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There are events in the Book of Revelation that you really want to be around for when it happens. One of them is the sixth seal!

The sixth seal will be a major turning point and the finest hour for the Church! This is when the Church will begin to release the supernatural judgments of God upon the Antichrist and his empire, upon all evil and wickedness.

It will be a major turning point and from then onwards, the Church will be stepping into greater glory. We will be partnering with the Lord to release the trumpet judgments upon the Antichrist and his empire, even as we look towards Christ's imminent return at the seventh trumpet!



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The fifth and sixth seal are closely related. In fact, the sixth seal is the result of the fifth seal. There will be an increase in persecution and martyrdom in the period leading up to the fifth seal, which will in turn bring about the maturing of the increase and global prayer movement. Anointed prayers in agreement with God's heart will rise up to His throne and bring about the release of the power and the judgments of God.

The sixth seal draws from nine prophecies in the Bible. They are Isaiah 2:10-21, Micah 7:16-17, Hosea 9:13-14 and 10:8, Joel 2:28-32, Haggai 2:6-9, Matthew 24:19-22, Luke 21:25-26 and 23:28-31.



Isaiah 2:10-21 and Micah 7:16-17 describe the wicked hiding from the presence of God when His glory is revealed (see Rev. 6:15). The verses in Hosea 9 and 10, Matthew 24 and Luke 23 describe the wicked crying out in the midst of the severe judgment of God. The judgment was so intense that they were crying out to die and to be barren as they would rather spare their children from the tribulation.

This is a picture of the intensity of the sixth seal!

The sixth seal is about two things:

It is about the release of God's judgment through cosmic disturbances.

This is the beginning of the fullness of God's shakings, as spoken of by prophet Haggai in Haggai 2:6-8. Isaiah 2:19-21, which Revelation 6:15 takes reference from, describes this as God's mighty shakings.

2 It is about the release of the greatest glory of God

Revelation 6:14 tells us that God will roll up the sky like a scroll. For a season, God is going to open up the heavens in a dramatic manner and people all over the world will literally see the glory of God. This is what Isaiah 40:5 is about:

"The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together..." (Isa. 40:5)

Depending on whether you are on God's side or you are against God, it be glorious will either very or terrifying (Isa. 2:10,19,21)! This explains why the kings of the earth and the commanders were hiding in the caves and the rocks; they were seeking refuge from the terrifying presence of God Almighty and the wrath of the Lamb that is coming (Rev. 6:15-16).



Three things regarding the sixth seal:

- 1. The sixth seal is the turning point in the judgment of God during the Great Tribulation.
 - a. There is a shift of God's judgment towards the Antichrist and his empire.

By the sixth seal, the Church has become mature in prayer. There is a shifting of God's judgment towards the Antichrist and his empire, and the Church will partner with the Lord to release these judgments.

b. There is a shift of God's judgment from the natural order to the supernatural order.

It will be a re-enactment of what happened in the Book of Exodus when Moses released the ten plagues upon Pharoah. The cosmic signs of the sun becoming black and the moon becoming like blood will be released through the prayers and prophetic proclamations of the saints!

2. The sixth seal is the result of the increase and acceleration of night and day prayer in the fifth seal.

If the fifth seal is the night and day cry of the saints for justice, the sixth seal is the manifestation of God's justice. It is God answering the prayers of the saints which rose up to Him at the fifth seal.

There is a seven-fold manifestation of the judgment of God which will affect seven categories of people.



The seven-fold manifestations are:

a) A Great Earthquake.

(Revelation 6:12)

The term "earthquake" is mentioned seven times in the Book of Revelation – Revelation 6:12; 8:5; 11:13 (2 times),19; 16:18 (2 times). Four out of these seven use the term "*great earthquake*".

b) The sun will become black as sackcloth.

(Revelation 6:12)

The sun will stop shining for a period of time. Likely this is not prolonged or the earth will quickly turn cold and many people will die.

c) The moon becoming like blood.

(Revelation 6:12)

d) The stars of heaven fell to the earth.

Meteoroids hitting the earth (Revelation 6:13)

These are unlikely to be stars or huge asteroids, but small meteoroids hitting the earth. They are specifically targeted by God at the Antichrist and his army and they will cause significant casualties and widespread damage to his infrastructure and facilities.

e) The sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up.

(Revelation 6:14)

Through the fullness of the prayers of the saints, God will literally roll back the heavens, **and allow the whole world to have a glimpse of His glory for a season**. It will be both glorious and terrifying, depending on whether you are on God's side or are against Him.

f) Every mountain was moved out of its place.

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(Revelation 6:14)

The mountains are not totally destroyed but could be shifted geographically.

g) Every island was moved out of its place.

(Revelation 6:14)

The seven categories of people who will be affected refer to people who are loyal to the Antichrist. They include the **kings of the earth** (world political leaders), **great men** (powerful and influential men), **rich men** (influential financial and business leaders), **military commanders**, **mighty men** (civilian leaders) and **slaves and free men** (common people).





3. The sixth seal has both positive and negative aspects.

It has both redemptive and punitive aspects.

There are three positive implications:

1. There will be an unprecedented global outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the sixth seal.

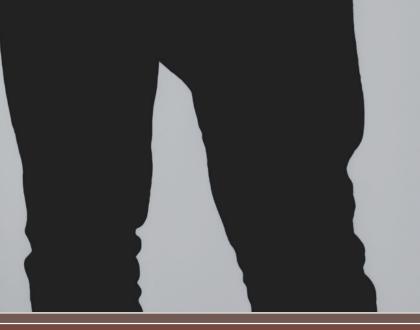
If you study the global outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Joel 2:28-32, it talks about the sun turning into darkness and the moon into blood. These two cosmic signs are also described in the sixth seal and are likely to be the same event. Hence, that infer can the we unprecedented outpouring of the Spirit will most likely happen at the sixth seal, though there could be various outpourings during the periods leading up to that.

- It will be the beginning of the great End-Time harvest prophesied in Joel 2:28-32 and Revelation 14:14-16.
- 3. The greatest release of God's glory upon the saints will begin at the sixth seal.

1 Peter 4:14 tells us that as reproach and persecution increase, God will increase His glory on the saints. The greatest release of God's glory will begin at the sixth seal, even as the complete number of martyrs comes in at the fifth.

As for the negative implication, the sixth seal will be the beginning of the most severe judgment of God against the wicked and the rebellious.

Finally, let me end with this. There are **two questions of the hou**r each and every one of us need to answer.



"FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD IS GREAT AND VERY TERRIBLE; WHO CAN ENDURE IT?" (JOEL 2:11)

CAN I ENDURE? AM I READY? DO I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STAND, AND TO BURN AND SHINE WHEN THE SEALS ARE BEING RELEASED?

"...WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES, WILL HE REALLY FIND FAITH ON THE EARTH?" (LUKE 18:8)

God wants to send justice unto the earth. But will Jesus find you and me at the place of prayer, faithfully contending for God's justice and judgments to be released, even at the most crucial and intense final hour of human history?

May it truly be so!



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