
REVELATION

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF ALL THINGS

FAMILY CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE THEME

God is in control of all things.

MARCH MEMORY VERSE

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”

Colossians 4:2 NIV

MARCH CHALLENGE VERSE

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever.”

Hebrews 1:8 NIV

MARCH 10 - LIFE APPLICATION

Know that all things are in God’s hands and in God’s timing.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: **Revelation 6:9-17**

In the **Book of Revelation**, John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven and Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Remind your family that **God has a plan**, is over all things, knows all things, and He is with us through all things. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family. If this guide is too much to cover in one sitting, break it up and talk through the questions throughout the week.

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 6:9-17**. Jesus the Lamb is **opening the seven seals**, and in our study last week **we learned about the first four seals**.

This week, we will learn about **two more seals**. Before talking with your family, pray with them. These things are not always easy to understand, but pray that God would reveal what He wants us to know and that we would learn, more than anything, that He loves and gives peace to those who love and follow Him. These verses tell us that God will deal with all evil in the world. So, even though bad things will happen in the world and we are able to know about them, we will not have to worry. God has a plan to take us to heaven to be with Him before all of this even happens! It is called the Rapture. Therefore, Christians and their believing kids should never have to worry about what we are about to look at. For children, please **emphasize God's great love** for them. That's why Jesus came to the earth to save us!

DISCUSS:

Review: In Revelation 5, who was the only one worthy to open the scroll with the seven seals held in the hand of God? (*Jesus, the Lamb of God.*) **Why is Jesus called the Lamb?** (*Because He sacrificed His perfect, sinless life and died for our sins.*) Jesus opened the **first four seals** in last week's lesson. **What were they?**

- The **First Seal**: The white horse (the Antichrist who brings peace for 3 ½ years, but lies and tricks everyone)
- The **Second Seal**: The bright red horse (who brings war)
- The **Third Seal**: The black horse (who brings famine and scarcity of food)
- The **Fourth Seal**: The pale horse (who brings death, one-fourth of the world dies because of war, famine, disease, or natural disasters)

Remember, those of us who are believers in Jesus and love God do not have to worry about any of this! **Why?** (*Because the church and believers are raptured BEFORE these things take place.*) John was given a glimpse of heaven and all

the glory there! We will NOT experience the terrible things described in the seals, because we will be raptured into heaven (between chapters 3 and 4). The scroll of ownership, or deed, to the earth was in the Father's hand and His Son, Jesus, had received it from Him. We were already saved when Jesus died for us and we became followers of Christ!)

Now, we will find out what happened when the Lamb opened the **5th and 6th seals**.

1. **Do you know what the word “vengeance” means?** *(It means to act out revenge on someone who has done you wrongly.)* Discuss times when we have been hurt or embarrassed and may feel like taking revenge on the person who caused this. **Do you think it's okay for us to take vengeance on people?** *(No, that's not our job. Our job is to love others and make peace wherever we can. In **Romans 12:9** we learn that vengeance belongs to the Lord, not to us.)*
2. After last week, we know that some people who came to love God after the rapture suffered and died as a result of the first four seals. They are called “martyrs”- people who died because of their faith. Some even call them “Tribulation saints” for they died during the Great Tribulation (evidently, there are some who will become Christians after the rapture). In **Revelation 6:9** their souls are crying out for vengeance because of what had happened to them. But, God told them to wait until the other martyrs yet to be killed in the Great Tribulation had joined them. God then clothed them in white robes and told them to rest a little longer. Justice will happen! They just needed to wait a bit longer. Even in the middle of all of these terrible things, God is showing love and care for His children!
3. **When Jesus opens the fifth seal, John sees what?** Let's read **Revelation 6:12-14** to see what happened to all of nature on the earth. (Read together, then discuss and list.)
 - A great earthquake
 - The sun became black
 - The moon was red like blood
 - The stars of the sky fell to the earth
 - The sky vanished like a scroll being rolled up
 - Every mountain and island was moved
4. **What did the people do?** *(Read **verse 15**. Everyone - kings, great people, generals, rich and poor people, slaves and free people - ran to the caves and the rocks in the mountains to hide themselves.)*
5. They cried out, calling to the mountains and the rocks, *“Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of*

the Lamb, for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" But, even though they are experiencing all of these terrifying calamities, and they could choose to fall on their knees to accept Jesus - still, most do not. They pray to nature to save them! Their hearts are too hard. They could choose life everlasting, but they choose death.

6. It's hard to even imagine what it will be like! **Would you want to be on the earth when these things happen? How can we make sure we do not have to see these things?**

The Good News: We can accept (if we have not already accepted) Jesus as our Savior and become a part of His forever family! He came to earth to save us! See **Romans 5:9**. God's wrath in the Great Tribulation is not meant for Christians! All we have to do is accept His gift of salvation. **How about people you know who don't know Jesus? How can we help them?** (*We need to make sure they know about Jesus. It is our assignment, our job here on earth.*)

FAMILY CHALLENGE

1. Remind your family to look around them and choose someone to pray for, have a relationship with, tell about Jesus, bring to church. Make it a part of your daily routine to pray for your +Ones!
2. Together, read the March Bible verse: "*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*" (**Colossians 4:2 NIV**). Together, plan on a time that you can gather together each day (or weekly) to pray. Have each person bring at least one thing to pray about. Keep a prayer journal and record the prayers (by date) and record how God answered the prayers! Be sure and celebrate the answered prayer and remember the good things God has done.

PRAYER

"Dear Jesus, we don't know when all of these things will happen, but we want to be ready. Help us to see people who need to know how much You love them. Show us how we can reach out to them. In Jesus' Name, Amen."