

# The Book Is Opened – Part I

Revelation 6:1-8

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## I. Introduction

- A. Chapters 6-19 are in chronological order but with some parentheses
- B. This is Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week.
- C. Warren W. Wiersbe sees it divided this way
  - 1. Chapters 6-9: First 3 ½ years
  - 2. Chapters 10-14: Middle
  - 3. Chapters 15-19: Last 3 ½ years
  - 4. John Walvoord sees the second half of the tribulation starting in verse 7 with the fourth seal
- D. The following terms are used in scripture to refer to Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week
  - 1. Tribulation
  - 2. Great Tribulation
  - 3. Day of the Lord
  - 4. Day of wrath
  - 5. Day of distress
  - 6. Day of trouble
  - 7. Time of Jacob's trouble
  - 8. Day of darkness
  - 9. Day of darkness and gloom
  - 10. Wrath of the lamb
- E. John F. Walvoord sees Mathew 24 and Revelation 6 as follows
  - 1. War – Mathew 24:6, 7 and Revelation 6:3, 4
  - 2. Famine – Matthew 24:7 and Revelation 5, 6
  - 3. Death – Matthew 24:7-9 and Revelation 7, 8
  - 4. Martyrdom – Matthew 24:9, 10, 16-22 and Revelation 6:9-11
  - 5. Sun and moon darkened and stars falling – Matthew 24:29 and Revelation 6:12-14
  - 6. Divine Judgement – Matthew 24:32-25:26 and Revelation 6:15-17

## II. The Contents of the Book

- A. The First Seal – vs.1, 2
    - 1. The breaking of the seal and the invitation to come
    - 2. *"I heard one of the four living creatures"* (lion)
    - 3. A rider and a white horse
      - a. *"leukas"* white to grey
  - B. The Second Seal – vs. 3, 4
    - 1. The breaking of the seal and the invitation to come by the second living creature (calf)
    - 2. A rider and a red horse
      - a. Red is used of the devil in 12:3
      - b. Peace is taken from the earth by war
    - 3. Who is fighting who?
      - a. Zechariah 1:8-12
      - b. Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:20
  - C. The Third Seal – vs. 5, 6
    - 1. The breaking of the seal and the invitation to come by the third living creature (man)
    - 2. A rider and a black horse
      - a. Black - mourning and affliction
      - b. Famine is pictured here
      - c. A day's worth of food would cost a day's wage
    - 3. Oil and wine are abundant
      - a. This may point to the *"feast of oil and wine"*
      - b. It may be saying the rich will not be affected
  - D. The Fourth Seal – vs. 7, 8
    - 1. The breaking of the seal and invitation to come by the fourth living creature (eagle)
    - 2. A rider and its horse
      - a. Ashen - yellowish green – see 9:4
      - b. Death was its rider and Hades followed
    - 3. One quarter of the earth's population dies (maybe only unbelievers) – Ezekiel 14:21; Matthew 24:4-7
      - a. Sword: war
      - b. Famine
      - c. Pestilence
      - d. Wild beasts
- b. This is the *"willful king of little horn"* of Daniel 7:8; 11:36
  - c. The beast that comes out of the sea – Revelation 13:1
- 4. He has a bow but no arrows
  - 5. A crown was given to him – by whom? God!
    - a. A *"stephanos"* (visitors crown)
    - b. Not a *"diadema"* as in 19:12