

Session 4: Fifth and Sixth Seals: Praying Releasing Judgment (Rev. 6:9-17)

Revelation 6:9-17 is the fifth and the sixth seal. We are going to just give obviously in one session a very brief overview. The foundational premise that I am operating under is this.

Until you become familiar with these passages, there is a fog on your mind and your understanding. Meaning you can love Jesus, have a heart of faith, but the fog rests on your mind.

Until these passages become familiar. It is necessary to do the ground work of getting really familiar with these seal judgments, trumpet and bowl, even though they are not something we expect to see for some time.

However, another principle is what happens in fullness at that time, positive and negative, happens in part now through the prayer movement. What happens in fullness in the final years before the Lord returns and even at the coming of the Lord, happens in part right now.

We want to become familiar with these passages even though we do not anticipate seeing the fullness immediately. Because the more familiar we become, the fog in our mind lifts and these passages become dynamic. At first they are so surreal, they are so out there. We think, "I cannot relate to them at all." That would be a normal response. At least that is how I felt when I first began to study these. Again there is an application today. We know what He will do in the future, because He never changes, He will do it in part even now. Roman numeral I. Revelation 6:9-11.

FIFTH SEAL: THE PRAYER MOVEMENT STRENGTHENED BY MARTYRS (REVELATION 6:9-12)

"When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar of those who had been slain for the word of God..." (Rev. 6:9) — this would be the altar in heaven, or the golden altar of incense which is the prayer altar. "I saw under the prayer altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God" (Rev. 6:9).

He saw martyrs. The reason he saw their souls, because they do not get their resurrected bodies until the time of the second coming. All the saints in heaven are

waiting for their body at the time of the rapture. These were martyred. They were martyred in context to the end time events.

HOW LONG O LORD, HOLY AND TRUE

Verse 10: Here is the core truth of this seal judgment, the fifth seal judgment. This is the key idea. “They cried out with a loud voice,” and they prayed the most recorded prayer in the Bible. They prayed, “How long O Lord, holy and true, until you judge and until you avenge our blood on those who dwell upon the earth?”

You know they are end-time martyrs because while they are praying in heaven, the ones who murdered them are still alive on the earth. He is saying, “How long until you avenge the very ones who killed us a few days ago, a few weeks ago?”

WHITE ROBE WAS GIVEN TO THEM

Verse 11, “Then a white robe was given to them.” They have just come to the heavenly realm. They have just been martyred recently, straight out of the Great Tribulation conflict. A white robe was given to them and it was said to them that they should rest. In other words, be at peace (not stop praying). That is not what they are saying, but know with assurance that the prayers are going to be answered.

It says, “You should rest until the number of your fellow servants and your brethren who would be killed would be completed.” That is a very challenging idea when you first read it. There is a number of martyrs that the Lord already knows. It is not just that He knows. There is a number that plays into the divine economy of His plan.

That the amount of martyrdom, somewhere in the divine economy, is essential to what God is accomplishing on the earth. That is a strange idea, especially to the western mindset or just the natural mindset, but particularly in the west.

We cannot comprehend this because the Western mindset (by nature) is so locked into the here and now. There are other cultures around the world that are a bit more spiritually minded. The here and now is so big that we cannot even hardly relate to these kind of concepts.

JESUS RELEASES THE FIFTH SEAL AGAINST THE ANTICHRIST

Paragraph A. Now you have to remember this. That it is Jesus releasing the fifth seal judgment. Some read this and just at a casual reading, they think of the fifth seal judgment as martyrdom.

It is not martyrdom. Martyrdom is part of the events that will happen because the judgment is released by Jesus.

Jesus is *not* releasing the judgment of martyrdom on the saints. Jesus is releasing the fifth seal on the Antichrist kingdom. The essence of the judgment is not the martyrdom. The essence of the judgment is the prayer movement.

This is the prayer they are crying out before the Father. Martyrdom fuels the prayer movement in heaven and on earth. Martyrdom strengthens it. Martyrdom of the saints is not the judgment; rather, the prayer for vengeance that is heard at the throne of God that is what brings trouble to the Antichrist.

That is what troubles his kingdom. The prayer movement in heaven and the prayer movement on earth, they will increase together. There are a substantial number of prophecies in the Old and New Testament that describe the end time prayer movement on the earth. It grows powerful.

PRAYER MOVEMENT IS A SIGN OF THE TIME

The very fact of millions around the world right now beginning towards a lifestyle of prayer is in itself a sign of the time. There has never been a time like this in history where so many are rethinking their life. So many believers to begin to live a life of prayer and begin to grapple of the issue called the grace of prayer.

Revelation 6:10 is the main verse that gives us insight into the heavenly side of this prayer movement that is on the earth. There are quite a few passages that tell us about the prayer movement on the earth. Jesus pulls back the curtain, and He lets us know that the prayer in heaven has a focus and a zeal to it that is supplied by the fresh martyrs straight from the Tribulation.

It all backfires on the devil and on the Antichrist. When saints are martyred, they think they are getting rid of the problem – killing these faithful witnesses, these fiery lovers of truth and Jesus. However, it is causing the Antichrist far more problems. Because when righteous blood is shed, then the saints are at the throne of heaven with the zeal and urgency. They are coming straight out of the Tribulation praying, so it actually backfires on the kingdom of darkness.

We see the Holy Spirit ministry in these martyrs in heaven. It gives us insight and encouragement to the prayer ministry on the earth. Because if the Holy Spirit is doing it in heaven with the saints, you know He is doing it on the earth.

PRAYER MOVEMENT ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Again we have these many passages that give us insight on the earthly. So we study the heavenly prayer movement to get insight as to what is happening on the prayer movement on the earth.

The very fact that this is the prayer that Jesus highlighted, we know that this prayer, “How long O Lord,” in maybe ten different Old Testament passages recorded, it gives us insight into those eight or ten passages. When the saints are crying, “How long O Lord,” the point is not only that they are saying, “How long.” The Holy Spirit is saying, “Look at the context of the Old Testament to the prayer of how long. Study the context and you will get insight into the prayer movement in the generation the Lord returns.”

It is like the Holy Spirit shining a spot light on that prayer by us seeing how important it is around the throne. The Holy Spirit is saying, “Saints on the earth, if they are praying this prayer in heaven and they are quoting these eight or ten passages, study those passages. Devour them and be strengthened on the earth to be in unity with them” — it is really unity with the Holy Spirit that we are talking about.

JUDGMENT AGAINST THE ANTICHRIST NOT AGAINST THE SAINTS

Paragraph A, at the end, I want to say it again, the fifth seal judgment is against the Antichrist.

It is not against the saints. It is not martyrdom of the saints. Though martyrdom is the rage of the Antichrist, it backfires on him to bring judgment on him by an accelerated prayer movement in heaven and on earth.

Paragraph B. Now Jesus prophesied about the night and day crying out for vengeance or justice. It is the same word. In Luke 18, Jesus said, “Shall not God

avenge, or give vengeance, or justice, His own elect who cry out night and day though He bears long with them.”

END-TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT CRIES OUT FOR VENGEANCE NIGHT AND DAY

Jesus bearing long does not mean He is putting up with us. It means He is bearing our pain while we are crying out. He is saying, “I am bearing with you. I am bearing with you through all you are going through. I am feeling it together with you. I am a sympathetic High Priest.”

Verse 18, He says, “I tell you,” now He goes to the other side. He goes, “It will happen speedily.” There is a time where the Lord is bearing with your pain, talking to the saints on the earth. Then, suddenly things accelerate in a moment’s time. There is a speedy dimension that happens.

What Jesus is really talking about here in Luke 18, he is describing the fifth seal. He could have said to John, “John, in about sixty years I am going to visit you on the island of Patmos and I am going to tell you more about Luke 18. I am going to show you the end time martyrs doing the heavenly side of Luke 18.”

LUKE 18 PROPHECIES ABOUT END-TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT DURING GREAT TRIBULATION

Luke 18 is prophesying about the saints in the Tribulation on the earth who are crying out, “How long.” Night and day, “Vengeance. How Long? Vengeance.” Then sixty years later, maybe a little bit more, the Lord appears to John and gives him the other side of the story.

He shows the martyred saints in heaven crying, “How long,” and crying for vengeance after He had laid the foundation in Luke 18 of the earthly saints crying it. The prayer movement is going to come together in unity. Jesus is the one revealing this through the Word. I think it is significant that in Luke 18 it is Jesus prophesying the end time prayer movement.

Then in Revelation 6, Jesus is revealing the heavenly Luke 18. The idea is there will be unity in the Spirit of these two prayer movements because it is one prayer movement.

FIFTH SEAL JUDGMENT IS MORE SEVERE THAN THE FOUR PRECEDING IT

Paragraph C. The fifth seal judgment is more severe than the four that proceeded. Because the judgments increase in intensity as they unfold. It is not like the first seal where the Antichrist is released. The second seal of world war, the third seal with world famine that comes out of the war, and the fourth seal of pestilence. Then all of a sudden, it is as if the Antichrist gets a break on the fifth one and it is seeing how tough the saints have it? No. The fifth one is actually more intense than the first four against the kingdom of darkness.

There is an acceleration going on. The prayer of the saints from this point on, there is an acceleration of the prayer ministry in heaven and upon the earth. We know in heaven because of this verse. We know on the earth because of the verses that I have in the notes. There is an acceleration of the earthly ministry too.

They come together from the fifth seal (Luke 18 tie them together in our understanding), both revealed by Jesus. You can be sure that the fifth seal is more intense than the fourth.

Remember the fourth seal. One fourth of the earth dies. What could be more intense than one fourth of the earth dying? I will tell you what can be intense. The acceleration of the end-time prayer movement. That is even more intense in terms of the threat to the Antichrist kingdom. When we grow in our understanding of our revelation of intercession, then this makes more sense.

It is not just our revelation of intercession. It is also our revelation of the power of innocent blood being shed. Lou Engle has given the clearest that I have ever heard, insight into the power, the effect of innocent blood being shed.

INTERCESSION IS A GREATER THREAT TO THE ANTICHRIST THAN EVEN MARTYRDOM

In the fifth seal, there is the blood crying out from the earth. There are the martyrs crying out in heaven and there is an acceleration of intercession. If you have insight from the Word as to how important intercession is, you know it spells a greater threat to the Antichrist than the seals previous to this.

There is actually an intensity of judgment against the Antichrist. It is not Jesus judging the church by the martyrs. Jesus is the one releasing the fifth seal. The

reason I am spending so much time on that is because being intimately connected and focused on the prayer movement, this is one of our most important judgment seals.

Many believers read this passage casually and they miss it because they do not have a revelation of how powerful intercession is. Nor do they have a revelation of what innocent being shed, what it does in the spirit realm to accelerate the zeal of God.

BLOOD OF THE MARTYRS CRYING OUT FOR JUSTICE IN THE FIFTH SEAL

Paragraph D. The blood of the martyrs. The blood of the martyrs is crying out for justice. It is powerful. A verse I do not have on the notes is Genesis 4:10: when Cain killed his younger brother Abel, God told Cain, it shocked him, “Your brother’s blood is crying out to me from the ground.”

We do not fully understand how all that works, but we know it is true. The blood of the martyrs, their blood is crying out from the ground (Genesis 4:10) and the soul of martyrs is crying out before the throne. The altar — the golden altar of incense around heaven.

What happens from the fifth seal on, is that there is a new order of judgment. Meaning the first four seals, it was men acting in wickedness against men. God lifted His restraining hand. He let evil men be evil to one another. Show their wickedness.

From the fifth seal, it goes to another level. It is not just men acting against men, causing trouble on the Antichrist kingdom because all of this troubles the kingdom of darkness. You would think that all these troubles are going to trouble the righteous; but when men are evil, it actually troubles the kingdom of darkness. It depletes its resource and scatters its focus. It is a negative — even to the devil’s kingdom.

SUPERNATURAL ORDER FOR FIFTH SEAL BEYOND FIRST FOUR SEALS

From the fifth seal on, all the judgments now are of a supernatural order. It is not just God lifting His hand and letting evil men be evil to one another and destroying their resources and their peace and tranquility etc.

It is not supernatural judgments like the judgments Moses released on Pharaoh. When Moses went into Egypt, he did not release civil strife on them. He did not pray and they turned on each other. He prayed and he released those strikes from heaven. That heavenly arsenal struck the kingdom of Pharaoh.

From the fifth seal on, all the judgments are supernatural heavenly arsenal striking the earth related to the prayer movement. There is a divine acceleration and the blood of the martyrs and the accelerated prayer in heaven and earth moves the judgments into a supernatural dimension beyond the first four seals.

It is the turning point in the Book of Revelation. We find out in paragraph E, Revelation 19:2, it says it clearly, He releases His judgment because He wanted to avenge blood of His saints.

The blood shed stirred Him up. He releases His judgments for several reasons, but it highlights Jesus is stirred up. He ties His judgment, specifically to the bloodshed that is taking place.

What He is doing in Revelation 19:2, He is actually tying it into the fifth seal. That is what they are praying around the throne — for vengeance on their blood. At the very end of the Tribulation, when it is all over, we find out, when everyone is celebrating, they are worshipping Jesus because He actually answered Luke 18 and Revelation 6:10. He answered those two prayers.

MARTYRDOM SETS INTO MOTION A DOMINO EFFECT IN THE SPIRIT REALM

Paragraph F. Martyrdom sets into motion a domino effect. There is an acceleration, there is a cause effect in the Spirit that happens when innocent blood is shed. It intensifies the prayer movement. It intensifies a number of things, one of them is the prayer movement.

This wholesale murder of the saints backfires on the Antichrist. It fuels up the prayer movement, it purifies the church, it helps release the Great Harvest, and it releases judgment on the Antichrist. It all comes back on him negatively.

He could not do anything more calculated to hurt his kingdom than kill the saints. It purifies them, it intensifies prayer, it brings in the Great Harvest. Not only that because the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is happening at the same time.

They all go together in God's economy. The wicked, they do not fear the prayer movement because they do not understand it. Even now, and I do not say this negatively, most of the church does not understand the prayer movement.

Let's bring it up a notch. IHOP does not understand the prayer movement. I mean bring it up a notch, Mike Bickle, Lou Engle, and Allen Hood, we do not understand the prayer movement.

This is far more powerful than we can ever imagine. We are starting to get connected to the idea that this is real. We have a little bit of insight, enough for all of us to show up here and change our lifestyle, but just the amount of times that we, as weak of human beings, are tempted to quit is the proof of what we do not really grasp - which is everybody. I am not saying that in a negative way. I am actually making a positive point. There is going to be an increase of revelation about the fifth seal and about how dynamic prayer really, really is.

We do not have it yet. We are aiming for it, we are reaching for it. The Lord is happy with us. He looks at us and says, "IHOP, I love you so much. You are not very mature. Mike, you Lou and the whole gang, you are not very mature, but I love you so much. You are so dear to me."

I have the confidence that He is smiling, but I have the desperation that we have got to go deeper. You know what you can go deeper with a lot greater zeal if you have the confidence He is smiling at you in your weakness.

He is smiling. He loves IHOP. I am desperate. I want to lay hold of this because none of us would just naturally think the fifth seal, the prayer movement growing is more severe than the fourth seal, a fourth of the earth dying.

I mean, how could that be more severe? The Lord says, "Think of this, I live forever to make intercession. I run my government forever through intercession. Think on that." Maybe we are into something bigger than we grasp. Of course we are. The wicked, they do not fear the prayers of the saints because they do not understand them.

FEARING PRAYERS MORE THAN ARMIES

The famous quote, I will not say it exactly right, but Mary Queen of Scott, she said, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the armies of Europe." She

had him in prison. He was praying. She said, “He troubles me. When he prays, negative things happen to my empire. I fear him more than the armies of Europe all gathered together.” She had a moment of insight.

Paragraph K. I just give you a few verses that prophesy about the end time prayer movement in the same timeframe as the fifth seal. It is not like it is all limited to the fifth seal. It is in that timeframe. The prayer movement on the earth is going to accelerate at a level we cannot imagine.

SPIRIT OF PRAYER ON ALL LEADERSHIP AT THE END OF THE AGE

I want to say this strongly: there will not be a ministry in existence in the final years before the Lord comes that is not embracing a spirit of prayer. They will not exist. There will be nobody in leadership in the body of Christ who does not lead with a spirit of prayer. They will be out of leadership and out of the ministry.

Their church or their ministry will not exist if a spirit of prayer does not take hold of them. We have some time for that, but the whole church will be caught up in this anointing.

I said that some time and a guy said, “That is a really bold statement.” I said, “Not so much. Not so much.” It is just so many Bible verses on it. When the fog lifts from your mind, it is apparent.

The whole church is caught up in the spirit of prayer. Every ministry or they will not be functioning as a ministry. I want to say that boldly. I am not saying that so you think of the guy down the road. I am saying it so you think of yourself. I do not say, “I told that one guy he better get with it.” Forget that. That is not the point. I am talking to me and I am talking to you, my friends.

I am making a statement about us, not about them. There are so many passages in the Bible that describe this. One of my favorites, Isaiah 42, this is one of my favorite end time passages.

It says to verse 10, “Sing to the Lord a new song. From the ends of the earth.” It talks about the cities, mountains, coastlands, everywhere, “Lift your voice up.”

Verse 13 is a description of the Second Coming. It says that Jesus will go forth like a mighty man of war when He hears the prayers coming from the earth.

JESUS STIRS HIS ZEAL LIKE A MAN OF WAR (ISAIAH 42:10-13)

The prayers coming from the islands, the mountains, the cities, the villages, the coastland, they stir up the zeal of Jesus. I do not know how Jesus' zeal gets stirred. I mean His zeal is already perfect. I do not have to grasp all the details of this. "Jesus, your zeal is not lacking." "No it is not lacking." "How is your zeal stirred?"

There is a kairos hour. There is a time on the prophetic calendar of heaven when it is now time to break his silence. It is where He says it five or six times in the Bible, "I will no longer be silent." His zeal will be openly displayed in His actions.

Right now, He is restraining His activities. The Bible describes it these five or six times that He is silent. It does not mean in the full sense. He is leading all His church. He is speaking His word, but there is a time when He says, "I will no longer be silent." It means He is going to break His silence or His inactivity with confronting sin in the nation. In that regard, His zeal is stirred up. It is the prayer movement that causes Him to break His silence in confronting the nations on a global public level like He is going to in the final years.

It is the prayer movement that moves Him. I love it, verse 13, "He shall be stirred up for war." His heart is already in righteous, holy zeal, but His action in the Kairos season, that prophetic strategic time, He confronts sin in the nations like He longs to now, but it is not time and He is silent.

The nations think He is going to do nothing about it. They do not know Him and they do not know what the Scripture says. His zeal is mounting up. Meaning the hour for Him to openly display His power before the nations.

That is described in Revelation. Jesus as a man of war releases the seals, the trumpets, and the bowls. That is the breakdown of this passage in Isaiah 42:13. You want to know twenty one events. There are others of course. Where His zeal is displayed before nations.

THE PRAYER ROOM IN HEAVEN IS THE GOVERNMENTAL CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE

Paragraph L. When the prayer ministry on the earth and the prayer ministry in heaven converge. Because I call the prayer room, I use that capital P capital R, the Prayer Room. There has got to be a better way to say it. I am talking about all the prayers inspired by the Holy Spirit on the earth converging together around the

throne. I call that “The Prayer Room.” The big one. The capital “P” Prayer Room. That is the governmental center of the universe with all the prayers in heaven. All the prayers led by the Spirit on the earth, all converging under Jesus’ leadership at the throne.

That is the governmental center of all created order right there. When the prayers accelerate, then what happens, paragraph L, it affects the decrees in God’s court. It affects the decrees.

In Daniel 7, there are two different portions of Daniel 7. Where it describes the court of God in the court scene, the court is in session in heaven. When the court is in session, God gives decrees of favor for the saints and decrees of destruction for the Antichrist. The court room around the throne is dynamically connected to the prayer movement.

**THE DETAILS OF THE FIFTH SEAL:
PRAYER MOVEMENT AFFECTS COURTROOM OF HEAVEN**

So when the saints in the fifth seal in heaven are crying out and the saints on the earth are also crying out (Luke 18) it affects the decrees being released around the courtroom of heaven.

Court is in session and God decrees favor for the saints. This is trouble for the kingdom of darkness. It is trouble. He says in this passage, in Daniel 7, that the Antichrist, verse 21, the horn is making war against the saints. There they are. He is killing them. That is the bloodshed. That is the martyrs. He is prevailing. When I think of him prevailing, he is killing them. I believe the number of martyrs will be very high, but the percentage I do not believe will be the majority.

There could be several hundred million martyrs. There is no way to know the number except for the way it is described in Zechariah, Daniel, and the book of Revelations. It is such a clear point of prophecy that you know it is big. It could be a couple hundred million. It could be more, or it could be less.

Even if it is a couple hundred million, there are many more hundred million who will not be martyred. Though the number will be high, possibly hundreds of millions, there will be two or three times that number who are not martyred. The majority will not be martyred, but everyone will be affected. If there were ten people in this room martyred, if there are 1000 people and ten are martyred, nine

hundred and ninety are doing a self-check real quickly. They are going, “Would I, could I, should I, what is this about?”

Everybody gets measured and plumb lined when a few are martyred. I do not think it will be a one or two percent. It could be a twenty, thirty, forty percent. I do not know. There is no way to know, but we know by the prominence of how it is highlighted even here in Daniel, you know it is a big point. I am never given the impression it is the majority, but the number is substantial to plumb line everybody.

THE MARTYRDOM OF THE FIFTH SEAL FORETOLD IN DANIEL 7:22

It will have its impact. Here is it is, verse 21, the Antichrist is warring against the saints. There is the martyrdom of the fifth seal. Verse 22, “The decree, the judgment, the divine court is in favor of the saints.” After the time of martyrdom, something happens around the throne in the throne scene. The decree is given. It is finished. We find out from many other passages, that decree is related to the acceleration of the prayer movement in heaven and on earth.

Just think of the court in session and the decrees go forth. Though in Daniel 7, prayer is not highlighted, in these other passages, Isaiah, Zechariah, Jesus’ Luke 18, Revelation, we know prayer is one of the premier highlights of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS TO VINDICATE GOD’S REPUTATION, DELIVER HIS PEOPLE AND JUDGE THE ANTICHRIST

Let’s go to some of the details. Paragraph D. It is not a cry for personal vengeance. When they cry out, “Avenge us,” they are not crying out for personal revenge. They are crying out for the vindication of God’s reputation, that God would be seen in the truth of who He is. That it would deliver the saints that are on the earth, but it would stop the reprobate.

It would stop the oppressors from oppressing. There are several other reasons you could give for them praying for this vengeance. We do not pray against somebody that treats us wrongly, “Lord give vengeance. Fifth seal. Revelation 6:10.”

No, it is not about somebody stole money from you so you are going to appeal to the fifth seal to get this record straight. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. It says it very clearly in Ezekiel 33. There is no pleasure. We rejoice in His judgments. In the book of Revelation, every time around His throne their

judgments are mentioned, they are rejoicing, they are singing and they are worshipping.

They are not rejoicing that individuals are in pain. They are rejoicing that oppression has been stopped because we do not pray for judgment upon the ungodly. We pray for judgment upon the reprobate. The reprobate means it is those who have crossed the line to where they would never repent. They do not want to repent and they cannot repent.

It is synonymous with blaspheming the Holy Spirit. When they take the mark of the beast, they are reprobate. They have no desire to repent. We pray in the Book of Revelation for judgment on that group so they will stop their oppression in defaming the name of the Lord.

PRAYING FOR GOD TO SHINE HIS LIGHT AND GOD TO STOP HIS JUDGMENT

The ungodly who have not stepped over the line, we pray for their salvation. When we pray for God to shine His light, “Lord release your light, break into the city, touch America light,” we are inadvertently praying for revival and judgment.

When light comes, God takes judgment into His own hand. I do not pray for judgment on America. I pray for light. There will be a day when millions step over the line. They are reprobate. They take the mark of the beast.

Then we pray specifically that they would be stopped. Until then we pray for the breaking in of light and God administers the judgment according to His wisdom.

We do not pray for judgment right now. Our default as the kingdom of God, we pray against judgment and for light. Light brings judgment. We say, “Lord, we do not get all that. We are just praying light right now. Break in. Revival.”

He says, “I will. I will take it into my own hands.” Some have asked me, “When do we start praying this,” and they have that little look of glee in their eyes. I respond, “No, no, no. Pray for light.” If the Lord shines light on a city, that city will be troubled wherever there is resistance. Only the Lord knows who, what, where, when and how.

There is an exception to that like when prophetic ministries like Ezekiel, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, where the Lord actually tells them to pray for judgment, but they have a proven, prophetic ministry with accuracy and revelation on national and international affairs. There are not too many of those guys or gals around, but the Bible does make room for people of that level to pray for judgment. I just do not know any of them.

We are in the mode of praying for light and for God to stop judgment. There is a day where we join the prayers of the fifth seal and it is against the reprobate. They have taken the mark of the beast.

That is a whole different thing. Top of page four to the sixth seal. We will take less time on this because it is less complicated of an idea. Again, the principle is, we get familiar with it so the fog in our understanding lifts.

SIXTH SEAL: COSMIC DISTURBANCES AND FEAR (REVELATION 6:12-17)

Until we get familiar with it, we cannot even grasp it. It is just surreal and we do not relate to it. It seems unrealistic, far away, and irrelevant. That is not because the Holy Spirit is not saying it, it is because there is a fog of unbelief on our mind.

The sixth seal is the first manifestation of the supernatural judgment after the fifth seal. After the prayer movement accelerates, from now on, all the judgments are supernatural in nature.

They are not just God removing His restraining hand. They all have a dynamic like Moses releasing the plagues of Egypt. They are all heavenly arsenal striking the earth.

JESUS OPENS THE SIXTH SEAL IN ANSWER TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS IN THE FIFTH SEAL

Here is the first one. It is a whole different level than the first four seals. Again, verse 12, Jesus opens the seal. That is an easy verse to read, “He opens the sixth seal.” What causes you a little trouble is when you read the rest of the paragraph. At first I would read that and go, “Good, He opens the seal.” Then I would study the other stuff kind of unrelated to Jesus.

Then when I began to connect the dots that Jesus is behind this stuff, I would, “Wow, Lord I need to know you better.” Again, I love the Western world, but we

need to worship and proclaim the Jesus of heaven, not the Jesus of the west. Our mind needs to be renewed. It takes time and effort. We are just all at the beginning of that process together. Verse 12, “Jesus opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun became black. The moon became like blood. The stars fell to the earth like a fig tree when the wind blows.” The stars were falling. Verse 14, “The sky opens. It recedes. It opens up. Every mountain and island is moved.” It is not annihilated, but moved. Whether an inch, a foot, or a mile, we do not know.

It is moved to some degree. Because some people read into this, “They are all destroyed and they are gone.” They move an inch, they move. They move a foot, they move. When a mountain moves a foot, I have a feeling there is trouble all around that mountain.

The kings of the earth, this is a very unusual passage, verse 15-16. “The kings, the great men, the rich, the military commander, the mighty.”

So we have the top economic leaders, the top world bankers, etc. The top military guys, the head of state is who we are describing. It is surreal when you first read it. It is like, “This could not really happen.” Imagine, just picture five or ten presidents in their suits, and the top bankers of any given nation, and the top military leaders in their dignity, and they are running to hide in caves.

They hid themselves in the mountains. That is number one. Just hiding in a mountain. The top military guy, “Where did you go?”

“I went to hide.”

“But you left your army behind.”

“I know, but I was absolutely terrified.”

A military guy just would not do that. The top bankers and economic leaders, they would be just typically be too cool to do this. Something is happening really unusual. They hide in mountains instead of their luxury homes. It is extreme. Verse 16, they take it up a notch.

Then they say to the mountain, they pray to the mountain, “Crush us, and fall on us to hide us from Jesus.” I mean, I have looked at this thing for years. I go, “What on earth is this about?” Do not read this kind of casually and be done with this.

Wrestle with these two verses. In verse 12-14, the earthquake and the stars and the sky — that is pretty intense, but 15-16, it will really strike you because you want to take the Bible at face value. It says what it means and means what it says. One thing that is happening is these are Antichrist worshippers. Jesus, I do not have this in the notes, but in Luke 19:40, what Jesus says when He came into Jerusalem, He said, “If they do not worship me, the rocks will cry out.”

ANTICHRIST WORSHIPPERS CRYING TO THE ROCKS

Here the Antichrist worshipers are crying to the rocks. It is exactly the opposite. They refuse to cry out to Jesus. Now they are crying out to the rocks. There is something about the occult and the high places in the mountains. They are hiding from Jesus. They are asking for protection in this cry. My assumption, I do not know the details, I am just giving an opinion.

My assumption is this is involved idolatry and occult. They are going to the mountains, to the high places, and they are crying out for safety, for protection.

Their theology is all mixed up because they think the mountains can protect them from Jesus. My assumption is they are thinking in some interaction with the demonic realm and the high places in the mountain that they are going to be protected.

Again, their theology is way off. Roman numeral four. Paragraph A, He opens the sixth seal in answer to the prayers of the fifth seal. The martyrs cried, “Avenge us.” The wicked cried, “Hide us.” They are both having a prayer meeting. They are crying out, my assumption is when they cry out to the mountains, it has to do with idolatry and demons. That is an assumption.

JESUS PROPHESED FEARFUL SIGNS IN THE SKY POINTING TO HIS RETURN

Paragraph B. Jesus told us these terrible sights would happen in Luke 21:25-28. These signs in the heavens happen before the second coming. The sixth seal is not the second coming. It is before the Second Coming. Jesus makes it clear. These signs in the heavens that cause fear in the nations, they happen before the Second Coming. Because some people read the sixth seal and they equate it with the Second Coming. I can see how they could do that, but if you pay attention to the details, it cannot be the Second Coming. There are too many details that do not line up with the Second Coming here. It is pre-Second Coming. It is the sixth seal. It is

maybe two years, two and a half years out. Who knows? It is some many months out.

THE DESIRE OF THE NATIONS SHAKING HEAVENS AND EARTH:

Paragraph C. The Scripture talks about God shaking the heavens that is the sky. It says in Haggai 2, “I will shake the heavens.” That means the sky. That is what is happening in the sixth seal. What is going to happen in Haggai 2:7 is that He will shake nations and the nations will come to the Desire of all nations.

That is one of my favorite titles of Jesus in the Bible. He is called the one the nations will desire when they see the truth about Him. It is not just the boss of the nations. Not just the head of the nations. He is the one they desire when they see the truth. Anyway, the point I am making here is the shaking of the heavens is related to the Great Harvest. The nations are flocking to Jesus.

THE SIXTH SEAL IS THE KEY TO UNDERSTANDING THE JOEL 2:28 OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Paragraph D. Joel tells us that the outpouring of the Spirit in Joel 2:28, “I will pour out my Spirit.” Verse 30, “But I am going to show you the wonders, the signs in the skies.” That is the sixth seal. The outpouring of the Spirit and the sixth seal go together. Verse 31, this is before the Second Coming of Christ, before the Lord comes. We have the shaking, the outpouring of the Spirit, the Great Harvest, the increased prayer movement, and the shaking of the nations all lining up together.

Let’s go down to E. The stars. The stars fall. That is an interesting concept — the stars falling. The Greek word is the word aster. It is used many different contexts. It can mean star, but it is any shining mass in the sky such as comets, meteors, asteroids, flaming debris. etc. It is anything. The reason that is important to know, because if you do not know the word aster means anything coming from the sky and it only means stars, then there is no way you can interpret this passage.

If one star hit the earth, the earth would not exist one second later. For instance, the sun is a small star. The sun is a hundred times the size of the earth. It is a small star. If many stars hit the earth, it would be like a big bowling ball hitting a grain of sand. You cannot have a hundred bowling balls hit one grain of sand.

STARS

It is not talking of stars in the big sense. It is talking about anything that is a heavenly body coming. It is heavenly debris coming, natural debris coming from heaven as a judgment of God.

God is releasing this debris in the sixth seal. It is going to pick up after the trumpets and the bowls. Because the seventh trumpet, it is going to be hundred pound hailstones.

This asteroid, this meteor shower that hits the earth is going to pick up at another level. I am assuming this in the sixth seal, this is one of the reasons they are hiding in the caves. Because of all this debris coming down.

It is going to intensify in the seventh bowl. Because it is like God directed David's stone. Remember when David and the slingshot with Goliath. He directed the stone and it hit Goliath. God is directing these stones from heaven. They are destroying the Antichrist infrastructure. The kings are running and hiding from it.

Paragraph D. What is strange is they perceive it as the judgment of God but they do not believe in Jesus. They worship the Antichrist, but somewhere they perceive it is Him. We know that in the Armageddon Campaign, they rally around the nations to war against Him. They think they can beat Him, but they are still hiding from Him at this season.

Somewhere before it is over, they are emboldened by the devil to war against the Lamb. Here they are hiding from the stars, the debris coming from heaven, the earthquakes etc.

They think, "We will ride the storm out, we know it is Him." My question is, "How do they know it is Him?" I think one of the reasons, I do not think it is the only way, I believe the forerunners have been declaring it in the nations.

FORERUNNERS DECLARING THE SIXTH SEAL

They have been declaring the sixth seal. We teach the sixth seal in these early days, but two, three, four decades go by, we might be in this timeframe after the first seal, then you need to start putting this on the internet in a big way.

Before the first seal, we are studying it as forerunners to understand it. After the first seal, the forerunners are proclaiming all twenty-one of these judgments with great clarity. It is not like they are reading them for the first time. They have living

understanding. They have understanding of the implications and some of the deeper meaning behind some of this.

I do not mean mystical meaning. I mean as you meditate and the Holy Spirit gives one person a little bit, and another person a little bit and we share with one another. I am talking about across the whole body of Christ. We will gain far more insight into these once we focus on these and ask for understanding of them. I assume the forerunners after the first seal are proclaiming this wide open.

It is such a clear description of what is being proclaimed. Maybe the kings of the earth say, “That is what they said, but we think we can still beat the Lamb.” They hide from Him. They go to war with Him later. I am thinking, “I am missing a couple points here.” The Holy Spirit might say something like, “Well when you get closer it will become more clear.”

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Paragraph H. Isaiah 2. He describes this scene. Isaiah describes the sixth seal, seven hundred years before John sees it on the Island of Patmos. He describes the time where the leaders hid in caves from the terror of the Lord.

He describes the sixth seal. Amen.