

Revelation

Chapter 6 – The Seals are Opened

Opening of the 7 Seals

- 6 Seals in Chap 6
 1. v. 2 - White Horse – bow, crown, conqueror
 2. v. 4 - Red Horse – Took peace from the earth
 3. v. 5 - Black Horse – Pair of Scales
 4. v. 7 - Ashen/Pale Horse – “Death”
 - Zechariah 1:7-11 (Horses) and 6:1-8 (Chariots)
 5. v. 9 - Souls under the Alter
 6. v. 12 - Earthquake, Sun is Blackened, etc.
 7. Chap 8:1 – Silence for ½ hour
 - Introduces the 7 Trumpets

Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse



Seal #1 – White Horse

Characteristics:

- Has a bow and a crown
- Comes forth conquering to conquer

Interpretation:

1. The Horse(s) represent Christ (Rev. 19)
2. The Horse(s) Represent Roman Empire

Seal #2 – Red Horse

Characteristics:

- Given to take peace from the earth and that they should slay one another
- Given him a Sword

Interpretation:

1. Christ – it's the sword foretold in Matt 10:34
2. Rome – it's a militaristic horse that is taking peace

Seal #3 – Black Horse

Characteristics:

- A "scale" in his hand
 - A measure of wheat for a schilling (Day's wage)
 - 3 measure of barely for a schilling
 - Oil and Wine are not harmed

Interpretation:

1. Christ – Christians suffering through discrimination
2. Rome – Suffering at the hands of the conqueror

Seal #4 – Ashen/Pale Horse

Characteristics:

- Name is Death and Hades (his attendant) follows
- Authority over 1/4 of the earth to kill w/the Sword, Famine, wild beast and pestilence

Interpretation:

1. Christ – Judgment is fallen upon a society as a result of pagan rejection of the gospel
2. Rome – death is what Rome brought not only to captured nations, but more importantly to Christians

Seal #5 – Martyrs Under the Alter

Characteristics:

- Under the Alter
- Clothed in White Robes (Crowns from Chap 3)
- Given Rest

Question:

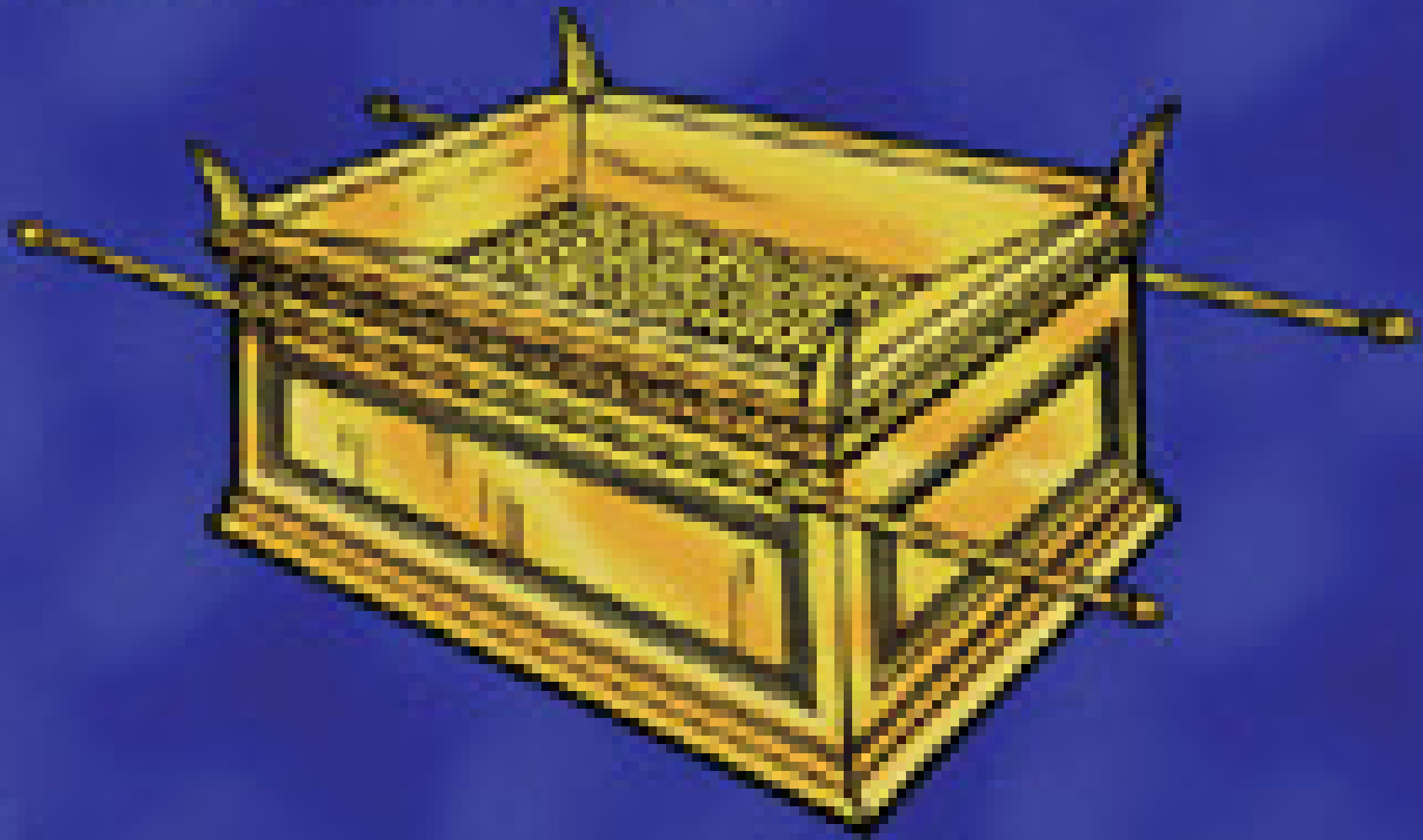
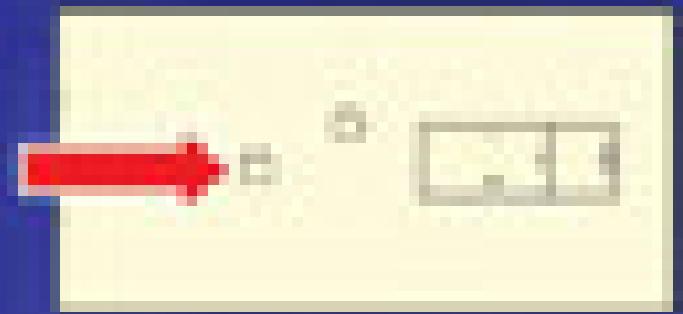
- How long until Judgment and Avenging?

Answer:

- A little longer until the number has been completed

The Bronze Altar

(Exodus 27:1-8, 40:6, 10, 29)



Seal #6 – Judgment Day Language

Characteristics:

- Great Earthquakes, Sun becomes black, moon becomes blood
- Kings of the earth, all men – hid themselves
- “Fall on us and Hide us”...wrath of the Lamb

Interpretation:

- Appears to be the answer to Seal #5
- Judgment Day on the Martyrs Behalf

What's Next?

- One of the most powerful chapters in the NT
- The same questions have been asked throughout the Bible on suffering:
 - How and Why?
 - Job, Habakkuk, the Martyrs
 - Same Answer has come down through the Centuries
- Patience and Faith