

THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST
THE FIFTH SEAL: *Souls Under the Altar*
Revelation 6:9-11

REVIEW:

1. Revelation 1:19

- a) **"the things which you have seen"**
 - 1) Chapter 1
- b) **"those that are"**
 - 1) Chapters 2&3
- c) **"those that are to take place after this"**
 - 1) Chapters 4-19
 - a) **Chapters 4&5** - The church in Heaven
 - b) **Chapters 6-19** - Tribulation on earth
 - c) **Chapter 20** - Great White Throne Judgment
 - d) **Chapter 21** - The Eternal State

2. Last week Chapter 6:1-8

a) THE FIRST FOUR SEALS

- 1. **SEAL #1** - The White Horse (False Peace)
- 2. **SEAL #2** - The Red Horse (War - shedding of blood the end of peace)
- 3. **SEAL #3** - The Black Horse (Death - Starvation - Famine - Pestilence)
- 4. **SEAL #4** - The Pale Horse (Death and Hades)

b) THIS MORNING -SEAL #5 - We arrive back in Heaven

INTRODUCTION:

1. THE BIG QUESTION: *"If they were God's chosen people, Why weren't they being saved?"*

a) **Romans 11:8-10**

2. Ancient Church Father Tertullian said, *"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."*

3. So what about God's chosen people, the Jews?

a) Satan's fury was unleashed against them in full force through Hitler.

1) And 6 million Jews perished.

5. It is estimated that by the end of WW2 the number of Jews remaining worldwide was less than the number coming out of Egypt in the Exodus. Approximately 600,000.

6. Vs 9

a) The 5th Seal opened up by Christ in Heaven is a Seal which shows the RESULT of intense persecution of those who stand for the Word of God during the Tribulation.

I. SOULS UNDER THE ALTAR

1. Revelation 6:9

a) *"I saw under the Altar"*

b) *"the souls of those who had been slain"*

c) These souls don't have physical bodies yet.

2. So who are these Martyrs?

3. **NOW WATCH THIS:** The Church has been Rapture!!

a) Therefore the Church is in Heaven.

b) **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

4. Vs 10

5. These souls were mostly Jews who got saved.

a) **Romans 11:25-26**

6. Paul says that a partial spiritual blindness has afflicted Israel and would remain in place until *"The fulness of the Gentiles has come in"*.

a) When will that be?

1) When the Rapture occurs!!!

b) But after that (the Rapture) God will turn His attention to His Chosen People, the Jews.

7. **WHY DO WE KNOW GOD ISN'T DONE WITH ISRAEL.**

a) **Abrahamic Covenant** - it is an **Unconditional Covenant**

1) **Genesis 12:1-3; 15:7-21**

8. Because of God's turning His attention to His people during the **Tribulation**, we can assume that these souls under the Altar are Jewish believers.

9. **VERY IMPORTANT:** How did these souls become believers during the Tribulation?

10. **Here's what I believe!!!!**

a) I BELIEVE THERE WILL BE A SILENT WITNESS DURING THIS TIME.

- 1) **The Wycliff Translators** -
- 2) **Gospel Communicators** - Which are audio Bibles in languages that have no written words yet.
 - a. 45,000 saved from 1 Gospel communicator in Cambodia.
- 3) **Gideon International** -

11. In **Chapter 11** - God will send His 2 witnesses to earth to preach the Gospel.

12. In **Chapter 7** - 144,000 Jews will be sealed for God's service during this period.

13. **Zechariah 13:8-9**

II. REASONS FOR THEIR MARTYRDOM

1. **Revelation 6:9**

a) They were killed for exactly the same reason John was exiled to Patmos.

1) "**for the Word of God**"

2) "**and for the witness they had borne**" (their testimony)

2. **REMEMBER**- The Restrainer (The Holy Spirit) in each Believer (the Church).

a) **2 Thessalonians 2:6-7**

3. **Revelation 19:19-21**

III. LOCATION OF THOSE MARTYRED

1. **Vs 9**

a) **Leviticus 4:7**

2. **WOW!!!** The whole teaching of the Old Testament is that the altar is the place of the sacrifice of blood.

a) To be under the Altar is to be covered in the sight of God by that event of the Blood of Jesus on the Cross.

IV. OUT-CRY OF THE MARTYRS

1. **Vs 10**

2. **Acts 7:57-60** (Steven) **WOW!!**

3. **Romans 12:19**

a) **THE TRIBULATION PERIOD IS ALL ABOUT THE JUDGMENT OF GOD.**

4. Vs 10

a) "*O Sovereign God*" - which means "*despot*" - A King with absolute desperate power.

5. THE FIFTH SEAL IS NOT MARTYRDOM!!!!

a) THE FIFTH SEAL is the PRAYERS OF THE TRIBULATION MARTYRS for God to enact Vengeance on their murderers.

V. COMFORT OF THE MARTYRS

A. THEY ARE GIVEN SHELTER

1. Vs 11

a) "*Then they were each given a white robe and told rest*"

2. Vs 11

a) "*until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete.*"

3. Vs 9

4. *Proverbs 18:10*

B. THEY FIND REST

1. *Revelation 14:13*

C. THEY ARE GIVEN A ROBE

1. Vs 11

a) "*they were each given a white robe*"

2. *Revelation 20:4-6*

CONCLUSION:

1. Always remember God has a plan!!

a) *1 Thessalonians 4:14-16*

B) *2 Corinthians 5:8*

2. God has a purpose for every DELAY

a) *Romans 8:28*