

THEME: The Worthy Lamb opens the seals of the scroll.

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 6:1-17

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. Jesus now begins to open each of the first four seals of the scroll, what command is shouted out by each one of the living creatures, then what appears?
- 2. The riders are each given authority to accomplish what the Lamb allows, what are they? (verses 2, 4, 6 and 8)
- 3. As the fifth seal is opened John sees "under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God", what do you think is the reason for the souls to be under the altar? (Leviticus 4:7)
- 4. These martyred saints cried out for God to "judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth", what were they given and how long were they to wait? (verse 11)
- 5. Now the sixth seal is opened and John witnesses what happens at the coming of the Messiah, how will the universe respond? (verses 12-14)
- 6. In the Bible the number seven means completeness, how many types of people will be affected? (verse 15)
- 7. In verse 17 the question is "who can stand"? Read Romans 5:12, 1 Corinthians 15:1 and 1 Peter 5:12, how do you respond?

Additional Resources

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6 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" 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.

³When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" ⁴And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.

⁵ When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶ And I heard what seemed to be 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 wine!"

⁷ When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" ⁸ And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.

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 witness they had borne. ¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

¹² When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³ and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴ The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵ Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

For small children:

Dear Parents, all of Revelation can be intimidating to cover as a family. We want to encourage you by reminding you of this scripture, 2 Timothy 3:16-17. We encourage you to read this verse in context with the whole of 2 Timothy 3.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

Now that you have been inspired to bravely cover Revelation as a family, here is a video from The Bible Project that covers an overview of Revelation 1-11. I hope you find this helpful. Watch: Revelation 1-11 Bible Book Overview Video | BibleProject[™]

Look back at Revelation 5:12. "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

Ask: What comfort does this verse offer us?

Say: Jesus has the power to accomplish all that God has planned. The opening of the seals may seem confusing or even scary, but we can take comfort knowing that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, is in control. He is in command. He is worthy of our trust. Let's remember this as we read Revelation 6.

