



Week 6:
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of the End

REVELATION
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
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DAILY DEVOTIONAL



Set the Tone:

Grace and Judgment

This is an intense chapter. You may find yourself feeling a combination of joy that Christians will receive God's grace and heartbroken that some will reject Him to the end. My prayer is that everyone involved in this study will submit to the grace of God and avoid the wrath of Revelation 6.

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STUDY NOTES:

Due to the complex nature of this study, I included some additional study notes. For deeper study, please find my "revelation 6" podcast where I dive into the passage in greater detail.

The Unraveling Begins

Monday

READ REVELATION 6:1-4

STUDY NOTES

"a bow with no arrows" - symbolic of bringing peace without the use of war.

"White horse" represents the triumphal entry of the new world leader often referred to as the Antichrist.

Take special note of the verbs in this passage. Every example of power in the hands of the antichrist is "given" and "allowed". This shows us that even when things get bad, Jesus is still the one in control of all things.

REFLECTION:

What does the white horse and its rider represent? (Revelation 6:2)

The antichrist will deceive the world into following him establishing false peace. Where do you see false peace in the world today? How does it compare to the true peace of Jesus?

What does this passage tell us about God's sovereignty over all things, even allowing the Antichrist to rise?

Take a moment to consider the difference in the leadership of Jesus and the leadership that the antichrist will bring.

Are there leaders, influences, or trends that you are tempted to follow over Jesus?

ACTION STEP:

Take a few moments to pray that God would open your eyes to truth and keep you from being deceived by things that seem good but are not from Him.

Pray this to God: Lord, open my eyes to any relationships, influences, or thoughts that I have been deceived to call good. Help me to see clearly through the light of Your Word and use it as the filter for my life today. Amen.

Tuesday

PRAYER: Lord, as I seek You today, remind me that true peace comes only from You. Keep my heart anchored in Your presence, no matter what chaos surrounds me. Amen.

READ REVELATION 6:4-8

“Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another.” (Revelation 6:4)

STUDY NOTES

“The red horse” - symbolic of worldwide war outbreak

REFLECTION:

What happens when the red horse rides onto the scene? (Revelation 6:4)

Why do you think people will turn on each other during the Tribulation?

How does this passage show that peace without Jesus is temporary?

What do you think his passage teaches us about trying to have peace without the prince of peace?

Have you ever tried to find peace apart from God? How did it turn out?

What does it mean that Jesus is the Prince of Peace? (Isaiah 9:6)

ACTION STEP:

What is one way you can pursue true peace in Jesus today, even when the world feels chaotic.

When Justice Arrives

Wednesday Devo

PRAYER: Lord, as I open Your Word today, remind me that You see every injustice and that Your justice will prevail. Strengthen my faith to stand for You, no matter the cost. Amen.

READ REVELATION 6:9-11

“I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.” (Revelation 6:9)

STUDY NOTES

The term “tribulation” is very simple. It refers to the the seven year period of world destruction depicted in Revelation chapters 6-19.

REFLECTION:

What happens to the Christians who are killed during the Tribulation? (Revelation 6:9-11)

What do they cry out to God for? (Revelation 6:10)

- How does this show that justice will be served in the end?

- How do you respond when you see injustice in the world? Do you trust God to make things right?

- What does it look like to stand for your faith, even when it’s hard?

When is the last time you stood up for your faith in Jesus?

ACTION STEP:

Spend a few minutes praying for Christians around the world who are suffering for their faith.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

If you could instantly fix one thing in the world that feels unfair or unjust, what would it be and why?

READ REVELATION 6 NLT (5 MINUTES)

As I watched, the Lamb broke the first of the seven seals on the scroll. Then I heard one of the four living beings say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" **2** I looked up and saw a white horse standing there. Its rider carried a bow, and a crown was placed on his head. He rode out to win many battles and gain the victory.

3 When the Lamb broke the second seal, I heard the second living being say, "Come!" **4** Then another horse appeared, a red one. Its rider was given a mighty sword and the authority to take peace from the earth. And there was war and slaughter everywhere.

5 When the Lamb broke the third seal, I heard the third living being say, "Come!" I looked up and saw a black horse, and its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice from among the four living beings say, "A loaf of wheat bread or three loaves of barley will cost a day's pay. And don't waste the olive oil and wine."

7 When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living being say, "Come!" **8** I looked up and saw a horse whose color was pale green. Its rider was named Death, and his companion was the Grave. These two were given authority over one-fourth of the earth, to kill with the sword and famine and disease and wild animals.

9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of all who had been martyred for the word of God and for being faithful in their testimony. **10** They shouted to the Lord and said, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you judge the people who belong to this world and avenge our blood for what they have done to us?" **11** Then a white robe was given to each of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until the full number of their brothers and sisters—their fellow servants of Jesus who were to be martyred—had joined them.

12 I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. **13** Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind. **14** The sky was rolled up like a scroll, and all of the mountains and islands were moved from their places.

15 Then everyone—the kings of the earth, the rulers, the generals, the wealthy, the powerful, and every slave and free person—all hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. **16** And they cried to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the one who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb. **17** For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to survive?"

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS (10 MINUTES)

- Revelation 6 reveals that when the world rejects God, He allows them to experience the leader and peace they desire—but it won't last.
- Each stage of the Tribulation shows the consequences of choosing the world over Christ—what starts as false peace quickly turns into war, suffering, and judgment.
- Through it all, God remains in control, keeping His promises to the faithful while bringing justice to those who reject Him.

1 LOVING LEADER VS. LYING LEADER (REVELATION 6:2)

- The Antichrist will appear as a great leader, but he will bring false peace that deceives the world. God allows the world to have the leader they desire, showing His sovereignty even in judgment.
- **Question: How do people today look for peace and leadership in the wrong places?**

2 PEACE VS. PUNISHMENT (REVELATION 6:4)

- The false peace will quickly turn to war, proving that peace without Jesus is an illusion. Rejecting God's plan leads to destruction—there is no alternative.
- **Question: Have you ever put your hope in something that turned out to be false peace?**

3 RIGHTEOUSNESS VS. RICHES (REVELATION 6:5-6)

- During the Tribulation, economic chaos will erupt, where basic necessities will be scarce, but luxury goods will be abundant.
- **Question: In what ways do people today prioritize wealth or status over spiritual health?**

4 DELIVERANCE VS. DEATH (REVELATION 6:7-8)

- The pale horse brings death on a scale never seen before—2.64 billion people will die. COVID-19 was devastating, but the Tribulation will bring judgment on a global scale.
- **Question: How does knowing God's ultimate plan shape the way you view suffering in the world today?**

5 GENEROSITY VS. GENOCIDE (REVELATION 6:9-11)

- Christians who turn to Christ during the Tribulation will face severe persecution and be martyred.
- **Question: How should we respond when we see injustice in the world today? Do we trust God to make things right?**

6 WORSHIP VS. WRATH (REVELATION 6:12-17)

- The final seal brings global catastrophe—earthquakes, darkness, and terror.
- The most powerful people on earth will beg for the mountains to fall on them rather than face God's wrath.
- **Question: If people knew God's judgment was coming, why do they still reject Him?**

Wednesday Con't

GROUP CHALLENGE: PURSUING TRUE PEACE IN JESUS

Follow up: Last week, we each chose a Bible verse to hold onto—how has it shaped your thoughts and actions?

This week, what's one way you can pursue real peace in Jesus this week?
True peace isn't found in avoiding stress, controlling circumstances, or chasing distractions—it's found in trusting Jesus, no matter what's happening around you. This week, be intentional about seeking real peace in Christ. (See Thursdays Challenge for examples)

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What part of Sunday's message stood out the most to you?

How do you feel when you read about God's judgment in Revelation 6?

If Jesus called us to heaven today, how confident are you that you would go?

Why does God allow the Antichrist to come to power? (Revelation 6:2)

What does this passage teach us about true and false peace? (Revelation 6:4)

Why do you think people look for worldly solutions to problems that only Jesus can fix?

What would change in your life if you fully trusted God's justice? (Revelation 6:9-10)

PRAYER:

Pray that your group would stand firm in their faith.

Ask God to help each person trust Him for justice.

Pray that your group would live in true peace, not the world's false peace.

Nothing Hidden From God

Thursday

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 10:26

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known."

REFLECTION:

How does this verse connect with the truth being revealed in Revelation 6?

Why does God promise that everything will come to light?

Ask God to reveal any area in your life where you are hiding from Him.

CHALLENGE:

Life can feel overwhelming—stress from school, friendships, and the pressure to have it all together. But real peace isn't about having a perfect life; it's about trusting Jesus no matter what.

This week, find one way to pursue real peace in Him:

- Start your morning with God instead of scrolling your phone.
- Pray when you feel stressed instead of letting worry take over.
- Take a break from negativity (social media, drama, or distractions) and fill your mind with truth.
- Trust Jesus with the things you can't control instead of stressing over them.

What's one way you can focus on Jesus this week and experience His peace?

PRAYER

Lord, thank You for reminding me that nothing is hidden from You. You see every part of my life—the struggles, fears, and even the things I try to hide. Help me to walk in Your truth, trusting that Your light brings freedom, not fear. Teach me to find real peace in You, to let go of stress, and to surrender what I can't control. Fill my heart with Your presence and guide me to live in the confidence of Your promises. In Jesus' name, Amen.

True Justice

Friday

SCRIPTURE: PROVERBS 28:5

"Evil men do not understand justice, but those who seek the Lord understand it completely."

REFLECTION:

What does this verse teach about justice?

Why do people who reject God struggle to understand what is right and wrong?

Can you think of a time when your definition of right and wrong was blurred because you were far from God?

Why do you think it is so important for Christians to have discernment between right and wrong?

PRAYER:

Lord, I know that true justice comes from You alone. In a world where right and wrong can feel blurred, help me to see clearly through the truth of Your Word. Give me discernment to recognize what is good and the boldness to stand for it. Keep my heart close to You so that I don't drift into confusion or compromise. Teach me to seek You first, knowing that when I do, I will understand justice as You intended. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Price of True Peace

Saturday

SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 11:28-30

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

REFLECTION:

How does Jesus being the Prince of Peace give us hope in a chaotic world?

How is the peace Jesus brings different from the false peace in Revelation 6?

Write down one thing causing stress or fear in your life. Pray over it and give it to Jesus.

CHALLENGE:

Memorize Revelation 6:17

STAY CONNECTED:

Watch the sermon on YouTube or Spotify if you missed it.

NEXT WEEK:

We have just touched the surface of the tribulation and I pray that you will stay diligent in this study. I believe it is important for Christians to be familiar with this book in order to have and bring hope in the world. I hope this study has been as much of an encouragement to you as it has been to me.

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