



"The Last Days" Series, Message 3 – October 25, 2009 – Pastor Will Mackey

Jesus' Second Return to Earth: Six Signs of His Coming! (Part 2) *(Revelation 6 & Matthew 24:1-31)*

- Both Revelation 6 (6 seals-heaven's view) and Matthew 24 (6 signs-earth's view) describe the same events that will precede Jesus' 2nd Coming.

Review:

1. (1st Seal and Sign) The entire world will have access to the Gospel of Christ. (Rev. 6:1-2; Matthew 24:14)

Today's Message:

2. (2nd Seal and Sign) The ability of the nations of the world to maintain peace with each other will be taken away.

"The Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, 'Come!' Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword." (Rev. 6:3-4)

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matt. 24:6-7a)

3. (3rd Seal and Sign) The ability of the nations of the world to supply their own food needs will be taken away.

"When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come!' I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, 'A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!'" (Rev. 6:5-6)

"...There will be famines and earthquakes in various places."
(Matt. 24:7b)

4. (4th Seal and Sign) The ability of the nations of the world to ensure human security and safety will be taken away.

"When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, 'Come!' I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine, and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth." (Rev. 6:7-8)

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What Should We Understand Today?

- Even in those horrible days, God will be in control and working His purpose.
- Christians will still be on the earth and their lives and testimonies will be paramount to the Gospel.
- In those days, those who remain faithful to the end will be those who have cooperated with the Spirit to deepen and mature their faith over the course of their lives.