

CHAPTER SIX – THE SEALS ARE OPENED

TROUBLE ON THE EARTH – PART ONE

At the end of chapter 3 the church age comes to a close. In chapter 4 the church is raptured, the Judgment Seat of Christ takes place, and a spectacular heavenly worship service unfolds before the throne of God. In chapter 5 the Lord Jesus Christ victoriously stands forward to take the seven sealed _____ from the right hand of God the Father. This event causes another throng of worship to break out, as the elders, beasts, angels, saints and every creature praise and worship the _____ of God.

Now, here in chapter 6, Jesus Christ in heaven is opening the _____ of the book. As he opens each seal, terrible events are unleashed below upon the earth. This begins the “*time of Jacob’s trouble*” – Jeremiah 30:7, otherwise known as the “*time of trouble*” – Daniel 12:1. This period begins Daniel’s infamous 70th week when the nation of Israel will be persecuted like no other time in human history. This is the time when unparalleled dreadful events and catastrophic judgments run rampant while the entire world collapses under the grip of the _____.

THE LEAD HORSEMAN – REVELATION 6:1-2

1. The _____ seal is opened – verses 1-2

- The first horseman revealed – the great _____
 - He is riding a _____ horse...
 - He has a bow with no _____...
 - A _____ was _____ to him...
 - He goes forth conquering and to _____

- He looks a lot like _____
 - He rides a white horse – Rev. 6:2
Jesus Christ rides a white horse – Rev. 19:11
 - He is a man of _____ – Matthew 24:4-5; Daniel 8:25; 11:21, 24
Jesus Christ a peacemaker – Ro. 5:1; Eph. 2:14; 2 Thess. 3:16
 - He is a husband with a _____ that is his bride – Rev. 17
Jesus Christ is a husband with a city that is his bride – Rev. 21
 - He is called an angel of _____ – 2 Co. 11:14
Jesus Christ is the light of the world – John 8:12
 - He is a _____ – Job 41:34
Jesus Christ is the King of kings – Rev. 19:16
 - He is a _____ – John 12:31; 14:3
Jesus Christ is the Prince of peace – Is. 9:6
 - He is called the god of this world – 2 Co. 4:4
Jesus was called “my Lord and my God” by Thomas – John 20:28
 - He quotes _____ – Luke 4
Jesus always quoted scripture – see Matthew thru John
 - He is a _____ – 1 Peter 5:8
Jesus Christ is the Lion from the tribe of Judah – Rev. 5:5
 - He is a conqueror – Rev. 6:2
Jesus Christ is coming as a conqueror to take the world from Satan by force – 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Rev. 19

- The ID of the lead rider
 - The _____

- God helps us to recognize him by giving us _____ or foreshadows in the scriptures
 - There are 18 major types of antichrist:
 - 1) _____ – “Cain, who was of that wicked one” – 1 John 3:12; the devil was a “murderer from the beginning” – John 8:44; Cain was the first murderer and killed Abel because of his obedience to the Word of God – Gen. 4. The Lord set a mark upon Cain – the antichrist is connected to a mark – Gen. 4:15; Rev. 13:16-18
 - 2) _____ – His name means “rebel.” He is a king over a kingdom in rebellion against God; he is the first king of Babylon. He is working to establish a unified world empire where everyone on earth will have the same government and religion – Gen. 11; he is the 13th in line from Adam.
 - 3) _____ – He is the king of Egypt which is a clear type of the world throughout scripture. He persecutes the nation of Israel – Ex. 4-12; During Israel’s tribulation in Egypt, Moses preached to Pharaoh for the deliverance of God’s people – Moses will also preach to the antichrist during the tribulation period – Rev. 11
 - 4) Balak – The evil Moabite king of Numbers 22-25 that caused Israel to stumble. He was part of a satanic trinity that had **Baal** as his false god – **Balak** as the false king – **Balaam** as the false prophet; this is like the devil’s trinity with a **dragon** as Satan, the father – the **beast** as Satan the son – the **false prophet** as Satan the unholy spirit.
 - 5) Sisera – In Judges 4, “He mightily oppressed the children of Israel.” He is defeated at Megiddo, the antichrist is defeat at Megiddo. He dies from a head wound, the antichrist receives a head wound.
 - 6) Abimelech – He is a worshipper of Baal. He is a rebel against Jehovah God; he sets himself up as king; he receives a deadly head wound – Judges 9:53.
 - 7) _____ – 1 Samuel 17 – He comes against the nation of Israel. He taunts them into fighting with him, while he desires to destroy them; he is in the lineage of demonic giants – Gen. 6:1-4; David bruises his _____ – Gen. 3:15; David defeats him in valley and ultimately takes him out with a sharp two-edged _____ – Rev. 19:15
 - 8) _____ – The king chosen and received by the people before God’s anointed King David. He tried to usurp the priesthood – 1 Samuel 13; 2 Thess. 2:4; he was possessed by an evil spirit – 1 Samuel 28; Rev. 13; he was a self-willed ruler who constantly disobeyed God’s word; he relentlessly perused God’s man; his ultimate demise was by his own doing – 1 Samuel 31:4.
 - 9) Nabal – He rebelled against King David – 1 Samuel 25. He was called the “son of Belial” in 1 Samuel 25:17, this term was used for Satan in 2 Co. 6:15. In 1 Samuel 25:38, “The Lord smote Nabal” just as He will smite the antichrist.
 - 10) Absalom – His name means, “Father of peace,” yet he continuously rebelled against King David and stirred up trouble in David’s house. In his rebellion against the King, he took a third of the men with him – Rev. 12:4. In 2 Samuel 18:17-18 when he dies he goes to “his own place” ... his own place was a pit.
 - 11) _____ – He is associated with the number “_____” in 1 Kings 10:14 and 2 Chron. 9:13; he raised heavy taxes against Israel like the antichrist during the tribulation period – 1 Kings 12:9. Solomon is the only type of _____ and _____ in the entire Bible – 1 Kings 10 pictures Christ in the kingdom, while 1 Kings 11 pictures the antichrist. He was the wisest man alive yet he disobeyed God and worshipped false gods due to the fornicating relationships he had with strange women.

- 12) Jeroboam – He was the first king of the divided Northern kingdom; he led Israel into rebellion against God and set up images for worship – 1 Kings 12; Rev. 13.
- 13) _____ – He is Israel's most evil king – 1 Kings 16:30. His wife is Jezebel...she is defined in Rev. 2:20 as a false religious system; she is the woman riding the beast in Rev. 17:3; she is the one-world religion of the antichrist used to unify the world during the tribulation. She has black robed priests called "father" who use idols as aids in worship in their "house of gods" – Judges 17-18.
- 14) Nebuchadnezzar – He is the evil king of Babylon that besieged Jerusalem and took God's people captive; he targets God's people to systematically feed them a steady diet of his food in order to change their thinking and ultimately their identity – Daniel 1; he erects an image of himself and decrees the people to worship it – Daniel 3; he is associated with a fiery hot place – Daniel 4; he is ultimately defeated and abased by God – Daniel 4. He is called a "dragon" in Jeremiah 51:34; Rev. 13:4.
- 15) Sennacherib – He is the wicked king of Assyria that invades Israel from the North; the Assyrian is a term used to identify the antichrist in the OT; both the word "Assyrian" and "Sennacherib" are each found _____ times in the Bible.
- 16) Haman – The wicked ruler who persecutes the Jews in the book of Esther. Because of his intense hatred for one person, he tries to destroy the entire Jewish race from off the face of the earth; he rules during a time when a Gentile bride is removed and has been replaced by a Jewish bride; the "adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman" – Esther 7:6.
- 17) Herod – A Roman king in power at the first coming of Christ...a Roman king will be in power at the second coming of Christ. Sought to kill the Messiah by wiping out all children who were potential royal lineage – Mt. 2:16; Rev. 12:4-5. He beheads John the Baptist, whom Elijah during the tribulation is a type of.
- 18) _____ Iscariot – He is only one of two persons ever called the, "son of perdition" – John 17:12, the other is the _____ – 2 Thess. 2:3. In John 6:66 Judas fits the description of the spirit of Antichrist – 1 John 2:19-23 and then is called a "devil" in verses 70-71. Satan himself actually enters the body of Judas Iscariot – John 13:27. After his suicidal death he goes to "his own place" – Acts 1:25; Rev. 11:7; 17:18.

- Major types of antichrists throughout church history:

- Nero
- _____
- Charlemagne
- Napoleon
- _____

1 John 2:18 – *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

CONCLUSION

The identity of the Rider of the white horse is the *antichrist*. All other riders, revealed at the loosing of the other seals, _____ him...

Next week: Five other seals are opened and the three following riders are revealed. Our first trip through the entire tribulation period is completed.