



JUDGMENT The Wrath of God

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Lesson 1 THE SEVEN SEALS

NOTE TO THE TEACHER

From the Gospel accounts, we learn about the Lord Jesus as He was on earth—a Saviour, dying for sinners. Revelation shows Him as He is now and will be—a Priest-King, judging sin. Everything in this book centers around Him, for this is the *Revelation of Jesus Christ*.

Beginning in Revelation 4 the events move along as they may in a story book or play. That is, we go to a certain point and stop there. Then we look at some other events and learn of other characters and what was happening to them in the meantime. Some of the events take place in Heaven; others, on earth; then back to Heaven again. Hints are given of things which are going to occur later.

It is good to keep the outline of the book in mind:

- 1. "The things which thou hast seen" (Revelation 1:1-20). (John's vision of the Lord Jesus Christ)
- "The things which are" (Revelation 2:1–3:22). (The spiritual condition of the churches of John's day–and typical of churches today.)
- 3. "The things which shall be after these things" (Revelation 4:1–22:21). (These are the things which will take place *after* the Church is taken up out of the world. See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.)

It is the understanding of the publishers of this series that the rapture (or *the translation of the believers*) occurs *before* the events which are recorded in chapters 4 through 22. This means that all who have trusted in Christ the Lord will meet Him in the air and go with Him to Heaven. There they will be safe with Him during the years of awful tribulation on Earth.

Your students need a clear understanding of God's plan for the future. Before starting this volume, why not review New Testament Volume 32 entitled *The Future of the Church*. The end of the first lesson and all of the second will be helpful.

Have your class list in their notebooks the symbols (and their meanings!) which appear in this lesson. (Refer to the chart on page 9.) Keeping their Bibles and notebooks open, they should be urged to tell what each symbol means as the lesson progresses. On Illustration #1, print as follows:

Seal #1 FALSE PEACE Seal #2 WAR Seal #3 FAMINE Seal #4 DEATH

There is no illustration for Seal #5.

Suggestion: Because of the many details of this volume, you may want to divide each lesson into one or two sessions.

Scripture to be studied: Revelation 6:1–8:6

The *aim* **of the lesson:** To show that although God is love, He will punish severely.

What your students should *know:* God has the right to judge the earth–and He will!

What your students should *feel*: Terrified for those who will endure the tribulation.

What your students should do: Be faithful witnesses so others may escape the judgment to come.

Lesson outline (for the teacher's and students' notebooks):

1. The first four seals opened: (1) A lie promising peace; (2) War; (3) Famine; (4) Death (Revelation 6:1-8).

- 2. The fifth and sixth seals opened: (5) Martyred believers calling for judgment; (6) The heavens and earth disturbed (Revelation 6:9-17).
- 3. God's protection for those saved in the tribulation (Revelation 7:1-17).
- 4. The seventh seal opened: Seven angels receive trumpets (Revelation 8:1-6).

The verse to be memorized:

Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? (Genesis 18:25b)

THE LESSON

If we read the last chapter of a book without having read any of the other chapters, we usually become confused. We have to