



Acts to Revelation

Bible Course

Lesson 77

Name: _____

Read Revelation 6:9-17

Recall that Revelation 1 – 3 is the first vision and addresses the church on earth. Revelation 4 – 6 is vision #2 of the throne of God. This vision reminds us that everything in this world is under the control of a sovereign God Who is working through the Lamb. Christ is in control and will make all things well for His church even if this means through persecution. In this passage, the opening of the seals continues. Seals 5 and 6 show a persecuted church.

1. “And when he had opened the _____ seal, I saw under the _____ the _____ of them that were _____ for the _____ of _____, and for the _____ which they held” (v. 9). The battle of all ages between Satan and God continues. More martyrs have been killed in the last 100 years than throughout all history. Christianity is against the law in 24 countries. Do we deny ourselves at all for the cause of Christ? (Matthew 16:24)
2. “And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not _____ and _____ our _____ on them that dwell on earth?” (v. 10). This is a plea for vindication of God’s name like when the blood of Abel cried from the ground to God.
3. “And _____ were given unto every one of them [undeserved washing in Christ’s blood that is good for eternity, justification].”
4. “And it was said unto them, that they should _____ yet for a _____ [wait until God makes the number complete, suffering will not stop, but the timetable is perfect, it will be made well].”

5. "...until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be _____ as they were, should be _____." (Persecution will not end until time ends, so be informed, pray for, and speak of the persecuted Christians around the world.)
6. The answer to the question in the 5th seal (How long, O Lord?) is the opening of the 6th seal (v. 12-17). A startling series of events is revealed: "...there was a great _____; and the _____ became _____ as sackcloth of hair, and the _____ became as _____; and the _____ of _____ fell unto the earth, ... and the _____ departed as a _____ when it is rolled together; and every _____ and _____ were moved out of their places."
7. This is terrifying for those apart from God. "And the _____ of the earth, and the _____, and the _____, ...and every free _____, _____ themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said to the _____ and _____, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of _____ that sitteth on the _____, and from the _____ of the _____."

8. What makes it so terrifying? _____

Read Revelation 7

Revelation 7 is an interlude between the opening of the 6th and 7th seals. The 6th seal has been opened and we are still left with the question, "Who shall be able to stand at the judgment day?" The unsaved at the end of chapter 6 are asking the rocks to fall on them to hide them from the wrath of the Lamb. Chapter Seven answers the question with two quick glimpses, one at the church militant and one at the church triumphant.

9. Chapter seven begins with a look at the earth with four _____ standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four _____ of the earth, that the _____ should not blow...to whom it was given to _____ the earth, and the sea (v. 1,2). These angels are holding back the judgment for a time.
10. Another angel gives direction to the four angels, “_____ not the _____, neither the _____, nor the _____, till we have _____ the _____ of our _____ in their foreheads” (v. 3). This angel of the covenant is Christ who speaks with authority. This passage reminds the Jews of the Old Testament Passover where the blood had to be on the doorpost so the angel would pass over their home. Here the seal had to be on the forehead and the judgment is withheld until God’s people are sealed.
11. How many were sealed (v. 4)? _____
The Jehovah Witnesses take this as an actual number. It is actually a symbolic number and signifies that all of spiritual Israel will be sealed by God’s grace; none will be missing.
12. John now looks upward and sees a great _____, which no man could _____, of all _____, and _____, and _____, and _____ who stood before the throne, and before the _____, clothed with _____, and palms in their hands. This is a view of the multitude of the church triumphant.
13. The church triumphant is worshipping God, “_____ , and _____ , and _____ , and _____ , and _____ , be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.”
14. One of the elders asked John who these people were. John replied, “_____ , _____.”

15. The elder had asked the question, not because he did not know, but to explain who these people were. He then explains, “these are they which came out of great _____, and have washed their _____, and made them _____ in the _____ of the _____.” They are there because of the Lamb’s cleansing blood.
16. Revelation continues with great comfort for God’s people, “Therefore are they before the throne of God, and _____ Him _____ and _____ in His temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall _____ among them. They shall _____ no more, neither _____ anymore; neither shall the _____ light on them, nor any _____. For the _____ which is in the midst of the throne shall _____ them, and shall _____ them unto living fountains of _____ : and God shall _____ away all _____ from their eyes.”

17. So, who shall be able to stand at the judgment day?

Evaluator _____

Meditation

Where will you go? Die you must. Your breath must cease. These eyes that look on us this day must close in death; that heart you feel beating in your bosom must cease to beat. And what will you do with your soul? To whom will you commend it, a naked, guilty, shivering thing, with the wrath of God abiding on it? No rocks, or cave, or mountains, can hide it. Hell itself will not be a hiding place from the just wrath of God.

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