

Sunday, April 28, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Instruction, “Come” **Series:** Revelation ... 10

Text: Revelation 6:1 - 17

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation of the significance and the application of the six seals that the Lord Jesus Christ opens in Revelation chapter 6.

Introduction:

In our examination of Revelation 5 we took note of: 1) Behold The Scroll; 2) Behold the Lamb; 3) Behold the Worship

~ Today we are giving our attention to chapter 6. There is a definite sequence in the balance of the Revelation to the unveiling of the SEVEN seals, the SEVEN trumpets and the SEVEN bowls of God’s wrath. Does this impose on the book a chronological order or is the book, to a degree, excursive? Illustration: Revelation 12

~ The setting in chapters 4 and 5 is the throne room in glory; in chapter 6 the setting still seems to be the throne room but the focus has altered. In chapter 4 the focus is WORSHIP of God the Father and in chapter 5 the focus is WORSHIP of the Lamb (Son of God, our risen Lord Jesus Christ)! Here in chapter 6 the focus is not the throne of God and WORSHIP; the focus is earth, and especially verses 1 & 2 MISSION! Interesting notes about the 24 elders and the 4 living creatures.

1. Come and Observe the First Seal:

~ vs. 2, *“And I, looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.”*

There are some believers who regard this rider as the antichrist. That is not the position that I hold, along with many other believers. I am persuaded that this is the resurrected Christ Jesus going forth in spiritual battle with the forces of darkness.

~ Revelation 19:11 to 21, *“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.”* Read the remaining verses.

~ Psalm 45:1 – 7

~ John 20:21; Matthew 28:18 – 20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ephesians 2:8 – 10

~ Hebrews 10:12 – 14, *“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies be made a footstool for his feet. (14) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”*

2. Come and Observe Seals 2, 3, and 4:

~ verses 3 – 8, “He opens the second seal—a fiery red horse—and there is no peace on earth. He opens another seal that there is famine (6:5 – 6). He opens another seal, and there is death everywhere by many means (6:7 – 8).”

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~ Matthew 24 and Luke 21

“The whole point of this passage of Scripture in light of these horrendous things that are cited is that they are a long time. The seals go on during this whole era. Jesus said the same thing in those passages I would like you to read. He mentioned wars and rumors of wars, tribulation, earthquakes, famines. He said, “And when these things are going on, this isn’t the end yet.” These things will happen. He said, “They are going to persecute you for My name’s sake. Error is going to run rampant.” He went through a list of things. And His purpose was not to create a group of disciples with dour faces. He wanted to bring about a people who had the solid view that they were not going to derive a sense of hope and joy by becoming dependent upon the things of this world.”

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Conclusion:

What then is the MAIN point?

Judgment (hatred) against Israel by the nations of the world is intensifying; but the resurrected Christ is going to come and deliver Israel and reign from Jerusalem.

Until the church is removed we are to look to the throne of God and WORSHIP and look at the world knowing we have a divine MISSION.

2 Peter 3:11 – 12, *“Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, (12) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn.”*