



TRINITY AME CHURCH

"God Our Father, Christ Our Redeemer, Holy Spirit
Our Comforter, and Humankind Our Family"

Bible Study Notes

Series: *Revelation*

Lesson Scripture: Revelation 6

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Revelation 6 – Cycle of Social Breakdown

Seal 1: *I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.* (Revelation 6:2)

- God unleashes a spirit of discord that breaks down relationships.

Seal 2: *Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.* (Revelation 6:4)

- This spirit of discord and distrust breeds conflict and violence.

Seal 3: *Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, "Two pounds[a] of wheat for a day's wages, and six pounds of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!"* (Revelation 6:6)

- The emergence of violence creates economic instability.

Seal 4: *I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.* (Revelation 6:8)

- The culmination of all these forces is death.

Seal 5: *When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.* (Revelation 6:9)

- When society breaks down, everyone is affected causing even persons operating with healthy dispositions are unable to escape because they live in violence ravaged communities.

Seal 6: *I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, 13 and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind.* (Revelation 6:12-13)

- Social breakdown leads to a breakdown in our ability to steward the earth which lessens the likelihood of communities to recover because environment is destroyed.