

# The Fifth Seal (Revelation 6:9-11)

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## The Future Day of the Lord

### First Four Seals:

1. Antichrist and coalition
2. Warfare
3. Famine
4. ¼ of the earth dies

**World War 2** = 3% of world population perished

**Beginning of "birth pangs"** = 25% of world population will perish

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## The Olivet Discourse Is About the Future

### First Four Seals and The Olivet Discourse:

1. Antichrist and coalition
2. Warfare
3. Famine
4. ¼ of the earth dies (summary)

Mark 13:6-8 "Many will come in My name, saying, 'I am He!' and will mislead many. ¶ "When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be frightened; those things must take place; but that is not yet the end. ¶ "For nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will also be famines. These things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

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## The Imprecatory Prayer of the Saints

Revelation 6:9-11 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar **the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God**, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; **10** and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”** **11** And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that **they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.**

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## Another Indicator of Being in the 70<sup>th</sup> Week

Revelation 6:10 How long, O Lord, holy and true, **will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood** on those who dwell on the earth?”

Acts 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, **“Lord, do not hold this sin against them!”** Having said this, he fell asleep.



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## The Fifth Seal and the Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24:7-9 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. **8** “But all these things are merely the beginning of **birth pangs.** **9** **“Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you,** and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

Isaiah 13:8 “birth pangs” (odin) = Day of the Lord  
**1** Thess. 5:3 “labor pains” (odin) = Day of the Lord  
Matt. 24: 8 “birth pangs” (odin) = Day of the Lord

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## The Fifth Seal and the Millennium

Revelation 6:9 When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar **the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God**, and because of the testimony which they had maintained...

Revelation 20:4 Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw **the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God**, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and **they came to life** and reigned with Christ for a **thousand years**.

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## Anthony Hoekema: Amillennialist

**On what “they came to life” means in Rev. 20:4:** That John is speaking of a kind of resurrection here is apparent from the second sentence of verse 5: “This is the first resurrection” — words which obviously refer to the living and reigning with Christ of verse 4. But is this “first resurrection” a physical resurrection — a raising of the body from the dead? **Obviously not, since the raising of the body from the dead is mentioned later in the chapter as something distinct from what is described here (see vv. 11-13).** **Only if one believes in two bodily resurrections** — one of believers at the beginning of the millennium and another of unbelievers after the millennium — will one be able to understand the *ezesan* of verse 4 as referring to a bodily resurrection.

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## No Christian Should Fear Death

### Death = separation

1. Separation from body and soul (cf. 2 Cor. 5:8)
2. Separation from God and His blessing (Rev. 20:6, 14)

Mark 12:27 He is not the God of the dead, but of the living; you are greatly mistaken.

Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to **destroy both soul and body in hell**

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