

The Revelation

(14) The 5th and 6th seals are opened

The 5th seal, persecution of the saints...Rev.6:9-11

Comment on the location of the martyrs and the timing? vs.9

Beneath the altar (in heaven). Symbolic of sacrifice. Perhaps martyrs of all ages + trib.

What are the (2) specific reasons for the martyrdoms? vs.9

They upheld the Word of God and maintained their testimony (of faith) to the end.

What is their inquiry of the Lord? vs.10 Comment? Deut.32:35, 40-43; Ps.94:1-7; Rom.12:19

How long until you avenge our blood? They know vengeance is His, and is close, how long?

And what is the reply? vs.11 Rom.8:18

Given white robes. Wait a little more, there are more martyrs yet determined...

Is this a sinful prayer, asking for God's vengeance? Ps.94; IIThess.1:6-9

No. God's vengeance is sure. It is part of His glory and is promised. Bittersweet for us...

While on the earth it seems like man (or Satan) is in charge, Who's really in charge? vs.11

God is absolutely, totally, and always in control. Like the cross! Looks like loss, but ...

How is the 5th seal paralleled in Mt.24? Mt.24:9-28

This transitions to the Great Tribulation, last half of Daniels 70th week. Persecution.

The 6th seal, the whole universe is shaken...Rev.6:12-17

What has been the taunting rejection of unbelievers for the last 2000 years? IIPet.3:3-7

Where is this promised 2nd coming? All things (physical universe) continue unchanged...

When this 'evolutionary' thought is expressed, what is ignored? IIPet.3:5-6

The Flood is ignored. And God is going to do it again! Not by flood, but by fire.

This seal marks a turning point in the tribulation. What happens? Rev.6:12-14

The whole physical universe is shaken. God alone can do this. His time of wrath has come.

What is the reaction of unbelievers of all unbelievers, all strata? vs.15-16

All consuming fear! Preferred death by cave-in than facing the Lord's wrath.

And what do they (finally) recognize and acknowledge? vs.16-17

This is the Day of the Lord. The Father and the Lamb's wrath. They all know... and reject.

How is this paralleled in Matthew 24? Mt.24:29

Similar description of the physical universe shaken. Now God's wrath is seen.

How is this time summarized in Luke 21:20-26?

Men will die from fear because of the physical calamities. Terrible, but worse coming.