

Revelation 6 Part 1

Hi, this is Richard Oliver, and we are looking at Revelation chapter six. This is going to be part one of unit fifteen in our study of the book of Revelation.

Just very quick background. We know that John has been taken up into heaven. He's seen the sealed book, and the only person qualified to open the seals of that book was the Lamb of God. It was God Himself coming from the throne to become man, to become a Lamb, on our behalf that redeemed us back to Himself, and allowed Him to open the book.

Now, Revelation chapter six verse one, *'And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.'*

Now, in chapter four we had already discovered that there are four beasts that surround the throne of God. And from Ezekiel etcetera we know that they are a lion, an ox – a beast of burden, that is sacrificial beast, a man and an eagle. So the first beast, which, of course, is the lion calls 'Come and see'.

And then we get a picture of what John sees, and this is the key to understanding the seals themselves. The seal is just a picture of what is going on. It doesn't reveal the truth of what's going on. So the picture is there, and it can be interpreted by many, many people and has been many, many ways, but there will come a time and there has come a time when God will reveal these end-time things to His church. We believe that has happened. We believe that according to Revelation ten verse seven God has sent a prophet to reveal these truths to us. He was sent to restore the original Christian faith and to reveal the end-time truths so we know exactly where we stand.

Verse two, *'And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.'*

Now, many, many people have pointed out that this is an almost identical description to the Jesus Christ in later in the book of Revelation when He comes riding on a white horse. And that's the point. It's an imitation. It's a false christ. It looks like God, it looks good, but it's wrong.

A bow, in biblical terms, is a lying mouth. Notice he had no arrows. He had no effect, or no power to harm, but he had the power to deceive. '

'And a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.'

And boy, did he what!

Now, one of the things that Bro. Braham did when he preached the seven seals in 1963AD, was to go through all the seals and then line them up with Matthew twenty-four. There can be no new interpretation of the bible except what is already in the bible. The bible is complete. So there's nothing new. All that we can have is rather like the Jews were blinded and are still blinded to their Christ, so many things have been held, blinded us, blinded to us, so that we cannot see. Daniel wanted to know more about the end-times, but he had to wait until the end-times when those things will be revealed, and this is exactly what is happening with the seals.

So, let's just jump for a second to Matthew twenty-four and see what Jesus said. In verse four, *'And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.'*

'For many shall come in My name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.'

There's your rider on the white horse. It looks like Christ. It looks like the proper church. This looks like the proper leading of the Holy Spirit, but it is not.

On to verse three (Revelation six), *'And when He had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.'*

This time, of course, it's the ox, the beast of burden, the beast of sacrifice.

Verse four, *'And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.'*

Now, here we have war. We have the antichrist, or the imitation christ, killing the true church people, the real followers of Jesus Christ. The issue was, and still is, do you worship your denomination, your group, or do you worship Jesus Christ? You can't do both. Sure, your denomination, your group, may point you to Jesus, that's good, and all those that do that, wonderful. They're part of the whole move of Christ, there's no issue. But when a person looks at the Word of God or the bible, and then sees his church saying and doing different things, and agrees with the church instead of the bible, well you're rejecting Christ because Christ is the Word, and the bible is the Word of God. There's a major issue there. And one that needs to be fixed.

So, this time there's war. And, of course, the spirit or the move of God on God's people at that time is the ox. The willingness, the bearer of all the pains and agony and the thing of sacrifice.

'And when He had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.'

'And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.'

This isn't a different horse rider. It's the same rider, riding a different horse. The colour indicates what's going on. Red, of course, for war. Black for the Dark Ages. It is in that period that the bible, God's Word, was in Latin and only in Latin. So people could not read God's Word. They were in darkness.

Against that, God sent the man spirit. The intellect, the intelligence. And it's from this time that various believers started to translate the bible into local languages, in French, English of course, and so on. And all of a sudden, people realised that what the church was telling them wasn't true. That the bible said different things to what they were being taught.

The church had immense power. It could raise or lower kings. It could bring countries to their knees. It could control a whole range of things. The issue really though is that there are two things God did not want the church to control. The oil and the wine.

The oil is the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

And the wine is the intoxication you get when you get a revelation direct from God. When you read the bible and you suddenly understand what God is talking about. You suddenly know. This is the truth. That's a revelation. That's a divine move of God into your intellect.

We'll stop there for this particular lesson but look forward to the next.

May God bless you.