

## Reflection Questions for Chapters 6-7

For the next session on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, please read Chapters 6-7, pages 119-151 in *The Revelation* book. Begin with this or another prayer of your choice: *"Lord Jesus, in a world that values getting ahead, may I willingly follow You; in a world where people are given numbers, may I give thanks that You know me by name; in a world of uncertainty, may I trust that You are truth; in a world where news is filled with violence, may more people believe that You came to make things new; in a world filled with opportunism, may I seek opportunities to serve; in a world where people face hardship, may I see Your face in everyone I meet. Amen."*

<https://www.heartofthenation.org/daily-prayers> Your reflections will be shared **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** in your small group. Your group may not get to all the questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those questions most important for your group.

**Chapter 6 reveals the first six seals. Seals 1-5 are brought about by human nature; the sixth seal is supernatural in nature. Mankind can no longer explain away what they see as coincidence. God is truly the author.**

**Chapter 7:1-8 sealing of the 144,000 and 7:9-17 is the triumph of the elect.**

**1. The focus is now on the Lamb. As He opens the first four seals, one of the "four living creatures" we read about in chapter 5 shouts to John to "Come forward"... "in a voice like thunder." John doesn't tell us which one (lion, ox, human being, eagle) calls out each horseman. *What do you think John was thinking as he was called? Would you have been fearful of being called forward?***

**2. Four different horsemen arrive with each seal that is opened. *What are your observations about the four horsemen? What was the significance of each? Does any one of them stand out for you and why?***

**White horse & rider:**

**Red horse & rider:**

**Black horse & rider:**

**Pale green horse & rider:**

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**3. The phrase “was given” occurs several times (vs. 2, 4, 8). A theological term for this concept is “divine passive” or given by God the authority to do what they do. *What were each of the horsemen given? What do you think it represents?***

**4. The opening of the sixth seal was different than the previous judgments. *How did people respond when they saw such a clear sign that this was God’s hand behind the judgment? What can you take away from this passage?***

**5. Chapter 6 describes the judgments that God will send against the world as well does chapter 8. Embedded in between, chapter 7 highlights God’s mercy toward those who belong to Him. We see throughout the New Testament that God seals believers (Eph. 1:13, 2 Cor 1:22, John 6:27) *What is the significance of the sealing? Why is it placed on the forehead? Do you think it will be visible?***

**6. *What do we learn about God’s end vision in verses 9-17 of Chapter 7?***

**7. *Knowing that God desires people from every group on Earth to be with Him, how can we be a part of His vision for the world? How can you help to see the Gospel move into every corner of the world?***

**What else stood out for you in these chapters?**

**For your personal prayer:**

No matter what trials you are facing, waiting on the Lord can be extremely difficult. One of the reasons God allows these to us in the first place is to teach us to trust Him patiently. God has a perfect timetable for accomplishing His perfect plans in your life. Resolve to trust in Him completely until that time is fulfilled.