REVELATION SERIES
THE BEGINNING OF THE END-CATASTROPHE! FALSE PEACE AHEAD
Revelation 6:1-2

Now we come to Revelation 6:1-2. Looking back to chapters 4 and 5, the pictures and scenes have been in heaven. The Bible reveals that John sees the Lord God handing to His Son the Book. This book is not the Lamb’s book of life, but a different book. It is the book of the title deed to the earth. The One who has it in His hands is Holy God...meaning that this is significant for the end of the age. For this book to be opened, it had to be opened by One with authority, power, and privilege to open the book, and the John sees the Lamb of God take the book, the Lion of the tribe of Judah unloose the seven seals. To unloose the seven seals meant that He had right, privilege, authority to open the book. Remember that John is privileged to be taken to heaven and he is permitted to see that Holy God is about ready to unleash His judgments.

The judgments described from chapters 6 ff will take place, for they are prophetic events that God will see to that are fulfilled, and even now they are in the process of being set in motion.

In chapter 6, we begin to see the loosing of the seven seals. We will find in Revelation that there are three principle series of judgments.

First, the seal judgments. Second, the trumpet judgments. Third, the vial judgments.

Under the seal judgments, the world is ruined by man. Part of God’s judgment on man is to hand him over to himself. That judgment is seen in part in the world that we live in. To look at society around is to see: 1) sex sins 2) massive sex related deaths, 4) killings, 4) serial murders 5) homosexuality and lesbianism increasing.

Romans 1:28 declares God’s judgment, “And even as they did not like to retain God in knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind to do those things that are not convenient.”

Romans 1:29 declares the people actions, “Lives full of every kind of wickedness and sin; of greed and hate, envy and murd3er, fighting and lying, bitterness and gossip.” LB

Romans 1:24 reveals what happens to people when they don’t want God in their mind. “So God let them go ahead into every sort of sex sin whatever they wanted to- yes, vile and sinful things with each others bodies. LB

But what would God do such a thing to people.
Romans 1:25 is the reason.

Romans 1:25-26, “….They deliberately chose to believe lies. So they prayed to the things God made bout wouldn’t obey the blessed God. 26) That is why God let go of them and let them do all these evil things... women turned against God’s natural plan for them and indulged in sex sins with each other.” LB

Part of God’s plan in judgment is to allow man to do as he desires- and when that happens a society slowly, but surely destroys itself. The home is destroyed, which is the basic and fundamental foundation to a healthy society.

Under the trumpet judgments, the world is rescued by God. God reigns His wrath from heaven. Satan’s empire is dealt a divine blow by Almighty God, until at last the Lord accompanied with his saints, returns to end all the worlds woes.

1. UNDERSTANDING THE BROKEN SEALS.
The Revelation reveals that the “seals are broken” and “restraint” of God’s protective hand is slowly removed from the earth. But why?
- Man has a desire to remove God from his mind, therefore God allows it to be so.
- Man desires within his fleshly nature to live without God’s restraint, so God allows that to be so.
- Man desires to feed his fleshly passions of lust, sex, power, without God’s intervention, and God allows that to be so.
- God literally turns man loose to himself and man sees what he does to himself apart from God.

2. THE BREAKING OF THE FIRST FOUR SEALS. Revelation 6:1-2 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

First Seal- A White Horse & Rider (1-2). But who is the rider? Scripture often uses the symbol of a horse as representative of war. White color suggest the horse wins wars without bloodshed. Horses are representative of power, magnificence, conquest.

One of the interesting factors of this person on the white horse is that there is a bow without an arrow….meaning that conquering came without bloodshed and war.

One of the sobering realities that will mark the beginning of the end, will be a time of “false peace” upon this earth. Dr. John MacArthur declares that “False peace is how the Tribulation will begin. Peace,
global peace. And the Antichrist specifically makes a peace treaty with Israel...a covenant to be their protector, their peacemaker, their deliverer, their Messiah, their Savior.”

John is seeing the beginning of the unfolding of the end time events and Scripture is clear that the Tribulation will begin with false peace.

3. SETTING THE STAGE FOR FALSE PEACE. For “false peace” to be the reality, certain thing must be set in motion from all areas, economically, spiritually, psychologically just to name a few.

While the world in headed into a time of Great Tribulation, after the church has left the earth, the beginning of the Tribulation will be marked with a time of false peace.

First...economic basis. Because we are a world that is interconnected financially, there is the reality that certain economic barriers have been torn down in the making way of this “false peace” that will come. Many have witnessed the fall of the Soviet Union and the reality that Western and Eastern Europe and some degree of unity for economic purposes.

Robert Mueller has served the United Nations for 30 plus years and is considered by some its “prophet of hope”. Here are his words, “There will be no third world war between the big powers...we are headed for a new age, and a new world, a new Genesis, a true global, God abiding, political moral and spiritual renaissance to make this planet at long last what it was always meant to be, the plan of God.”

Because of growing financial concerns nationally and internationally, there is more the sensing that there is a need of a one world government.

Second...spiritual basis. Before that can arise false peace, there must be avenues that are used to bring in false peace to this world. How is false peace ushered in. There are nearly 100 interfaith councils in America that are attempting to pull everybody together in some kind of global peace.

1) False prophets will come and declare peace. The reality of end times reveals a rise in false prophets who pronounce a message of peace.

2) Leaders advocating peace. Some years back, the Pope said, “Christians must work with all religions to secure peace.” Even presidents advocate peace on this earth, President Bush said in 1990, “If the nations of the world acting together continue as they have been, we will set in place the cornerstone of an international order more peaceful than any that we have known”.

The sobering truth is...there is a cry all across the world for some type of peace...this is exactly what is needed to set the stage for the Antichrist to come, rule and reign.

Jesus made it clear in Matthew 24, when answering the disciples about the signs of His coming and the end of time what would take place. In responding to the question, “When will come the final end?” Jesus made it clear in Matthew 24:4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you.

Jesus makes it clear that the beginning of the end is marked with deception and deceptiveness. Many will be coming! Many will be saying “peace”. In other words, there will be national and international ring to peace. Keep in mind that the true church has left the earth by this point in the Rapture.

“From the time of the beginning of the tribulation period, the time after the Rapture of the church, its going to start with a false peace.” (John MacArthur)

4. A PICTURE OF THE END FROM MATTHEW 24. Both Matthew and Revelation speak of the end time scenario. Just as God created this earth, so there is a time on the calendar of God to destroy this earth!

The first phase....is a deceptive time of peace. There will be a time of “false peace.” Matthew 24:5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

The sobering reality is seen in two words, “deceive many”. It will actually be thought among the worlds that this time of peace is going to last for long period of time. The Antichrist shall make peace with Israel that shall be short lived. It is important to remember that many, especially evolutionists think that this world is all there is.

There are many who have no concept of end time events, and believe that this world will stand forever. When the real truth that this world will be destroyed, only to bring about a new one.

Second phase... peace will crumble into war. The synthetic peace that was brought on by the saviors of the world will slowly but surely dwindle into wars. Matthew 24:6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

Third phase ...famine. Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines...

Fourth phase...massive natural disasters to this earth. Matthew 24:7 For nation shall rise against nation...pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.

Revelation 6 paints the same parallel...peace war, famine and death, and even martyrdom. But at the proper timing, the Lord Jesus Christ shall return and do precisely as He said....to set up His kingdom on the earth.