**Revelation 6: The Seal Judgments**

**Main: The 70th Week: The wrath of the Lamb comes on a rebellious world**

**Revelation 6:3-4 and Matthew 24:6-7**

**1) Initiation of the battle with earth Rev. 6:1-2**

**2) War - Mt. 24:6-7 Rev. 6:3-4**

**3) Famine - Mt. 24:7 Rev. 6:5-6**

**4) Death – Mt. 24:7-9 Rev. 6:7-8**

**5) Martyrdom – Mt. 24:9-10 Rev. 6:9-11**

**6) Cosmic blackout – Mt. 24:29 Rev. 6:12-17**

**The first four Seals sound very much like the first half of the Tribulation.**

**The First Seal: The Conqueror – Rev. 6:1-2**

* **The horsemen and their horses are messengers and instruments of divine judgment (Zechariah 1:7-11 and 6:1-8).**
* **This is divine, not Satanic, judgment initiated by the four living creatures!**
* **The horsemen are connected to the throne room of Rev. 5.**
* **This connection with horsemen is repeated when Jesus returns – 19:11-16**
* **Here, the Rider’s crown is a victor’s crown, anticipating the victories of Israel’s King (Heb. 2:9; Psalm 45:1-7; Comp. Rev. 6:2 with Ps. 45:4-5)**
* **Later, Jesus wears the crowns of diadems given a Ruler after His conquest of the kings of this world! Rev. 19:12; Psalm 2**

**The Second Seal: A World at War – Rev. 6:3-4**

* **“Great sword” = Great killing power! The “beginning of sorrows” is a world at war! (Mt. 24:6-8; 1 Thess. 5:3)**

**The Third Seal: Famine – Rev. 6:5-6**

* **Denarius = a day’s wages could normally buy 8 measures of wheat or 24 measures of barley. Severe shortage of food.**
* **Oil and the wine = luxury items.**
* **Seems the famine is much harder on the poor, though later judgments effect everyone (6:14-17)**

**The Fourth Seal: Widespread Death – Rev. 6:7-8**

* **One-quarter of the earth’s population: On March 12, the UN “Worldometer” puts the world’s population at just over 8 Billion people.**
* **One plague = the death of 2 Billion people**
* **That is more than the entire populations of the US and China combined!**
* **“Beasts” – A renewed danger of wild animals**
* **This is probably up to the middle point of the Tribulation.**
* **There may be more, but this Pale Rider is responsible for massive death!**

**The Fifth Seal: Martyrdom – Rev. 9-11**

* **The first four seals precede persecution which takes place after the middle of the Tribulation in which the Beast persecutes the saints - Rev. 13:7**
* **This persecution preceded the end, according to Jesus - Mt. 24:9-14a**
* **There is sadness in heaven as fallen believers await justice – Rev. 6:10**
* **They are told their wait will be short!**
* **“White robe” - They are given their rewards!**
* **The wait was for a particular number of believers to die – Rev. 6:11**

**The Sixth Seal: Cosmic Upheaval; The Blackout – Rev. 6:12-17**

* **Cosmic upheaval - Isa. 13:6-13; 34:4; Joel 3:14-16; Zech. 14:6**
* **Mt. 24:29 = “Immediately after…” This is the end of the Tribulation!**
* **Lk. 21:25-31 – It is explicitly AFTER this that the Kingdom comes (v. 31)**
* **The sun is still around during the other judgments (8:12; 9:2; 16:8)!**
* **Earth’s mighty men will no longer feel so mighty! Isa. 2:9-21**
* **It’s easy to see why the Lord is not anxious for this to happen!**

**Additional notes**