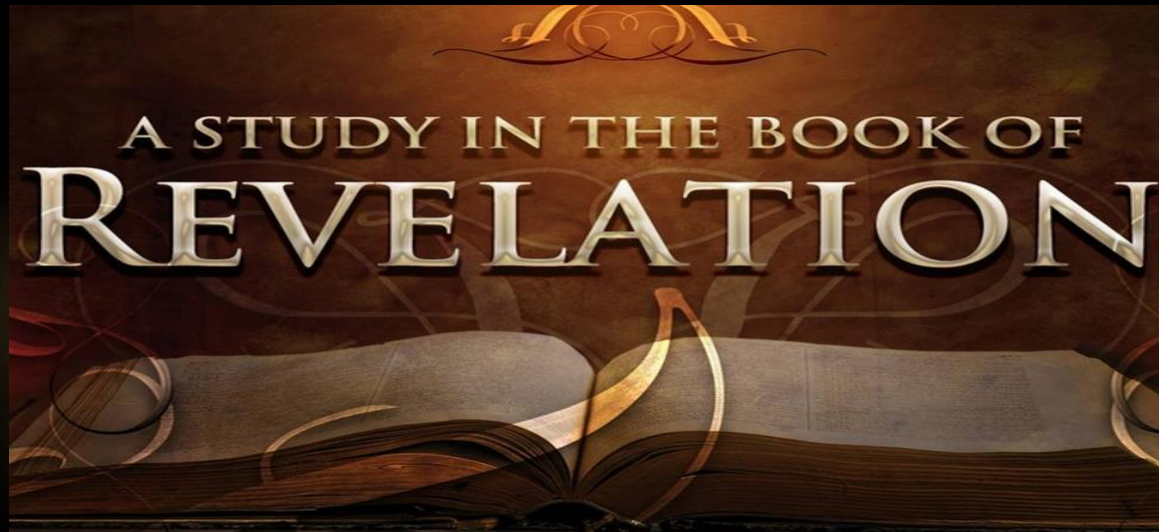


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC May - Jul Bible Study Schedule

Date	Subject	Scripture
5/1/2019	Lesson 1: An Illustrated Letter from Jesus	Revelation 1
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Revelation - The Triumph Of God

Lesson 5: **The Beautiful Wrath of God**

Revelation 6

The Apostle John – The Book of Revelation

- **Author:** Revelation 1:1,4,9 and 22:8 identify the author as the apostle John.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Revelation was likely written between A.D. 90 and 95.
- **Purpose of Writing:** The Revelation of Jesus Christ was given to John by God (while in exile on the Isle of Patmos) to tell his servants about the last days before Christ's return, the final judgment of sin and Satan and the new heaven and new earth.

The Book Of Revelation:

- Gives us a glimpse of heaven and the glories awaiting those who keep their robes white.
- Informs us on the Great Tribulation and the final fire that unbelievers will face for all eternity.
- Records the defeat of Satan and the doom he and his angels are bound for.
- Shows us the worship and service of all creatures and angels of heaven and the promises of eternal life with Jesus in the New Jerusalem.



John on the Isle of Patmos

Group Discussion: As you approach the subject of God's wrath, what thoughts and feelings do you have?

Five Truths About the Wrath of God

1. **God's Wrath Is Just.** God's wrath is in perfect accord with God's justice and is in proportion to human sinfulness (Romans 2:5).
2. **God's Wrath Is To Be Feared.** All have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (Romans 3:23). His holiness demands eternal punishment apart from Christ (Matthew 25:46).
3. **God's Wrath Is Consistent In The Old And New Testaments.** We find descriptions of the wrath of God in both the Old (Jeremiah 30:23, Nahum 1:2) and New Testaments (Romans 1:18, Revelation 19:15).
4. **God's Wrath Is His Love In Action Against Sin.** God must act justly and judge sin otherwise God would not be God. God's love for his glory motivates His wrath against sin.
5. **God's Wrath Is Satisfied In Christ.** Because of Christ's enduring God's wrath on the Cross, God can rightly call sinners justified (Romans 3:26).

Foundational Truths on Revelation

Dispensational Premillennialism holds that a seven-year tribulation (foreseen in Daniel 9:27) will precede a thousand-year period (Revelation 20:1-6) during which time, Christ will reign on the throne of David (Luke 1:32).



"For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ " - 1 Thessalonians 5:9 (KJV)

Revelation 6:1 – 4 (NKJV)

First Seal: The Conqueror

1 Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."

2 And I looked, and behold, **a white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out **conquering and to conquer**.

Second Seal: Conflict on Earth

3 When He opened **the second seal**, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."

4 **Another horse, fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and **that people should kill one another**; and there was given to him a great sword.

Revelation 6:5 - 8 (NKJV)

Third Seal: Scarcity on Earth

5 When He opened **the third seal**, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, **a black horse**, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.

6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and **do not harm the oil and the wine**."

Fourth Seal: Widespread Death on Earth

7 When He opened **the fourth seal**, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."

8 So I looked, and behold, **a pale horse**. And the name of him who sat on it was **Death, and Hades** followed with him. And power was given to them over **a fourth of the earth**, to kill with **sword**, with **hunger**, with **death**, and by the **beasts of the earth**.

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Revelation 6:9 - 11 (NKJV)

Fifth Seal: The Cry of the Martyrs

9 When He opened **the fifth seal**, I saw under the altar **the souls of those** who had been slain **for the word of God** and for the **testimony** which they held.

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

11 Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

Revelation 6:12 - 14 (NKJV)

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

12 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

13 And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

14 Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Revelation 6:15 - 17 (NKJV)

Sixth Seal: Cosmic Disturbances

15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

1. Summarize the events during the first four seals (vv. 1-8). What would it be like to see each of the four horses and riders?

Seals 1 – 4	Summary
A White Horse – Conquering	Rulers and Nations in a “Crab/WrestleMania Mentality” One Kingdom Conquering one another
A Red Horse – War	Influence of people to make war with one another
A Black Horse – Famine	A dire shortage of food and sustenance - to go around – only the rich have access
A Pale Horse – Death	A “Cocktail” of Judgements war, famine, sickness/disease and attacks from wild animals.



2. What happens when the fifth and sixth seals are opened (vv. 9-17)?



The 5th Seal - The Martyrs

- The Souls of the Martyrs are shown
- The Cry of the Martyrs
- The White Robe of the Martyrs
- The Promise to the Martyrs

The 6th Seal - Cosmic Disturbances

- Earthquakes/Natural Disasters
- Sun and moon darkened
- The Stars fall from the Sky -
- The Sky and Earth shaken and moved out of place



3. Which of the six seals seem to be “normal” hard times, and which suggest something more final (compare vv. 1-8 with vv. 12-14)?

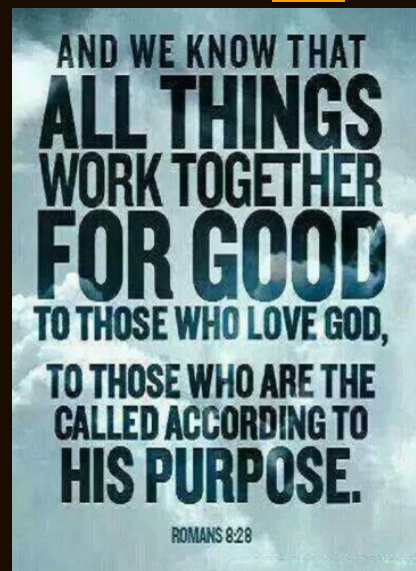
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS
					
Rev 6: 2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth quakes Sun darkens moon turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes like a scroll

“Normal” Hard Times?

More “Final” Times?

4. How do you respond to the principle that all this is happening at the permission of God (“come” v. 1 and “was given” vv. 4, 8, 11)?

Verses	Remarks
v. 1 <u>“Come and see.”</u>	God's Word and Will is settled in heaven.
v. 4 <u>it was granted</u> to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another;	Even war and the sins people commit against one another God is in control.
v. 8 And <u>power was given</u> to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.	Everyone's lives are in the Hands of the Lord - He knows how much time each of us has.
v. 11 Then a white robe was given to each of them	At the end of the day – no matter how rough things – get it is all working,



5. How does the experience of the saints (vv. 9-11) contrast with that of the unbelievers (vv. 15-17) as they anticipate the impending wrath of God?



Saints – (6:9 -11) The Saints/Martyrs look forward to wrath of God to deal with sinners/Unbelievers and to identify their fellow – Believers/Saints.

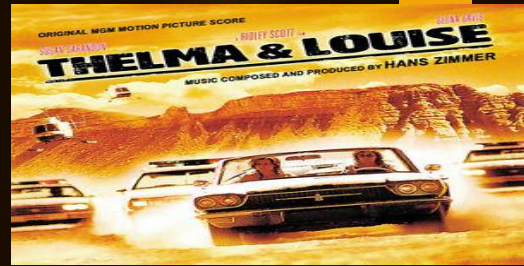


Unbelievers – (6:15 – 17) The Unbelievers look forward with dread to wrath of God. Instead of responding in repentance and a plea for mercy and forgiveness – attempt to hide from God

6. What evidence if any do you see of this contrast among people today?



Saints/Faithful Believers: Staying with the Lord – despite the hard times.



Unbelievers: Guilty running from the justice and mercy of God. Willing to face death rather than repent.

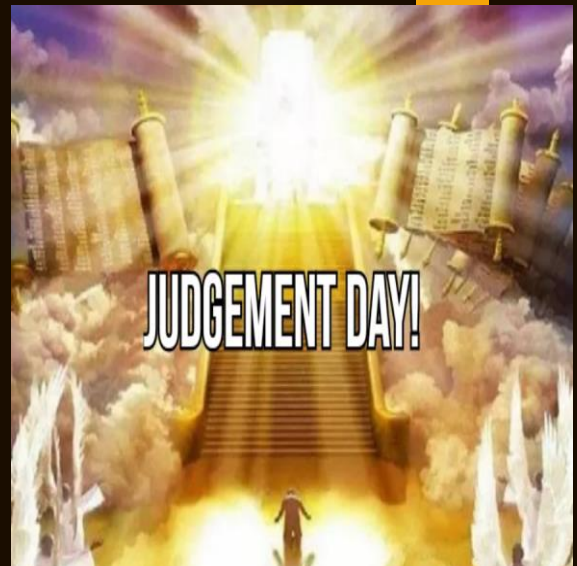
7. The “wrath of the Lamb” is a deliberate paradox. What evidence is there that these terrible events are an outworking of the rejection and crucifixion of Jesus the Messiah?

- The Fact that the unbelievers Attempt to hide from God rather than Repent.
- The unbeliever's cry out specifically to hide from the “Wrath of the Lamb”
- Like in the OT Pharaoh and the Egyptians rejection of God resulted in plagues of God's Judgment (The Lamb's blood covered God's People.
- The phrase “Him who sits on the throne” is a reference to God. These verses tell us the wrath of God and the wrath of the Lamb are one and the same.



8. What comforts you when you imagine facing the Lord's judgment (cf. I Thess. 5:9; I John 4:17 – 19)?

- All my sins and shortcomings have been removed addressed by Jesus.
- Even when things are their worst in the world, I know I will be safe in Christ.
- Even the wrath of God is part of God's purpose in His redemptive plan.
- The Lord has rewards, and an eternal place for me in Heaven.
- Because of Jesus, I can look forward to standing at the Judgment Seat of Christ.



Keys For Living

- *The wrath of God is His just and righteousness reaction to sin, moral evil and unrighteousness. God must act justly and judge sin, otherwise God would not be God.*
- *The only thing equal to the Awesome and Righteous Wrath of God is the All – Sufficient, Sacrificial Love of God. The wrath and love of God are seen perfectly at The Cross.*
- *When we are in Christ, we have the assurance of not facing the Great Tribulation and confidence to stand before the Lord at the judgement.*



QUESTIONS

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