **John** would have been **8 to 16 times higher** than normal. During the third seal, there was famine for bread in the land. Barley was the staple used to feed the very **poor** and the **animals**. It is no coincidence that the fourth horse is **pale** because the result of **famine is death.**” -Pastor S. Bhor

Despite all of the spiritual darkness which transpired during this time, the **oil & the wine** was not to be hurt, says the heavenly voice, ‘*do not harm the oil and the wine.*’

Oil as we have studied before represents the Holy Spirit, **Zechariah 4:2-6, 1st Samuel 16:13** and **wine** is symbolic of the blood of Jesus, but also of His doctrine, that is, the Word of God, **Luke 5:36-39**. Therefore, what we notice here is that despite the pressure of which the gospel was under during the time of the ‘*black horse*’, God would not allow His Word, and the true, Bible based doctrine of the testimony of Jesus Christ to be harmed; He would make sure that it was to be preserved during this time of compromise and spiritual darkness.

v.7-8

*“When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come and see.” So, I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was **Death**, and **Hades** followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.”*

Here we see the commencement of the ‘*pale horse*’, which parallels with the Church of Thyatira, **Revelation 2:18-29**, this is the period of Church history which commenced at the beginning of the Papal Roman Empire in Western Europe from **538AD-1517AD**. The days of the Caesars had ended, and the days of the Popes had begun; Rome had transitioned from a secular pagan Empire to yet still a pagan Empire clothed in the garb of Christianity.

It was under the decree given by the Eastern Roman Emperor, Justinian, that the Pope of Rome was now the legal head of the global Church with his seat being set up in the Vatican in Rome. It was in the year **475AD** that the Western Roman Empire fell, and it was then split into *ten horns or nations*, what we know today as western Europe.

“After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns. I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous [blasphemous] words.” **Daniel 7:7-8**

It was during this time that the scarcity of God’s Word and of rain [*Holy Spirit blessings*] led to spiritual famine, pestilence and death. In addition, the apostate church, *Catholic*, literally killed the martyrs who did not agree with their man-made, unbiblical traditions.

The original Greek word for the word ‘pale’ in the description of this horse, is ‘*chloros*’, which translates as a pale green colour, such as that of a young plant shoot which is not receiving enough sunlight; this plant is then said to have pale colour, i.e., ‘*chloros*’. This is the description here of the horse which John sees, a pale, lifeless horse, like that of a dead body.

This is a fitting description because it was during this time that the Christian Church saw its most wide-spread persecution up until this time. They were countless martyrs, those who refused to acknowledge the supremacy of the Roman Catholic Church and the Pope as the self-proclaimed ‘*vicar of Christ*’, those who remained faithful to Christ and faithful to His Word were thus tortured and killed. History shows us that the Roman Catholic Church in its prime executed millions [**approx. 50 million**] of faithful Christians in the most heinous and atrocious ways possible, such as burning at the stake, beheading, sawing in half, prolonged hanging by the limbs and by the breasts, by the sword and so on.

As we remember, during the period of the Church in Pergamos, compromise started to creep into the Church of that age and as a result the Church started to become corrupt from the inside. This trend continued right up until the time of the Church in Thyatira. As it was, the head of the western European Kingdoms was now the *Beast Power or Jezebel*, as **Revelation 2:20** calls her and she used her power to influence the kings of Europe [*the wild beasts of the earth*, **Revelation 6:8**] to execute her will against the true and faithful followers of God.

It was also during this time that we see widespread famine & bloodshed, pestilence and plagues throughout the period of the *pale horse*. The existing darkness which the nations of Europe and the middle-aged Church had found themselves in was now to become even darker as this period became known to secular historians and theologians as the ‘Dark Ages.’ During this period, history shows us events taking place such as ‘*the great famine*’, ‘*the black death or bubonic plague*’ and ‘*the thousand-year war*’ all of which are consistent with Bible prophecy in the vision which John saw.

The Papacy during this period did not physically kill the followers of God, however it used the European kingdoms of western Europe to execute its will, which is consistent with what John sees as he calls them ‘*beasts of the earth*’, **Revelation 6:8**

“Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O LORD and that a foolish people has blasphemed Your name. Oh, do not deliver the life of Your turtledove to the **wild beast**! Do not forget the life of Your poor forever.” **Psalm 74:18-19**

“O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; save me from all **those who persecute me**; and deliver me, lest they tear me like **a lion**, rending me in pieces, while there is none to deliver. **Psalm 7:1-2**

“Like a roaring **lion** and a charging **bear** is a **wicked ruler** over poor people. **Proverbs 28:15**

The devil was using the Roman Church to persecute the true and faithful followers of God; all those who worshipped God according to the Bible and not according to man-made Catholic traditions. As a result of this, the

true Church went underground, fled to the mountains & hills and resided in caves, See: **Revelation 12:6,14** and by doing this the true Church was preserved amidst the wide-spread persecution throughout the Papal Empire.

God protected His people and never allowed the light to be blown out by satan.

v.9-11

“When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.”

John sees in a vision, under the golden altar, **Exodus 27:1-8, Leviticus 8:15**, those who had been slain for upholding the truth of God’s Word and for the testimony of Jesus, *all those martyrs who had lost their lives during the time of Papal Supremacy during the Dark Ages*. They cry out to Jesus asking how long until He avenges their blood, until he repays the wicked for their unrighteous acts and Jesus says to them that they should rest in the grave a little longer until the full number of martyrs is completed, and He gives them a white robe symbolic of their reward that they shall receive at the last day, See: **John 11:23-24**. Jesus is referring here to those faithful Christians who will die for their faith and His testimony, until He comes again at the Second Coming, primarily those who live through the time of the Great Tribulation, when many shall be betrayed and shall be killed for their faith.

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” **Matthew 24:9**

“You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.” **Luke 21:16**

This period here being represented that John sees in vision parallels with the Church of Sardis, which commenced from **1517-1798 AD**, which we studied in **Revelation 3:1-6**.

How do dead souls cry out one may ask? We know that the Bible says, *“the dead know nothing”* **Ecclesiastes 9:5**,” so what does the text in verse 9 mean when it says that the souls under the alter ‘cry out?’

Let’s look at a few other texts in the Bible where this context is used.

1. *“And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.”* **Genesis 4:10**

2. *“that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.”* **Matthew 23:35-36**

3. *“Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name; and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins, for Your name’s sake! Why should the nations say, “where is their God?” Let there be known among the nations in our sight the avenging of the blood of Your servants which has been shed.”* **Psalms 79:9-10**

We see that the blood in the above context is referring to when will justice & vengeance be delivered for God’s people. It is interesting to note that in the Sacrificial system in the days of Moses, the blood was poured upon the altar of sacrifice in the court once the blood of the lamb or bullock was slain; in the same way, the righteous are

slain (*sacrificed*) for their faith in Christ Jesus and John sees their souls, symbolically speaking, under the altar of sacrifice, **Leviticus 8:15**.

In the Old Testament, there is a close connection between the words ‘**soul**’ and ‘**blood**’. When innocent blood (*the life*) is shed, it symbolically cries out for justice.

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” **Leviticus 17:11**

*“Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for **the blood is the life**...”* **Deuteronomy 12:23**

“And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.” **Genesis 2:7**

We see here that the blood is synonymous with the life of a soul/person, so in essence, John, is seeing the souls under the altar of sacrifice, whose blood was shed for their testimony of Jesus, cry out for justice.

The **white** horse (Ephesus): represents the pure early Church under the Apostles.

The **red** horse (Smyrna): represents the bloodshed and persecution of the Christian Church during the Roman Empire.

The **black** horse (Pergamos): represents the period of compromised Christianity & the infiltration of worldly customs into the Church during the last stages of the Roman Empire.

The **pale** horse (Thyatira): represents the Papal Church.

Jesus told these martyrs that they must rest in the grave yet a little while until the martyrs in the last days shall also be completed. How do we know that there will be martyrs yet again before Jesus comes? The Bible is clear, let us look at a few Scriptures which explain this point.

*“And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally **wounded**, and his deadly wound was **healed**.”* **Revelation 13:3**

As we can see, the Papacy was to be wounded, *ceased to rule as a kingdom which occurred in 1798*, however this deadly wound will be healed and when it is fully healed, the persecution shall yet again return for the true followers of Christ. As it was in times past when The Roman Church used the kingdoms of Europe to execute judgement upon God’s faithful followers who worshipped God according to His Word and not the traditions of man, so will it be when the mortal wound is healed. The present Roman Church shall use the leaders of the world to persecute God’s faithful remnant of believers. We will all have to make a choice, whether we serve God or man.

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake.” **Matthew 24:9**

“You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.” **Luke 21:16**

“He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” **Revelation 13:15**

“That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done and there is nothing new under the sun.” **Ecclesiastes 1:9**

*“There is another and more important question that should engage the attention of the churches of today. The apostle Paul declares that “all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” **2 Timothy 3:12**. Why is it, then, that persecution seems in a great degree to slumber? The only reason is that the church has conformed to the world's standard and therefore awakens no opposition. The religion which is current in our day is not of the pure and holy character that marked the Christian faith in the days of Christ and His apostles. It is only because of the spirit of compromise with sin, because the great truths of the word of God are so indifferently regarded, because there is so little vital godliness in the church, that Christianity is apparently so popular with the world. Let there be a revival of the faith and power of the early church, and the spirit of persecution will be revived, and the fires of persecution will be rekindled.”, *The Great Controversy*, page 48, paragraph 3, by E.G. White*

v.12-17

*“I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a **great earthquake**; and the **sun became black** as sackcloth of hair, and the **moon became like blood**. And the **stars of heaven fell to the earth**, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the **sky receded as a scroll** when it is rolled up, and every **mountain and island was moved out of its place**. 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?**”*

Jesus unlocks the sixth seal and John is able to see in vision, the great day of Jesus' Second Coming in power and great glory. It was at Jesus' first coming as a babe in a manger where He came as *'the Lamb which takes away the sins of the world,'* **John 1:29**, but now at His Second Coming, He comes as a King; *'the King of kings & Lord of lords'* **Revelation 19:16**.

John sees a great earthquake at the opening of the sixth seal along with a darkening of the sun and a blood like moon, with stars 'falling' from the sky. We can trace these events all the way back through history around the time of the year 1798, that is, coming to the end of the fifth seal/ Church of Philadelphia.

First, we see the [great Lisbon earthquake](#) on November 1st, 1755, which has been recorded as one of the deadliest earthquakes in history by most historians.

We see on May 19th, 1780, [the dark day of New England](#), which took the world by storm and was one of the darkest days of recorded history.

Finally, we also notice on November 13th, 1833, the [Great Leonid Meteor Shower](#), of which it is estimated that more than 240,000 meteors ran through the night sky, giving the impression to the people at that time that the stars were falling from the night sky.

All of these events transpired between the ending of the fifth seal and the beginning of the sixth seal, and this is no coincidence. These signs occurred precisely at the right **time**, immediately before the 1,260-year tribulation [538AD-1798AD] came to an end and just before the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the fall of the papacy, *the mortal wound*, **Revelation 13:3** (in 1798) and the beginning of the judgment (in 1844); *this judgement will be studied in our later studies but can be referred to briefly on the study on Revelation 13 part 1*.

These events took place historically so that God's faithful people would know where they were in the stream of 'prophetic time' and they shall be repeated yet again in quick succession, just before the Second Coming of Jesus, as seen in **Revelation 16** & **Matthew 24**.

*“Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, **“It is done!”** And there were noises and thundering and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake**, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. **Revelation 16:17-18***

*“Immediately **after the tribulation** of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.” **Matthew 24:29-30***

*“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***

We must remember that the Papacy, *the beast out of the sea, or little horn*, **Revelation 13:1, Daniel 7:8**, has two stages of power; *the mortal wound will be healed* according to Scripture, **Revelation 13:3**:

1. One **past**- during the 1,260 year or 42 months, or time, times & half a time period.
2. One **future**- at the very end of time, just before the Second Coming of Jesus.

Therefore, having said this, the *Great Tribulation*, also has two stages, one **past** & one **future**.

Says Jesus, *‘For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.’* **Mathew 24:21**

And the Prophet Daniel, *‘...And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time...’* **Daniel 12:1**

The past stage of the tribulation was the greatest in history as to **length** and the future stage will be the greatest in history as to **intensity**.

Conclusion:

Here we have the conclusion of the first 6 seals, there is yet one remaining, **chapter 8**, however before we get there, we must study a very important detail in **chapter 7**. This study on **Revelation 6** has been a long study, longer than most, but it is full of very important details that we must take into consideration, allowing the Scriptures to explain themselves. Continue to study and allow the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth, **John 16:13**.

“For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; the sun will be darkened in its going forth,

And the moon will not cause its light to shine. “I will punish the world for its evil and the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, a man more than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore, I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts and in the day of His fierce anger.”

Isaiah 13:10-13