

Questions on Revelation chapter 6

1. If the sealed book contains God's eternal purpose for man's redemption, what does it mean when the Lamb begins to open the seals? Verse 1.

2. Most modern translations leave off the words "and see," so to whom was the command "Come" addressed? Verse 1.

3. Consistently with the tenor of the book so far, what do the symbols of a rider on a white horse, a bow, and a crown represent? Verse 2.

4. What would be suggested by the rider on the red horse? Verses 3-4.

5. Can you think of an interpretation of the picture of a rider on a red horse who is given power to take peace from the earth that is consistent with the theme of the sealed book? Verses 3-4.

6. What do you think a rider on a black horse would represent? Verse 5.

7. The balances or scales in the hand of the rider on the black horse represent what? Verse 5.

8. What would be suggested by wheat, barley, oil, and wine? Verse 6.

9. What or who is the rider on the pale horse and what or who is with him? Verse 7.

10. If they were given power, who, do you suppose, gave that power? Verse 7.

11. What are the four ways the rider kills? Verse 8.

12. Do you think Hailey's summary of the four seals (given below) is consistent with the theme of the sealed book?

- (1) Going forth of Christ in the gospel.
- (2) Persecution of saints following the preaching.
- (3) Discrimination adding to the suffering of Christians

(4) Judgment on society because of pagan rejection of the gospel.

13. Why were the souls under the fifth seal slain? Verse 9.

14. How can we reconcile the demand for vengeance with the Christian spirit? Verse 10.

15. Why were the saints to rest for a little while? Verse 11.

16. From similar pictures in the Old Testament, what do you think the opening of the sixth seal indicates? Verses 12-13. (See Isaiah 13:10-13 and Isaiah 29:6)

17. How do we know this picture does not represent the final judgment? Verses 12-13.

18. If the crashing world, earth-shaking events, and darkness enveloping wicked people depicts judgment and destruction of the power responsible for the death of the saints, what power would that be? Verses 12-14.

19. To what does the description of men seeking refuge in caves and rocks and calling for mountains to fall on them in other passages refer? Verses 15-16. (See Hosea 10:8, Isaiah 2:19, and Luke 23:30)

20. Do you think the wrath of God and the Lamb is the personal attitude of God toward sinners or an impersonal process of retribution working itself out in the course of history? Verse 17.

21. Do you think the early saints may have needed some assurance that they would not be overwhelmed with the rest?