

## THE DAY OF THE LORD BEGINS

“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 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.” (Rev. 6:1-2)

- I. Review of chapters 4 and 5
  - A. Interlude between the end of the Church Age (chapters 2 & 3) and the beginning of the Day of the Lord (chapters 6-22)
  - B. Introduction to the scroll with seven seals
- II. Introduction to the Anti-Christ and the Seven Year Tribulation
  - A. Jesus ho Christos... Yeshua ha Meshiach... Jesus the Christ... the Lion of the tribe of Judah... the slain Lamb goes into action. He begins the reclamation process by unleashing the judgments of God. (6:1,3,5,7,9,12; 8:1)
  - B. Two major truths to take away from the first seal...
    1. The rider sitting upon the white horse is the Anti-Christ, the false Messiah, beginning his quest on earth.
      - a. He is part of the context of the 4 horses and riders which are part of the details of the 7 years of tribulation...he is not Christ at the second coming (cf. 19:11)
      - b. He is the deceiver Jesus made reference to in the Olivet Discourse (Mt 24:4)
      - c. He is the one Jesus spoke of performing the abomination of desolation (Mt 24:15)
      - d. He is the one the Apostle spoke about (2 Thess. 2:3b-4, 8-9)
      - e. He is the one the Prophet Daniel identifies as the Roman Prince which initiates the 70<sup>th</sup> Week of Daniel (Dan 9:26,27) cf. Dan. 2 & 7
      - f. He is one and the same as the little horn in Daniel 7:8 and the king described in Dan 11:36-45