Dr. Brian Simmons with The Passion Translation

REVELATION 6-7

THE 4 HORSEMEN



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Passion & Fire Bible School
Revelation: The 4 Horsemen - Course Schedule

Friday, November 6, 2020		
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12:00-12:30	Session 9: 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Golden Bowls	30 mins

*Please note that timing is approximate.

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These study notes are the overflow of Dr. Simmons' life. He loves to share with others what he has learned. The notes are written for those who love the Word of God and do not question its authority nor its inspiration. Designed to help both the novice and the scholar, you will be sure to discover new insights into the truths of God. The text used for these notes is The Passion Translation.

Your hunger to know God is obvious. The Lord is going to be giving you many downloads during this study. We are thrilled that you've decided to join us. Expect to encounter the Lord! And be sure to check out our current online Bible courses taught by Dr. Brian Simmons. You can study at your own pace and even use it for teaching a class yourself! For all available courses, both live events and available online courses, visit www.tptbibleschool.com.

Again, welcome to this class and may the Spirit of Revelation open the eyes of your imagination to see even more clearly the glory of our unveiling in Jesus!

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A Word about Bible Translations

The challenge of Biblical translation is that the cultural context of a language can shift and sometimes alter the meaning of a word from generation to generation. Spoken language exists within a societal context that adds richness and depth to a simple turn of phrase. Without understanding the culture in which it was expressed, the original intent and meaning can be lost in a word-for-word translation.

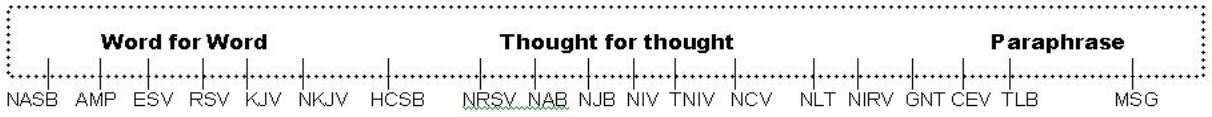
There is no such thing as a true literal translation of the Bible, for there is not an equivalent language that perfectly conveys the meaning of the Biblical text except as it is understood in the original cultural and linguistic setting.

Bible Translations are typically categorized in three types.

Formal Equivalent - a literal, word-for-word translation of the text
Dynamic Equivalent - a thought-for-thought translation of the text
Free or Paraphrase - a paraphrase of the original text

The Passion Translation is a dynamic equivalent translation, using Greek, Hebrew and Aramaic transcripts as the basis for the translation.

TYPES OF BIBLE TRANSLATIONS



NASB	New American Standard Bible
AMP	Amplified Bible
ESV	English Standard Version
RSV	Revised Standard Version
KJV	King James Version
NKJV	New King James Version
HCSB	Holman Christian Standard Bible
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version
NAB	New American Bible
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible

NIV	New International Version
TNIV	Today's New International Version
NCV	New Century Version
NLT	New Living Translation
NIRV	New International Reader's Version
GNT	Good News Translation
CEV	Contemporary English Version
TLB	The Living Bible
MSG	The Message

After an encounter with the Lord in 2009, Dr. Simmons undertook the project of translating the Bible, starting with the Song of Songs. The Passion Translation is a groundbreaking attempt to reintroduce the passion and fire of God's Word to the English reader. This is a heart-level translation, from the passion of God's heart to the passion of your heart.

The Passion Translation New Testament was completed in 2017.
The Passion Translation Bible should be complete in 2023.
Reference: www.thepassiontranslation.com for the latest list of available books.

Revelation: The Unveiling (Part 3)

4 Horsemen and 7 Seals

Session 1 – Review

Let's have a quick review of what we have covered in the Chapters 1-5.

The most important truths to understand before studying the book of Revelation:

1. _____ More than _____ direct quotations, or expressions of the Old Testament are found in the Revelation.

2. The _____ in the Bible is the book of Revelation because in it we see the harvest, the fullness, the consummation of every seed planted in the Old Testament. Every symbol, every sign, every picture, and every figure of the Revelation is already described and defined in the books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Prophets. All the information one needs to interpret the Revelation is already given in the pages of sacred scripture. Our problem is that we haven't understood the seedbed, so we don't understand the harvest!

   Revelation is an unveiling. Unveiling is a _____. It means the separation of *everything* that obstructs the radiance of the glory of Christ. If you had Rembrandt in you, just think what a painter you could be! If you had Beethoven in you, just imagine the sort of music you could write! If you had Einstein in you, consider what recognition as a scientist you could gain! Well, you cannot have Rembrandt or Beethoven or Einstein in you — but you have Christ! Consider what sort of life you can live, the words you can speak, the works you can do, and how magnificently you can love! Yes, we have Christ in us and we have come to the hour of His unveiling in us!

3. The book of Revelation is without doubt a book of _____. It is a parable of Christ emerging from the lives of those who follow Him. It is full of vivid imagery, metaphors, symbols, that give us powerful representations of scenes both in heaven and on earth.

   The central scene is the _____. All other things are related to the throne. This throne is the very center of the universe. *The throne itself can be seen as a symbol of that realm of God's absolute dominion and omnipotent power over all things.* The throne is more than a literal seat in some far-off heaven somewhere; it is the omnipresent dimension of God's sovereign authority and power. Our interpretive model is the SYMBOLIC model.

4. To understand the symbols requires the _____. This is a book full of mysteries, symbols and the deepest truths in all the Bible.

5. Revelation must be understood as _____. The dominant theme is HIM not the anti-christ. This Unveiling is what Jesus experienced. Revelation 1:1. (Some well-known terms not even found in the book of Revelation include: rapture, millennium, 2nd Coming, and antichrist.)

6. John was taken _____ in the Spirit and shown the Throne Room.

   - 24 elders
   - 4 Living Creatures
   - Sea of Glass
   - Rainbow around the throne
   - Red, Green hues emanating
   - God's glory filling the eternal realm
   - Voices
   - Song of the Redeemed
   - The Lamb holding a seven-sealed scroll

7. We are _____in that realm already!

There are *seven seals* to be broken within us to bring forth the full revelation of the Christ! If the mere confession of the *"finished work"* would produce this in our experience, many who cherish the beautiful hope of sonship would already be manifesting the fullness. But there *is a process,* there *is an unfolding!* There *are* seven seals to be loosed!

We must never confuse _____ with _____. We can have revelation of all that Jesus has done for us, but that doesn't mean we possess all that He has provided for us.

We must distinguish between_____and _____. *Possession* is the twenty million dollars in the bank. That's the activity on God's part. *Revelation* is the notification from the bank that the money has been deposited to our account. But now the time must come when we appropriate our possession. *Appropriation* is when *we act upon our possession.* Many have a great wealth of *revelation* — but how few of us are daily walking in the *appropriation!*

8. Since heaven's greatest desire is that the sons of God be manifested, let us learn that _____ are the book in the Father's right hand and we must be "taken" by Jesus Christ the Lord; He must rip off the seals from that book which we are so that there shall be a revelation of the life of God that is written within.

The seven seals are similar to seven _____. As each diploma reveals more about the accomplishments and worthiness of the graduate, so each broken seal reveals more of the glory, wisdom, love, and power of God's wonderful Christ, Head and body!

9. The virtues to possess as we study Revelation are _____and _____.

Session 2 – Introduction

Revelation 6

*Then I watched as **the Lamb** broke open the first of the seven seals. Immediately I heard one of the four living creatures call out with a powerful voice of revelation sounding like thunder, saying, "Come forth!" [2] So I looked, and behold, there was a **bright white horse**. Its rider had a bow and was given **a crown of victory**. He rode out as a **conqueror ready to conquer**.* v. 1-2

The legendary Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are, to most minds, one of the Bible's greatest riddles. Nearly two thousand years ago the apostle John recorded the details of their grim ride, and ever since scholars and ordinary believers alike have wondered what they represent.

1. The Four Horsemen and the Four Horses represent, like the symbols throughout the book,

   _____.

2. The Four Horsemen are significant because they give _____ to the dealings of God within us. The Bible is not written in the style of an ordinary book. It has a method all its own of conveying spiritual realities through picturesque symbols, which is the language of ***spirit*** communicated to the mind of man, wisdom expressed in terms comprehensible by people in all ages and in different parts of the world and of different degrees of spiritual development.

3. The release of the Four Horses and their Riders is from _____. Whatever these horses are and whoever their Riders may be, you must remember they come out of the throne room, not out of hell, not out of the earth, the Throne Room!

4. The horses are _____. The symbol of horsemen is a strange one to the Western mind. We associate horses with useful labor and sport, but the Eastern mind associated the horse and his rider with war.

5. The Four Horses sent forth into _____ to dispossess the carnal mind, the will of the flesh, the desires of the flesh, and the works of the flesh. It is the taking possession of our earth by the life of the Christ within! That is the mystery.

6. The Four Horses and their Riders present _____ of God's dealings, strippings, purgings, prunings, processings, impartations, and transformations by which we are reduced to God. Swift, powerful, irresistible ruin is visited upon our outer world of human

consciousness and identity, and our inner heart of deceit. As the seals of the revelation of Himself are opened, we note that what comes forth represents the power of life symbolized as horses. These are figures of great strength, power, and overcoming (Zech. 10:3; Joel 2:1-6; Rev. 19:11-14).

7. As the seals are broken there is an _____ of the _____nature of the Christ within. As the outer dimensions of our life are stripped away, the inner vitality of the Christ emerges into view. HE becomes revealed! This is God's intention — not to rapture us away, but to unseal the book of life within us, for we have this treasure in an earthen vessel and this earthen vessel has veiled the reality, beauty, glory, and power of what lies within — the fullness of Christ within us!

8. There are _____to be broken, and the seven seals denote a _____. If there were no *process,* then one seal would be sufficient! From the very heart of events from the morning of creation there can be observed a *gradual development* of everything that came from the hands of the omnipotent Creator. It was created not by a single command, nor finished in one day. It was by the word proclaimed through *seven days* that the mighty creative work of God was accomplished. Remember, it takes nine months to grow a baby. It takes four months to grow corn. It takes one month for the moon to circle the earth. *It takes SEVEN SEALS to bring about the unveiling of Jesus Christ!*

9. The breaking of the seals is the disposing of the _____. Who opens the seals of the book? Jesus Christ the Lord! He is the One who conquered both sin and death, He has prevailed, and He alone is worthy to open the book and to break open its seals!

10. Beware of _____. Those who do not understand this as the revelation of Jesus Christ, *assuming* the interpretations and speculations of theologians and Bible teachers, view the white horse of chapter six of the Revelation as the antichrist, the red horse as war, the black horse as famine, and the pale horse as pestilence, poverty, and death. But how can that be when this book is to make us *blessed,* when the message and events of this book are given to make us *happy!* If this is the unveiling of Jesus Christ — are antichrists, tyranny, wars, bloodshed, torment, famines, pestilence, poverty, and death what Jesus Christ is all about?

Session 3 – The Rider on the White Horse

*Then I watched as **the Lamb** broke open the first of the seven seals. Immediately I heard one of the four living creatures call out with a powerful voice of revelation sounding like thunder, saying, "Come forth!" [2] So I looked, and behold, there was a **bright white horse**. Its rider had a bow and was given **a crown of victory**. He rode out as a **conqueror ready to conquer**.* v. 1-2

The first horse is introduced and summoned by one of the four _____.

- The living creatures represent the spirit of _____, for they are in the midst of the *throne.* The voice of the living creature is the spirit of His kingship within us crying out for the unveiling of the Christ in our lives! Since it is the four living creatures that announce the four horses and their riders, the horses herald the coming forth of Christ in mighty authority and power to conquer everything within us that hinders or opposes the Christ-life, and to change and transform us into conquering ones!

Whom do the living creatures call? The word _____ embodies the hope and desire of every son of God for the Christ to come forth as the mighty conqueror within us! This is the cry of every man and woman called to sonship to God, the earnest longing for the manifestation of the Lord in all His glorious fullness. The word "come" is addressed in each instance to the riders of the different horses.

- "Come" is a call for Jesus to come forth in the various dealings and workings of His Spirit and power to accomplish in us the work of the unveiling of the Christ.

What the Bible does talk about is the _____ of Jesus Christ, the unveiling of the Son of God, and many different "comings" of the Lord.

We dare not lose sight of the fact that our Lord has already had many comings, many appearings. We have limited the comings of Christ strictly to two because of our unscriptural terms "first coming" and "second coming," but the truth is that He came; He continued to come; He comes; He continues to come; He will come; and He will continue to come! There are numerous "comings" and "appearings" of the Lord in the New Testament, but they do not all refer to the same event.

The White Horse

*[2] So I looked, and behold, there was a **bright white horse**. Its rider had a bow and was given **a crown of victory**. He rode out as a **conqueror ready to conquer**.*

The book of Revelation is the last book of the Bible, not because it is the end of any revelation from God, but because it carries us into:

_____ as far as any other scripture can.

The Bible is actually a book about this _____, the nature, life, mind, and power of the Christ within, and this is as far as any book or teacher can bring us: to the

realization that the revelation is a process taking place within us! Let us then reverently take our places beside the astonished prophet and watch as the Lamb of God unrolls the scroll.

Everything I was ever taught about the horses of the Revelation, commonly called "The Four Horses of the Apocalypse" was always frightening, full of fear and dread. They always started out with the white horse rider being the antichrist. No interpretation of the white horse can be correct which does not recognize the connection with the similar vision found in Chapter 19, though the two are not identical.

The difference is that the vision there is the end or _____of Christ's warfare, as He and all the sons of God ride forth to subdue all things everywhere to their reign.

The white horse of chapter six is just the beginning or _____ of Christ's warfare as He rides forth in our individual lives to subdue all things within our personal earth.

- The Rider of the white horse in Chapter 6 is a _____, crowned with a *single* victor's crown, whereas the Rider on the white horse in Chapter 19 is crowned with *many crowns* and is accompanied by an immense and powerful *army* astride a host of horses out of the heavens.

The color of the horses is white, an emblem of_____

Clearly from a comparison of Revelation 19 with Revelation 6:2 the Rider is Christ Himself;

- Rev. 6 He has a ***bow*** with which to shoot the arrow of truth deep into our hearts,
- Rev. 19 He has a ***sharp sword*** going out of His mouth, that with it He might smite the nations and rule them with a rod of iron. In either case it is the same ***power of His word*** going forth, but in different administrations. I would remind all who read these lines that the Rider in chapter nineteen is named ***"The Word of God,"*** and the sword going out of His mouth is the *truth* going forth to battle. The sword is an instrument of war, and so is the bow! (Hab. 3:8-9).
- Can we see by this that both the bow and the sword are _____!
- And then "there was given unto Him a crown." The Greek word for crown in Revelation 6:2 always indicates **a crown of *victory,*** while the word in chapter nineteen denotes a crown of *royalty*.
- In chapter six the crown is given *after* the Rider's appearance,
- In chapter nineteen they are *already worn.* At the commencement He wears a single crown, bespeaking the *individuality* of His conquest within each of us. But then at the end He wears many crowns — representing the crowns of all the sons of God who reign and conquer by Him!

The snow-white charger eclipsed any animal John had ever seen, yet it was mounted by a person who, in form and feature and bearing, surpassed any man he had beheld, and his gaze was riveted by the unrivaled charm of his person. As John watched him, he saw him move irresistibly along a path of conquest. And, as he gazed, he recognized the rider as being his own well-beloved friend and master, Jesus Christ, whom he had so devotedly followed when, on earth, He walked slowly and wearisomely from place to place.

It was recorded to teach, in symbolic form, the _____, and the great campaign upon which He has entered to conquer the hearts of men!

- The use of the Greek verb "_____" occurs more frequently in John's writings than in any other of the books of the New Testament. This is the word here rendered "prevailed." It is the same word used when the Rider on the white horse goes forth "conquering and to conquer." It is the same word used repeatedly in chapters two and three of the ***overcomer*** where at the termination of each of the messages to the seven churches the Spirit proclaims, "To him that ***overcomes…***" "To him that ***conquers!"***

- The term denotes grammatically an unending series of _____!

But when the Rider of Revelation six comes there are none with Him — He *rides alone*. He must ride right into ***your earth***, even that earth which ***you are,*** conquering all the territory and every stronghold of ***your land.*** Christ the conqueror goes forth to conquer! He has a bow, and His bow is bent still and He is riding the white horse, and the arrows of Divine Truth are piercing our hearts.

I see Christ conquering! His victories are victories of peace over conflict, of joy over sorrow, of faith over fear, of righteousness over unrighteousness, of love over hate, of truth over error, of holiness over sin, of health over sickness, of power over weakness, of the image of God over the subterfuge of self, of life and immortality over corruption and death.

May the blessed Holy Spirit deeply impress upon all who read these lines this unalterable truth:

He is coming conquering, and to conquer! He *will* conquer you, my friend! He will ride into your world swiftly and powerfully and will shoot His arrows into your heart until every knee bows and Christ is Lord of all! We will not experience the victory until first we have been vanquished by Christ and have surrendered our carnal weapons. The power of His kingdom must reign supreme within. Our hearts are the seat of the throne of God, because there He reigns!

Ride on, O Horseman! Ride on, O Horsemen!

Session 4 – The Rider on the "Red" Horse

[3]When he broke open the <u>second</u> seal, I heard the second living creature call out: "Come forth!"
[4]And there appeared another horse, red like fiery flames, and its rider was given a great sword and the power to take peace from the earth,[1] causing one to put to death another.

When the 1st seal is broken open, the Rider on the White Horse comes on the scene. As these seals are opened, as the clatter of the hoofs of the horses is heard, we experience these wonderful unveilings of Christ charging into our land to accomplish their purpose in us. These are processes and experiences, instruments and forces that have been prepared, working progressively, steadily, and meticulously to accomplish the plan and will of God in our lives.

Words utterly fail me to describe the scene of the Rider upon the red horse! It is so heavenly, so divine and wonderful, so terrible and awesome, that it completely defies all human description. The Christ pursues His battle upon a magnificent red horse — not the color red, as paint or dye.

The Greek word is *purrhos* meaning "_____" or "_____."

- It denotes no color at all, but an appearance, a condition, a manifestation of fire or flame. *Purrhos* is from the root *pur* — the Greek word for fire. It is interesting to note that a derivative of this Greek word for fire (*pur)* is the Latin word *pyra* meaning "pure" and the English word "pyre" — the place for *the burning of a corpse*. "Pyrex" also comes from the same root, *pyr* or *pur,* meaning a fire, and *rex*, meaning a king — that which is king, thus ruling over the fire, hence a "heat-resistant" glassware. All our English words having to do with that which is *pure* are related to the Greek word *pur*, indicating clearly that that which is pure is so because it has been cleansed BY FIRE! Consider: PURe, PURify, PURification, PURitan.

Fire, in the scriptures, symbolizes two primary things:_____and _____.

It is the _____ Himself that rides forth on the fiery horse! The Lamb nature is not a weak, trifling, spineless little nature. If the Lamb nature were weak the Lamb would not *dare* to open the seals of the book and unleash all the portentous activities of the horses and their Riders! The nature of the Lamb is the nature of an overcomer. The Lamb is the Lion of the tribe of Judah who has prevailed!

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. ***[2]*** *But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.* ***[3]*** *He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness.* Mal. 3:1-3

1 6:4 See Matt. 10:34; Heb. 4:12; Eph. 6:17.

Prophetically speaking, the sons of Levi refer to _____who have received the call to the Royal Priesthood of Christ after the Order of Melchizedek, which is after the power of an endless life. I Pet. 2:5,9

Every child of God has to be cleansed and purified from the _____ which is contrary to the nature of the Lord and is an enemy of His life. As William Law wisely said, "SELF is the whole root, branch, and tree of sin." We must be emptied of self and everything that pertains to the earthly-consciousness and Adamic identity, so that only the pure and loving and powerful nature of the divine Christ within may reveal His glory in all its beauty and majesty.

> [6]*For every word Yahweh speaks is sure and reliable. His truth is tested, found to be flawless, and ever faithful. It's as pure as silver refined seven times in a crucible of clay.*[2] Ps. 12:6.

Seven is the number of _____ and _____. It reveals the great truth that God's own nature will be revealed *in the fire!* He heats up the furnace until we have been perfectly cleansed and purified, nothing remaining but HIMSELF. Thank God that the Christ comes to us not only on the white horse, but also on the red horse, for He is like a refiner's fire!

Taking Peace from the Earth

[4]And there appeared another horse, red like fiery flames, and its rider was given a great sword and the power to take peace from the earth, causing one to put to death another. Rev. 6:4

Now we find this red horse Rider comes to rob us of our _____! That is a necessary part of the process! No longer will we be able to live at peace with these soulish and fleshly attributes. He comes with that great sword of His quick and powerful word, dividing asunder between soul and spirit. This disturbs the peace and contentment we had with the carnal mind and the flesh, and there arises in us a dissatisfaction with anything that is not of His Spirit.

"Perhaps you think I've come to spread peace and calm over the earth—but my coming will bring conflict and division, not peace. (Mat. 10:34).

Who holds the sword? Who is to wield the sword? Who is to stir up the fight? Who is to "take peace from the earth?" The Lord Jesus Himself, and the sword is the sword of the Lord! Sometimes people speak about "sweet Jesus." This Jesus offers sugar, not a sword. He tastes good but hurts no one. The Rider on the red horse is Jesus Christ, a warrior, fierce and frightening.

Our flesh life is at peace until the red horse rides in and takes peace from _____. There is a war which rages within me and every saint of God which causes far more trouble than any conflict I face without. My flesh nature is the greatest enemy, for it is the enemy of Christ! Gal. 5:17; Rom. 8:5-8

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2 The clay furnace ("crucible") is the heart of man. We are the earthen vessels inside which God has placed his flawless words. His words test us, they try us, and they refine us, seven times over, until they are purified and assimilated into our spirits. The fire of testing purifies us as vessels to carry the Word within our hearts.

The kingdom of Christ is not of this world, its weapons are not carnal, He does not conquer by blowing away millions of helpless souls with bullets and bombs and bloody savagery. Oh, no! It is within the corridors of our own soul that we must hear the hoofbeats of the Four Horses thundering! He must ride into **your earth,** my friend, taking peace from **your earth,** then conquering all the strongholds of **your land.** The end of the warfare brings peace and life fully and forevermore!

A Great Sword to Kill

"*and its rider was given a great sword and the power to take peace from the earth,*
causing one to put to death another.

"And take the mighty razor-sharp Spirit-sword[3] *of the spoken word of God."* Eph. 6:17

The word "sword" is found in the Bible over _____ times.

How will they kill one another? By speaking the _____ that consumes the flesh, killing and destroying all the essences of the Adamic life! It is Christ the Lord in His rising life riding forth out of the inner sanctum of our spirit enabling us to subdue, conquer, and kill the outer flesh nature, which is the beast in us.

At first only our "peace," because of our state of duality, was taken from us — our comfort zone was disturbed! But now there is action — it is time to begin to deal with the earthly life and to "mortify" the deeds of the body and to put to death our members which are *upon earth* (Col. 3:5). God has brought into our lives a great sword, the Living Word of God, that with it we may slay the flesh in one another by the authority and power of the word of the Lord!

Charge on, O horse of fire!

3 6:17–18 This is the Greek word *machaira,* which was a razor-sharp Roman sword used in close combat.

Session 5 – The Rider on the "Black" Horse

5 Then he broke open the third seal, and I heard the third living creature call out, "Come forth!" And behold, I saw a black horse right in front of me, and its rider was holding measuring scales. 6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from among the living creatures saying, "A small measure of wheat for a day's pay, and three measures of barley for a day's pay, but don't harm the olive trees producing oil and the vines producing wine. Rev. 6:5-6

The color reveals what the horse is doing _____ you or producing _____ you. In the process there is both life and death, death to the Adam man and the apprehension of life in the Christ man.

When the black horse invades our land, great darkness falls upon our *earth,* on the _____, the carnal mind, the fleshly nature. Black is the absence of light and color. It denotes a condition of no light, no understanding, no expression, no perceptible substance. The anointing of the black horse is a revelation of darkness — the knowledge of what is in the natural man, the carnal mind, and the fleshly nature — the clear and perfect understanding of what they are, how they work, their utter futility and worthlessness in the light of Reality and Truth that the Spirit brings.

The black horse reveals the _____. One can never be an overcomer until he deals with the subtleties of the flesh nature!

Barley and Wheat

6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice from among the living creatures saying, "A small measure of wheat for a day's pay, and three measures of barley for a day's pay, but don't harm the olive trees producing oil and the vines producing wine. Rev. 6:6

The location of the voice was *in the midst of the four living creatures,* showing that it is _____ the voice of the Rider on the black horse. Neither is it the voice of one of the living creatures. It is *the Lamb* who makes the announcement of the wheat, and the barley, and the oil and the wine!

The slain Lamb speaks of a _____, His life given to us and raised up within us. Wheat, barley, oil, and wine are likewise symbols of that which gives us life. These are aspects of the life of the Lamb communicated to us from experience to experience as we grow up into measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ! The Lamb who was slain is giving these decrees. He who gave his life now speaks of four commodities that bring life to us: wheat, barley, oil, and wine (Deut. 8:8).

These four commodities point us to _____ of God's blessings.

The wheat and barley point to the _____. The second day of the feast was the Feast of Unleavened Bread (wheat). The third day of the feast, a sheaf of barley representing the first grain harvested in the land was waved before the Lord (Lev. 23:9–11). Jesus was crucified on Passover, and on the third day, Jesus, God's firstfruit (three measures of barley), was raised up from the dead and waved before the Father (1 Cor. 15:20, 23).

To truly feed upon him will cost us all we have _____ (a day's pay). See also Prov. 23:23; Rev. 3:18.

So, in chapter eight of Deuteronomy 8:8 says It is a land of "*wheat,* and *barley,* and *vines (grapes, wine),* and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of *olive oil,* and honey" (Deut. 8:8). There are seven food items in all — the perfect, eternal food! There are two kinds of grain mentioned, *wheat* and *barley.* Two other items in the list are *oil* and *wine!* What is the meaning of all these things?

These words — barley, wheat, oil, and wine are _____. They refer to the produce of the land of Canaan, but more specifically to the three feasts of Israel. The seasonal observance of the feasts is a perfect allegorical type of God's redemptive processes. And these three feasts serve as the background for the work of Christ as the Rider upon the black horse! Most commentators have missed this beautiful truth altogether. Notice the spiritual sequence: after the initial revelation of Christ riding into our earth upon the white horse, beginning His conquest of our land (life) for God, the red horse gallops in bringing the awareness of our duality, the duality of flesh and spirit; and in the struggle that ensues between these two natures peace is taken from our earth. Following this it is time for the springing forth of the Christ-life within so that Christ may begin to be raised up in our experience as life, power, and victory. This is accomplished through the celebration of the three spiritual feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Tabernacles!

What then, does barley represent? _____. When the harvest time came the firstfruits of the harvest must be offered to the Lord, and the firstfruit was clearly the barley. And so it is written, "But now hath Christ been *raised from the dead,* the *firstfruits* of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:20). The firstfruits of the harvest typify Christ as the firstfruits of the resurrection. It is not merely Christ raised out of the tomb two thousand years ago — it is Christ resurrected and ***raised up in us,*** the body of Christ! The barley represents the *beginning* of the resurrected Christ rising up within the body of Christ to show forth the beauty and glory and power of *His life within.*

The Greek word translated "measure" was actually about _____ A *denarius* (penny) was the ordinary wages for a full day's labor. And when three "measures" of barley costs a denarius, it is as much as a man can do to earn the bread he and his family consumes, leaving nothing for clothing or any of their other daily needs. The message is just this — to eat the bread of God, to eat the flesh of Christ which is life eternal, to put on the mind of Christ, to truly experience the spiritual life of resurrection glory and power, will cost you:

_____

I love the integrity of David and my heart overflows with admiration for him as well as with thanksgiving that God is raising up a people in this day possessing the same heart as king David. Though he was king, and could have commanded anything by a word, he still did not wrest ownership from the Jebusite, but offers him

_____.

The place where the price is paid is at the _____. That is where the altar is built in our hearts, and that is where the temple of God is raised up in us! If there is no threshing, there can be no altar and no temple. If there is no suffering, there is no glory. If there is no sacrifice, there will be no fire of God. If there is no death, there can be no life. If there is no overcoming, there can be no throne.

Don't Harm the Oil & the Wine

[6] And I heard what seemed to be a voice from among the living creatures saying, "A small measure of wheat for a day's pay, and three measures of barley for a day's pay, ***but don't harm <u>the olive trees producing oil and the vines producing wine</u>.*** Rev. 6:6

The oil and the wine are pictures of the _____ to which the barley and the wheat merely point. The sons of God who hitherto have feasted upon the barley and the wheat, are now becoming custodians of His priceless oil of sonship anointing and His precious wine of incorruptible life! The truth of this is illustrated by the fact that the voice commands, "and *hurt not* the oil and the wine." Do not open it, do not disturb it, do not use it! It means that the oil and the wine are there — but the time has not arrived for them to be opened, rejoiced in, and appropriated! You see, by beloved, there is only a small space of time between Passover and Pentecost, just *fifty days,* to be exact. They are close together because they are both feasts of the firstfruits. But there is a *long space* between Pentecost and Tabernacles — the space of *five months!* We cannot move swiftly from Pentecost to Tabernacles, for there are many experiences in between. Throughout the entire church age it has been prepared for us, yet God reserved it for another day, and we could not enter in until the time appointed of the Father.

The feasts are no longer kept in the natural, but are observed by the Spirit. Christ fulfilled every one of the feasts within Himself. In Him dwells *all the fullness* of the Godhead bodily! He has already experienced and appropriated every blessing, benefit, and provision that God has ordained for mankind to come into. He has conquered all sin, sorrow, limitation, and death, and has ascended to the throne of the Father where He has been given all power in heaven and in earth! We have experienced victory over sin, we have risen above the storms and troubles of this life, we have been healed, spoken in tongues, prophesied, heard the voice of God, done signs, wonders, and miracles, and rejoiced in the wonderful gifts of God. All of these things pertain to Passover and Pentecost. The only feast *not yet completely* fulfilled is Tabernacles! This feast will be fulfilled when we have entered the power and glory of the kingdom of God in fullness. Then the feast of Tabernacles shall be fulfilled in the absolute sense as all power in heaven and in earth is given into our hands, for the *Spirit without measure* shall be poured upon us from on high.

_____ imparted to the elect is the fulfillment of the feast of Tabernacles. There is yet another feast, the feast of Tabernacles, the feast of the FULL HARVEST AT THE END OF THE YEAR — the balance of the meal together with the *oil and the wine!* Tabernacles is the feast of ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD at the end of the year, the final experience into which the Lord's elect are graced to enter, at the conclusion of the age, all the power and glory and wisdom and majesty of God to be manifested in the sons of God. This feast will bring the fullness of our redemption in the whole man, and release to creation, with salvation and blessing to all the nations. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea!

Session 6 – The Rider on the "Green" Horse

[7]When he broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, "Come forth!" [8]And behold, I saw a green horse, and its rider's name was Death, and Death's Domain followed him. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, death, and by the wild beasts. Revelation 6:7-8

The actual form of the Greek word used in our text is_____. The best key to discovering the meaning of any word is *usage*. This Greek word appears in only three other places in the New Testament. (Mk. 6:39; Rev. 8:7, Rev. 9:4). If this is such a "horrible" word, with such a "horrible" meaning, as commentators characterize it, why is all grass, trees, and vegetation of all kinds defined as being this color? Obviously, the word means ***green!***

Caught up into heaven, John saw the _____encircling the throne of God. (4:3) The rainbow around the throne reveals the great truth that the throne is not a power of destruction, but the very ***power of life!*** While most rainbows have more than one color, this rainbow was in appearance like unto an emerald — accentuating only the color *green*. Green in scripture is the supreme color of LIFE!

The green horse speaks of _____, yet he who rides on him is_____! What a paradox! The purpose of the green horse's Rider is to *kill*. Death is riding on life! What can it mean? Ah, the answer is so very plain and simple. ***Death comes by life!***

[10]So if while we were still enemies,
God fully reconciled us to himself ***through the death of his Son****,*
then something greater than friendship is ours.
Now that we are at peace with God,
and because we share in ***his resurrection life****,*
how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion!

The double provision of Christ is here clearly set forth:

_____by His ***death***, _____by His ***life!***

Can we not see by this that the Rider on the green horse whose name is Death is, like all the other Riders, our Lord Jesus Christ?

The Death is _____! And His death rides upon LIFE! That is, His death reconciles us, but only His Life can swallow up the death in us! Death and Life! Death riding upon life is not the picture of some grotesque, hideous, morbid, ghoulish, macabre event to come upon mankind in the outer world during the great tribulation. Oh, no! Death and life are *spiritual issues* and they revolve around the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. DEATH COMES BY LIFE — that is the message! We cannot merely die to live — we must live in order to die!

The 4th Part of Men Killed

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Revelation 6:7-8

Since this is the *fourth* and _____ horse, and seeing that after this fourth seal the symbols change abruptly, and there are no more horses, it becomes clear that this fourth horse is the concluding blow by which the Lord *finishes His work in us* to bring death to the carnal, natural man of flesh. The first three horses have dealt with three aspects of our natural life, but there's a fourth part of our "earth" that still must be worked upon by the Lord. Now He comes into our experience to deal with the whole fleshly man, and when all four horses have completed their purpose in us a particular work within us is brought to consummation.

There are four _____ by which Christ brings the demise of our natural, human, Adamic identity.

First, "_____." Their carnal mind, their human consciousness, their Adamic identity, like the giant's head, was cut off! That is spiritually what God is doing in all of His sons and daughters! By this action He raises up within us *another head,* a renewed mind, even the mind of Christ!

Secondly, "_____." It means that one of the Lord's methods in dealing with the desires, passions, and lusts of the flesh is to "starve them to death." We think we cannot overcome, that our own will is too strong, but as His life is raised up in us we find ourselves abstaining more and more from those things which are of the flesh, for they are overwhelmed by a greater desire and passion only for HIM.

Thirdly, "_____." How does one kill with death? What can this cryptic statement mean? The simple truth is that if you are *trying to die* in order to live, then you are trying to *commit suicide!* That is the difference. We cannot kill ourselves, or bring our flesh nature to death by any self-effort. This work is wholly the work of God! HE is the only one who *can do it.* And what an ingenious process He has! To kill with death means a death ***by*** death.

When we speak of death and resurrection we speak of two corresponding principles in the present. I AM crucified, and I AM alive. That is how Paul stated the case. Those are dual, present, and continuous realities. I am and I am! I AM crucified, and I AM living. But what is crucified? Not my inward man — but my outward man! Paul put it this way, "Though our outward man *is perishing,* yet our inward being *is being renewed* day by day" (II Cor. 4:16). The outer man, the sensual man, the soulish man, the carnal mind, the flesh — *is perishing.* He is not perishing because he is getting old and getting ready to go to the cemetery. Oh, no! He is perishing because of **the work of the cross in us!** This is a spiritual work!

Fourthly: to kill "with the _____" (Rev. 6:8). The bestial (fleshly) nature within mankind! In a way unique, mysterious, and amazing the Lord is able to marshal the "beast" nature of men about us, so that they are His instruments to bring to death in us things that are not pleasing to Him. These are all part of the testings, trials, temptations, and troubles that come to each

of us as challenges by which we learn to draw upon the life of the Christ within to become more than conquerors in all things.

Those who help us get out of our fleshly ways are the "_____" by which the fleshly mind and nature within us is *killed!* These beasts of the earth represent *men with bestial natures* who are adversaries to us. How they tear in pieces and devour the flesh!

The Psalmist summed it up in these inspired words:

> *"O Lord, we have passed through your fire; like precious metal made pure, you've proved us, perfected us, and made us holy. You captured us in your net, and like prisoners you laid chains on our necks. You CAUSED MEN TO RIDE OVER OUR HEADS; we went through the fire and through flood: yet in the end you always bring us out better than we were before, saturated with your goodness*." Ps. 66:10-12

They may have meant it for evil, but God meant it for GOOD! That is the work of the Rider on the Green Horse!

Session 7 – The Fifth Seal, Souls Under the Altar

[9]When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw gathered under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and because they had the testimony of the Lamb.[4]
[10]They cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Sovereign Lord, holy and dependable, how long before you judge those who live on the earth and vindicate our blood on them?" [11]Each one was given a glistening white robe. And they were told to rest a little longer, until the full number was fulfilled of both their fellow servants and brothers and sisters who were going to be killed just as they had been. Rev. 6:9-11

The way this is worded in most of our Bible translations it sounds like a _____.

We must remember that also all the seals, represents a _____. And therefore, we are dealing with symbolism.

_____ are the souls under the heavenly, spiritual altar who are crying out to the Lord. This was a vision and is full of symbolism. We are like the souls "under the altar," for we are under the shelter of the altar where Christ has been sacrificed on our behalf. We are those who cry out for a powerful move of God that will deal with the nature of man and bring the glory of God. This is not simply a cry for revenge but *a cry for revival* among the nations to break loose. Most all Bible students have misunderstood the cry of these souls from under the altar because of the faulty translation of the Greek word *ekdikeo* as *avenge*, *retaliate with vengeance.*

The first and primary meaning of the word, *ekdikeo* is "_____," or "_____." Vindicate means to exonerate, justify, substantiate, confirm, authenticate, attest, and validate. Vindication is the proof of the value of one's innocence, cause or correctness. Vindication is furthermore a *validation!*

These souls under the altar are crying out for God to make the price they have paid _____. "Validate our *blood* on them" is the heartfelt cry of their hearts! Blood stands for life, for the life is *in the blood*. ***Validate our lives on them*** — let there be a transforming manifestation and ministry of life out from us by which all men will see and know that we have paid this price to truly be sons of our Father in order to be the salvation of God unto all the ends of the earth!

"_____?"

The reply is, "_____" until the "_____" of their "fellow servants and brothers and sisters who were going to be killed just as they had been."

This is a spiritual picture of the validation of the sons of God! When the validation takes place, the Day will declare who the sons of God really are! Hang on, precious brother, sister, hold your peace in this hour of solemnity, abide in the life of the Christ within, stay in your place with the outlaws of the wilderness, treasure the beautiful hope and promise of your sonship, stagger not in unbelief, do not

4 As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is "because of their testimony." These souls gathered under the altar (an emblem of sacrifice unto death), died to every soulish way, and were offered as love sacrifices to God.

come out until the hour appointed of the Father when He will move for you, in you, and through you in His unmistakable and irrefutable validation of surpassing glory!

White Robes

"Each one was given a glistening white robe." Rev. 6:11

They were given a white robe by virtue of _____.

It is the robe of _____, and those who are called to the high calling of God in Christ are made kings and priests unto God! It is the robe with which the faithful remnant in Sardis had been arrayed even before they are introduced to us, for they had not defiled it (Rev. 3:4-5). Again, the promise to everyone in that church that *overcomes* is that they "will be dressed in *white robes."*

This white raiment is not the *imputed righteousness* that is given to us when we receive Christ as Savior. For He is speaking to people who have already received the imputed righteousness to their account! Though righteousness has been imputed to them through faith in Jesus, there is yet another white raiment that is obtained only through *overcoming.*

This is not the imputed righteousness of Jesus as Savior, but _____ raised up in us as our very own life, that perfection that He is. Just as the life within a lamb produces from within its covering of wool, so does the life of Christ within each son of God create the garments of our full salvation. We put on the robe of Christ's righteousness, not by putting it on from outside ourselves, by our own self-effort, keeping rules and regulations, and good works, but by the working and power of His life within.

The white robes that cannot be defiled, soiled, or stained, is the garment of _____ . This is the garment of the overcomer of which the Lord speaks, "and they shall walk with me in *white,* for they are *worthy."* The Greek word here translated "white" speaks more of the brilliant radiance of *light* than it does of a color. It is the same word which is used of the appearance of Christ at the time of His transfiguration as "white and glistering."

God is calling a people in this hour beyond *profession* to _____. It should be clear to all who have eyes to see that when the scripture makes such statements as, "put on the Lord Jesus Christ," "put on the whole armor of God," "put on the armor of light," "put on splendor garments, O Zion," these cannot be put on the outer physical body, they must be put on in *a spiritual way* over the nature of the natural man. Those who have put on Christ bear the image, likeness, and identity of Christ! They are truly and sincerely living and doing always the pure and perfect will of their Father in heaven, just as the firstborn Son of God did.

What a calling!

Session 8 – The Sixth Seal, The Wrath of the Lamb

[12]And behold! I saw the Lamb break open the sixth seal, which released a powerful earthquake. I saw the sun become pitch black and the full moon become bloodred. [13]The stars fell from heaven to the earth, as a fig tree shaken by a stormy wind sheds its unripe figs. [14]The sky receded with a snap—as a scroll rolls itself up. And every mountain and island was moved from its place. [15]Then the kings of the earth and its great princes and generals, the rich and powerful, and everyone, whether they were slave or free, ran for cover and hid in the caves and among the mountain boulders. [16]They called out to the mountains and the boulders, saying, "Fall on us at once! Hide us quickly from the glorious 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?"

Of course, this is not to be taken _____! Such a convulsion would be the total destruction of the universe! Stars do not fall to the earth. Some of them are larger than our entire solar system! Should even one star literally fall upon the earth there would not be even a cinder left. And we know, even from the book of Revelation, that the world exists long after these events. Again, I remind you that this is a *picture.* It is a figurative description. The imagery is taken from the prophecies of Joel and Isaiah where the coming of the day of the Lord is described in metaphorical terms of the dissolution of the heavens and the earth, denoting the passing away of the *old spiritual order* and the establishing of the *new!* (Joel 2:30-31; Isa. 34:2-4).

A Powerful Earthquake

And behold! I saw the Lamb break open the sixth seal, which released a powerful earthquake.

Throughout Scripture, the earthquake was a regular feature of _____. Ex. 19:18, Isa. 2:19; Hag. 2:6. Earthquake denotes a sudden, powerful, and violent disruption of the normal state of things.

Great earthquakes throughout the Bible were a regular feature of _____. Methods, movements, governments, and structures (mountains and islands) will all be shaken by God in this wonderful visitation.

The Shaking of the Heavens

"Once and for all I will not only shake the systems of the world,[5] but also the unseen powers in the heavenly realm!" Hebrews 12:26

The sun is a picture of our _____. The figure speaks of that which is light to us turning to darkness. The Spirit of God is speaking to us today that in order to enter into this new Day of the

5 12:26 Or "earth." Although earthquakes are prophesied to come (Matt. 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev. 8:5; 11:13, 19; 16:18) the prophet is most likely using a metaphoric term for the world's systems (finance, military, governments, religious, etc.). The message of the gospel has shaken the world's foundations as it includes an unshakable kingdom rising on the earth. Kings of the earth have placed their crowns down before the cross of a man who was crucified as a common criminal. The power of the gospel is still shaking the world.

Lord the natural light, the natural source of life for the Adamic man, all of our carnal, letter-of-the-word, religious understanding which we have put upon the word of God and the things of God, together with the moral, philosophical, governmental, all other powers and orders that have influenced and dominated our lives, are now being turned into darkness.

And the moon — all those reflective ordinances, _____. _____, programs, and flesh oriented activities — are being *turned to blood,* brought to life within us, so that we are made partakers of the *reality*, having no need any more for the *shadow*.

This is not a one-time event, but rather an _____. On the day of Pentecost, by the power of the Spirit, the old heavens of the old covenant, the physical temple, the priesthood of Aaron, the law, and the significance of the fleshly Israel, *passed away* for those first followers of Jesus. But every member of God's elect must also experience the same wonderful happening — now *our* heavens are passing away so that we may enter this new Day of the Lord!

[13]The stars fell from heaven to the earth, as a fig tree shaken by a stormy wind sheds its unripe figs.

Stars do not literally fall to the earth. So, this scene must be taken _____. The old order of the natural realm is passing away and a new order is being established. There are many prophecies of the Old Testament referring to the lights going out on the old order as something new is set in place (Isa. 24:23; 34:4; Jer. 15:9; Joel 2:30–31; Mic. 3:6). A superior light of the kingdom of God will make dim the light of the old covenant.

The Heavens Rolled Together as a Scroll

[14]The sky receded with a snap—as a scroll rolls itself up.

We see a clear example of the use of scrolls in the ministry of the Lord Jesus. He entered the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth on a Sabbath. He took His turn in standing up to read from the scriptures, and they handed Him the scroll of Isaiah. The account in Luke's Gospel reads, "And when He had opened the book" (Lk. 4:17). Jesus did not turn the pages of a book like we do to find the place where Isaiah 61:1 was recorded. Rather, He unrolled the scroll of Isaiah to the proper place and read from it. When He finished reading the record states, "He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister" (Lk. 4:20). The two ends of the scroll were rolled together.

Rolling the two ends of the scroll together, then, is equivalent to _____! It means that *"the book is closed"* on the old heavens and on all their power over us and all they represent! They are *passed away!*

The writer to the Hebrews tells us that the prophecy in Psalm 40:6-7 was a prophecy of the Son of God. It reads, "I come: *in scrolls of the book* it is written of me, I delight to do your will, O my God." Jesus said that He had come to do all that had been ***written of Him in the volume of the book,*** that is, in the book of life, the book of the revelation of Jesus Christ!

"And every mountain and island was moved from its place."

Mountains always occupy a dominant position in relation to the surrounding terrain and are imposing and strong, consisting primarily of rock. From this standpoint they fittingly picture kingdoms,

governments, organizations, and strong dominating powers which impose themselves over men. We will come back to this thought later on.

An island is a "cut off" place separated from the mainland. It represents people and movements which have an independent spirit, who live in their own little world, and are not aligned with the great and powerful kingdoms of men, yet they are a habitation and stronghold within themselves and unto themselves. The message is just this — *everything* of the old heavens and the old earth, from the least to the greatest, from the weakest and most isolated to the most powerful and proximate, are being folded up, swept away. There shall be nothing left to identify with, cling to, or trust in! "For the first heaven and the first earth are *passed away."*

Hide Us from His Face

[15]"Then the kings of the earth and its great princes and generals, the rich and powerful, and everyone, whether they were slave or free, ran for cover and hid in the caves and among the mountain boulders. [16]They called out to the mountains and the boulders, saying, "Fall on us at once! Hide us quickly from the glorious 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?"

It is fallen Adam who wants to hide from the face of Him that sits upon the throne, because he doesn't *know God!* Because of sin, because of walking after the flesh, it was in the swirling mists of that long ago Eden that Adam in fear first slinked away among the shadows to hide himself from the presence of the Lord amongst the trees of the Garden. Adam is the only man who hides from the presence of the Lord!

Six groups or classes of men are here mentioned as overcome with terror and as hiding themselves. The number six is the number of *man, humanity, the flesh — Adam!* These speak of six aspects of the strongholds of the flesh and the carnal mind in the natural man!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

But God has revealed to us how wonderful He is — He loves every man so much that His judgment against sin and sinners is not eternal, unmerciful, unrelenting torture and damnation — His judgment against sin and sinners is *Jesus hanging on the cross in our place and on our behalf!* Oh, yes! God was *in Christ* reconciling the world unto Himself! God came in Christ to die for every man, yet He is going to torture most of mankind for all eternity with no respite — those two ideas *don't compute!* They just don't add up! They are contradictions! So there is ***no need to hide, no need to call on the mountains and rocks to hide us from the face of our sovereign Lord! Let it all go, let God sweep away the old creation,***

renounce the mistaken identity of the old, carnal, natural Adamic man, and God will raise up the new man, Christ in your life! You will stand tall and blessed and powerful and glorious in the new heavens and the new earth!

Praise God for the sixth seal!

When the sixth seal opens the_____ appears. When His face begins to shine the kings of the earth and their noblemen, and their magnates, and their military chiefs, and the wealthy, and the strong, and everyone, whether slave or free, run to the caves and dens of the earth and cry out to the rocks of the mountains, "Fall on us, and hide us from the *face* of Him who sits upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb!" There is no place you can run to and hide where this face cannot be seen! That's what the book of Revelation is all about — the revelation, the unveiling of Jesus Christ! There is no escape from the face of the Lamb.

The God we have revealed in the scriptures is a God of both _____ and _____.

In the book of Revelation we see the Christ riding forth on a white horse with the armies of the sons of God following in His path, "judging and making war." In our present text this action of judging and making war is called "the *wrath* of the *Lamb*." What an amazing divine paradox! Few phrases in the scriptures seem more contradictory than this: "the *wrath* of the *Lamb*." How could it be possible for a lamb to evidence wrath? The "Lamb" of God who *"takes away* the sin of the *world"* on the one hand, and the "wrath" of the Lamb on the other hand.

The wrath of the *Lamb*. This wrath, therefore, is strikingly unique — not unappeasable rage or beastly savagery inflicting unrepairable destruction and damnation upon mankind — but instead, *corrective, redemptive judgment* to break the rebellion of men, to bring them to repentance, and RESTORE ALL INTO HIMSELF AGAIN. That, my beloved, is the Divine Passion of Love — the wrath of the Lamb!

Why does John not say, 'The wrath of the Lion'? Remember that, in John's view, Christ has two aspects — a Lamb and a Lion. Why does he not simply say that Christ has here put off His lamb-like appearance and put on the appearance of a lion? Because he does not mean that! He is considering a mode of anger which is not an interruption of love, but itself a *phase* of love. The wrath of the Lamb is the wrath of love itself! The discipline which comes from love is the very thing that makes a *boy* into a *man!* There is an anger which is incompatible with the absence of love, which could not exist unless love existed before it.

Session 9 – 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, 7 Golden Bowls

The central portion of the book of Revelation, to which we now come, may be likened to a drama in three acts — the Seals, the Trumpets, and the Vials. Each act of the drama brings us to a view of the same landscape, but every time we come afresh to it the view is widened by the fact that we regard it from a greater height and further stage of development. With the breaking of the ***seventh seal*** we expect the ***end,*** for now the book of Life within us is fully open and all the seals are broken! We would suppose the work of God is now fully accomplished, yet the end does not come. John pauses but for a moment before launching on a new series of visions.

The Seventh Seal introduces _____

The Seventh Trumpet introduces _____

Does series follow series merely for emphasis, or can some difference be discerned between them? There is a remarkable difference!

The breaking of the seals is an *unveiling,* thus denoting _____**.** It should be observed that with the breaking of the respective seals, **nothing is said about *reading* anything from the scroll (book**). The events which accompany the breaking of the seals one after another are not represented as read — they are dramatic scenes vividly enacted before the Seer's vision opening to his mind and spirit the *revelation* of how, the *revelation* of the process by which, the Christ is brought forth into full manifestation in and through each member of God's called and chosen elect. The Lamb in proceeding to break the seals begins His work as a ***revealer!***

Thus, the seals are the *revelation* of how the Lamb brings forth the manifestation of the Christ life in the experience of each member of the body of Christ. Actually, as I see it, **nothing really *happens* when the seals are loosed except the dawning of *spiritual understanding* within ourselves**. Here the revelation, the blueprint, of God's great and glorious purpose in us is made known to us! This is purely *revelation!* The seals then give us the introduction to the Lord's work in us, rather than the completed work.

The opening of the seals is the _____ to the book, for when they are opened, the book is.

The trumpets then usher in the _____ or _____ of the work within to raise up in our lives the reality we have so clearly seen by revelation.

The bowls then bring us to the _____ or the _____of the work, producing the FINISHED PRODUCT! Therefore, we may say that John beheld the seals of *revelation* opened, he heard the trumpets of *initiation* sounding their herald, and the bowls of *consummation* bringing an end to all that opposes the kingdom and establishing within the nature, glory, and power of manifest sonship.

What awesome _____ there is in revelation! It is the power revealed in the scroll with the seven seals. It is the power that comes out of the seals in the form of the seven trumpets. It is the power that comes out of the seven trumpets in the form of the seven vials. The seals of the scroll are

the *revelation* by which the *initiation* (seven trumpets) of the work of God in us takes place, which in turn gives birth to the *completion, perfection,* and *consummation* (seven vials) of Christ formed in us.

Comparing the trumpets with the vials it is enlightening to observe the _____ between the two. The first trumpet affects the earth; so does the first vial. The second trumpet affects the sea; so does the second vial. The third trumpet affects the rivers and fountains; so does the third vial. The fourth trumpet affects the heavenly bodies; so does the fourth vial. The fifth trumpet brings darkness and torment, so does the fifth vial. The sixth trumpet concerns the great river Euphrates; so does the sixth vial. The seventh trumpet brings great warfare and victory for the sons of God; so does the seventh vial.

Yet — it is significant to note that under the trumpets *nothing is* _____, In fact, everything is affected in only *one-third* of its existence! Under the first trumpet hail and fire mingled with blood are cast into the earth and *one-third* of the trees are burnt up (Rev. 8:7). Under the second trumpet a great mountain burning with fire is cast into the sea and *one-third* of the sea becomes blood (Rev. 8:8). Under the third trumpet a great burning star falls upon *one-third* of the rivers and fountains of water, making them bitter (Rev. 8:10-11). Under the fourth trumpet *one-third* of the sun, moon, and stars is smitten and turned to darkness (Rev. 8:12). Under the fifth trumpet mighty powers are released from the pit, but they do not complete their work (Rev. 9:1-12). Under the sixth trumpet a mighty army is prepared and released, killing *one-third* of men (Rev. 9:13-21). Under the seventh trumpet the great dragon is cast out of heaven, but not out of the earth or the sea. One-third does not denote a ***finished work!*** It is but the ***initiation*** of the unfolding work of God for the spiritual transformation and perfection of His king-priest company!

The next and final phase of God's dealings in our lives is through the *pouring out of the seven vials.*

The seven vials are the picture of _____**.**

Literal or Spiritual?

Revelation reveals not just a word about God, but it yields the _____ of Him. The book of Revelation shows us the only thing that is going to be revealed, and that is the person of Jesus Christ! It is not the teaching of a doctrine, but the unveiling of a Person! This can only be done by the Spirit! Christ is a spiritual reality. Therefore, the book of Revelation is a SPIRITUAL BOOK!