

B. Sixth Seal Explained (Revelation §6,7,11,14)

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Learning and Fulfilling of the Seal

Shalom!

Prayer of them who in Christ are being built together with the Jewish people into a dwelling place for God in the Spirit (Eph. 2:22), Bert

5sS: When the Reformation reorganized Europe, Jewish believers (Messianic Jews) began to realize that God is using both fishermen and hunters to bring them and every other Jew back to their own land (cf. Jer. 16:14-16).

Till the end of the greater tribulation time, the Jews will have to suffer blatant injustices from the nations. It is the fulfillment of the fifth seal (6l§6(8)10, 5S).

6s,6S: During the Philadelphia revival, from 1750 to ~1906, knowledge among (Messianic) believers increased. A terrible time of struggle for Jacob/Israel is coming {Jer. 30 and 31 (also 1d§1-3), cf. Gen. 32:24-32; Dan. 12:4}.

It is the greater tribulation time when the events of the sixth seal are fulfilled. Then the main responsibility for the preaching of the Gospel will return to a part of the people of Israel. It is the first stage, fulfilling the last summary of the Lord Jesus {6h§6(8)10, 1-6S, Mat. 24:1---14}, Mat. 24:14, <".... And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.">

7S,7s: Next, He had directly spoken about the coming destruction of the temple (3e§12, Mat. 24:15-21).

And indirectly about the last half hour of time of the seventh seal {Mat. 24:21-28, also 6m§6(8)10}.

7\$,7sS: In our end-time, there is a tremendous spiritual persecution {Mat. 24:21 (0b_SumBR)}.

But if you fly high enough, you will see the Lord Jesus, you will see spiritual food {1c§1-3 and 5g§6(8)10, Mat. 24:(27-)28}.

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6S: During the fulfillment of the sixth seal, nature will be completely turned upside down, Rev. 6:12-17, <And when I saw It [the Lamb] open the sixth seal, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black like sackcloth of goat hair, and the whole moon became like blood, 13. and the stars of the sky fell to the earth like unripe figs dropping from a tree shaken by a great wind. 14. The sky receded like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved from its place. 15. Then the kings of the earth, the nobles, the commanders, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and free man hid in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains. 16. And said to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of the One seated on

the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. 17. For the great day of Their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?">

Here it speaks of similar plagues when in the time of the Old Testament the Israelites left Egypt. Terrible tribulations in all sorts of ways for Israel and the world (brother Branham, tape 63-0323, 6Seal Sermon): Mat. 24:29-31.

7\$, 7sT: The rapture is the only hope for us Christians: lift up your heads {Luke 21:(25-28 (-33))}!

As the first six seals had a beginning and an end, so does the Seventh Seal. The fulfilling of it started before 1967 and will end with the first resurrection, when the seventh and last trumpet is blown in heaven {3e§12, Luke 21:24b (Mat. 24:32-35); 5d§6(8)10, Mat. 24:36-44, 1Cor. 15:51-52; 14_Compilation, Rev. 20:5}.

6S: Next, the two witnesses will appear in the streets of Jerusalem, strike the world with plagues of all kinds and help 144,000 Israelites to accept the Lord Jesus as their Redeemer, Rev. 11:5-6, <If anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouths and devours their enemies. In this way, anyone who wants to harm them must be killed. 6. These witnesses have power to shut the sky so that no rain will fall during the days of their prophecy, and power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they wish.>

The two Messianic witnesses are clothed according to the customs of the prophets of the Old Testament in sackcloth and powerfully they prophesy, Rev. 11:1-3, <Then I was given a {measuring} rod like a staff and was told, "Go and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count the number of worshipers there. 2. But exclude the courtyard outside the temple. Do not measure it, because it has been given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for 42 months. 3. And I will empower my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.">

✕ The word temple again speaks of the inner room of the temple, God's dwelling place, the Greek word 'naos' (cf. 4b§1317, 2The. 2:3b-4).

In the Old Testament, it was called the Holy of Holies (Ex. 26; Heb. 9:3-4).

✕ The place on the other side of the veil was called the Holy. Here stood the altar of incense, which in fact belonged to the Holy of Holies (Ex. 30:1-10; 40:1-28; Heb. 9:2).

With this altar, God shows that, led by the witnesses, the prayers reach Him.

✕ Around the Most Holy and the Holy was the outer court, with the burnt offering altar. In ancient times, the people of Israel had been allowed to come till there to give sacrifices to the sons of the priestly tribe of Levi to be sacrificed (Ex. 40:29-33; Ps. 96:8; cf. Ezek. 44:19; cf. Mal. 3:3-4).

From the text 'and they will trample the holy city for 42 months', we can understand that God's way of salvation is not yet open to all the people of Israel. This will be the second and last stage {cf. Heb. 9:8 (9f§89₁156)}.