

"The Grand Opening"
Revelation 6

Question: What happened after John saw the Lamb take the scroll and after the songs were sung? V. 1

Note: The Greek word for "Come!" is also the same word for "_____."

Answer: The Lamb [] opened the first seal and a command was given by one of the four living creatures [if sequential, per 4:6b, it was the _____]. Note the word "one" can also mean "_____."

Question: Who is the living creature talking to?

Answer:

Question: What/who did John see coming/or prepared to go? V. 2

Answer:

Question: Look at the descriptions in detail and describe what they mean/symbolize.

Answer:

1. A _____ horse – used in the military for _____ or supreme commanders, especially those who have been victorious. Cp. Rev. 19:11. White always represents holiness, _____, or righteousness – true or fake, Cp. 2 Cor. 11:14 -15.

2. Its rider held a _____ - A military or political person with military oversight, but no _____. An inference of war through a _____ fight is to be thought. Cp. Dan. 9:27; 11:21-24, 36-39; 2 Thess. 2:9-12

Note: The rider on this horse has been interpreted in five different ways.

- a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
3. He was given a _____ – his authority is _____ and not _____. He is given the right to rule. Cp. 2 Thess. 2:9
4. He rode out as a _____ bent on _____ – this person has a global dominance agenda. The Greek word for “conquest” is *nikēse* and points to an ultimate victory over something or someone but one that will not last.

Question: Jesus now opens the second seal. What does John see? Vv. 3-4

Note: If sequentially, the second living creature would be the _____ – the symbol of strength and power.

Question: Look at the descriptions in detail and describe what they mean/symbolize.

Answer:

1. A fiery _____ horse came –

Red is symbol of _____ indicating that this involves bloodshed of some sort, e.g. civil war, nation against nation, religious or ethnic persecution.

2. Its rider was given _____ to:

Note: Once again his power is not derived from his own person but given to him externally from someone else.

a. take _____ from the earth

Cp. Matthew 10:34.

This is used to support the idea that Jesus represents the rider. However, Jesus is not the one who brings a literal sword. The sword in this text is meant _____ in the sense that Jesus is the sword. Belief in him will _____ the most intimate of family ties.

In the last days however, this will be taken _____. This person will take peace away from the land and bring bloodshed even through one's own family members.

b. to make people _____ one another.

This person will be a master at stirring people up against each other in such violent way that they will literally, " _____ " each other. The term in Revelation always refers to the Lamb or his followers as the one's receiving the violence. However, it does not mean that others will not be caught up in the wake of this bloodshed as many are in times of war.

Note what Jesus said in John 16:1-2.

^{NIV} **John 16:1** "All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.

² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God. (Jn. 16:1-2 NIV)

3. To him was given a large _____.

Note: There were two types of swords in the New Testament.

a. The *machaira* was a knife that was used in close hand-to-hand combat or for _____.

b. The *rhomphaia* was a long _____ sword used in field fighting.

Note: Ironically, it is the first that is spoken of here. It means that his killing is _____ and deliberate.

Question: What does John see next in verses 5-6.

Question: If sequential, what living creature is speaking?

Answer:

Question: What does the color black biblically represent?

Exodus 10:13-15 -

Job 30:28 -

Jude 1:13 -

Answer:

Question: What do the scales represent?

Prov. 16:11 –

Prov. 20:23 –

Dan. 5:27 -

Answer:

Look at the following slides and tell me if you've heard of this from either your own family or from your grandparents.

This was _____ because of the war effort where food was diverted. Imagine a day where food is _____ simply because there is not enough either through plague or war.

Question: What did John hear? Who was this? V. 6

Answer:

Question: Looking at verse 6 what is the declarative?

Answer:

Note: A quart of wheat is barely enough to feed one adult per day. Barely is the _____ food but lacks the nutritional quality of wheat. It was used to feed cattle because of its lack of binding properties or for beer (which is interesting given the text of Proverbs 31:6). Oil and wine, the staples used for _____ cooking and drinking, will be considered as _____.

Compare the costs of Elisha the prophet in 2 Kings 7:1, 16, 18.

NLT 2 Kings 7:1 Elisha replied, "Listen to this message from the LORD! This is what the LORD says: By this time tomorrow in the markets of Samaria, five quarts of choice flour will cost only one piece of silver [a day's wage], and ten quarts of barley grain will cost only one piece of silver [a day's wage]." (2 Ki. 7:1 NLT)

Note: This is abundance.

What happened when the Lamb opened the fourth seal? Vv. 7-8

The fourth living creature would have been the _____ – the swiftest of the created beings.

Note the color "_____ " is described as the color of _____ or yellow-green plants. The word is "chloros" from which the word "_____ " comes. It was also used to describe the color of someone dead, close to death, or _____.

Death personified comes as a natural consequence of the wars and subsequent famines. In Hebrew this word is often translated, "_____."

Question: What is Hades?

Answer: It is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew "_____." It simply means "the place of the _____."

Death, therefore, is the means and Hades is the _____.

Note: When we think of wild beasts we often think about lions, tigers, and bears but many scholars see this including and even suggesting that it might be _____.

The Bubonic Plague of the 14th century killed between one-third and one-fourth of the total population of Europe or between thirty and sixty percent of the population. Between Asian, Europe, and Africa it has been estimated that over fifty million people died.

A recent article in the Daily Wire, Dr. Drew Pinsky said Los Angeles, because of its epidemic homeless issue is a health emergency that is waiting to explode. It already has cases of Tuberculosis, Typhus, and is ripe for an epidemic of the Black Death or Bubonic Plague carried by flea infested rats and flea infested people. <https://www.dailywire.com/news/47888/bubonic-plague-likely-already-present-los-angeles-joseph-curl>

The present population of the earth is 7.6 billion. Twenty-five percent of 7.6 billion is 1 billion 9 hundred million people that God _____
_____ to kill. The population of the US is approximately 329 million (2019)

Question: What are your thoughts about this? About God?

Question: What happened when the Lamb opened the fifth seal?

Question: What altar is being spoken of in this text?

Cp. Exodus 25:40 with Hebrews 8:5.

Cp. Rev. 15:5ff. -

Cp. Exodus 40:5 -

Answer: There seems to be a place of worship in heaven that was the _____ for the earthly tabernacle/Temple here on earth. There is a temple, an altar of incense, and incense.

Question: Who is under the altar?

Answer: _____ who were killed because of:

- 1.
- 2.

Question: What does this mean?

Answer:

The testimony that they held was then the message or the person of Jesus. Both are acceptable.

Question: What are these entities asking for?

Answer:

- 1.

Cp. Psalms 7, 35, 55, 58, 59, 69, 79, 109, 137 and 139 = imprecatory psalms.

- 2.

Question: How does the Lamb respond to the requests?

Answer:

1. Cp. Rev. 3:4-5: 7:6-13
- 2.

Note: God has a plan for a person's life and for some, _____ is part of His plan.

Describe the opening of the sixth seal. Vv. 12-16

Answer:

1. Cataclysmic _____ and _____ events occurred with the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky, mountains and islands. Vv. 12-14.

Note:

Hosea 10:8 –

Luke 23:28-31 –

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Excurses and comparison with Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:1 – Question: What is the context?

Answer:

Matthew 24:2 - Question: What was Jesus' reply?

Answer:

Matthew 24:3 – Question: What are the two key questions?

Answer:

- 1.
- 2.

Question: What does this last statement mean considering the disciples current understanding of Jesus and the idea of a Messiah?

Answer: The questions should be taken together. When the Temple falls, will that be the sign that you are ushering in the _____ with a new way of worshipping God? Will you be entering Jerusalem as the new _____ who will usher in the end-time fulfilled Jewish state? They have no idea that he is going to be murdered. No idea of his resurrection and ascension. No idea that Rome would rule in terror for another three hundred plus years. No idea that the Temple would not be rebuilt in their lifetime nor has it been rebuilt.

Seals _____ = Matthew 24:3-8 → Revelation 6:1-8 → Beginning of Sorrows or Birth pangs

Seal _____ = Matthew 24:9 → Revelation 6:9-11 → The Great Tribulation

Seal _____ = Matthew 24:29 → Revelation 6:12-13 → Cosmic and Earthly Disturbances

Seal _____ = Mathew 24:30-31 → Revelation 6:14ff → The wrath of the God and Jesus' Second Coming.

Note: To answer the disciples' question of his coming –

1. Things are going to go on like usual but with more and more _____ like a woman who is pregnant going through the stages of conception to birth.

Note:

Incredible increase:

- In the 10 year period 1900/09 our planet averaged 28.9 quakes of Magnitude 6 or larger
- In the following ten year period 1910/19 our planet averaged 32
- 1920/29 averaged 31.7
- 1930/39 averaged 37.8
- 1940/49 averaged 46.6
- 1950/59 averaged 45.1
- 1960/69 averaged 65.5
- 1970/79 averaged 103.1
- 1980/89 averaged 108.5
- 1990/99 averaged 149.2
- 2000/09 averaged 161.1
- the years 2010 to 2014 are so far averaging 161.

The biggest quake in 2014, was a magnitude 8.2- 94km NW of Iquique, Chile on the second of April.

2. Then the Great Tribulation, also known as _____, will begin. Cf. 30:3-7 Note: That the return of the people and the re-establishment of the land must happen first.
3. Then _____ cosmic and earthly disturbances will take place.
4. Then....the Lord will _____.

Note: This is specifically directed to the _____ people. Note the connection to the Prophet Daniel and the "abomination of desolation" set up in the Temple, traveling on the Sabbath, Judea, etc...

Note: The prophet Daniel calls this entire time period (the full seven years, the Seals, Bowls, and Trumpet Judgments), the time of God's _____ (Dan. 8:19). The word is "za'am" in Hebrew.