

# A BIBLE PROPHECY ADVENTURE

# REVELATION SEMINARS

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION					
NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITIES	APPROX. DATE	MEANING OF SYMBOLS	CORRESPONDING CHURCH
1st	White horse Rider has bow & crown	Went forth conquering	1st century A.D.	Horse & Rider = Angels White = Purity Crown = Victory Bow = Success against evil	Ephesus
2nd	Red horse Rider has a great sword	Take peace from earth Kill one another	2nd, 3rd, and 1st part of 4th centuries	Red = Bloody Persecution Sword = Symbol of bloodshed	Smyrna
3rd	Black horse Rider has pair of balances	Weighing wheat and barley and selling for exorbitant prices	4th, 5th, and 1/2 of 6th centuries	Black = Moral darkness Weighing grain & selling for exorbitant prices = Great spiritual famine for Scripture Oil = Holy Spirit Wine = Atoning blood of Jesus	Pergamos
4th	Pale horse Rider is Death Followed by the Grave	Power to kill with hunger, sword and beasts	2nd half of the 6th through the 15th centuries	Pale = Symbol of Death Death & Grave = Devastating destruction of God's people during tribulation	Thyatira
5th	Souls of slain under altar	Cried out for God to avenge their blood. White robes given them Wait a little season	16th, 17th and half of the 18th centuries	Souls crying out = symbolic crying out as Abel's blood did White Robes = Victory through Jesus Rest a Season = Wait in graves till Jesus' return with the rewards	Sardis
6th	Earthquake Sun became black Moon into blood Stars fall 2nd coming of Jesus		Mid-18th century to second coming of Jesus	Earthquake = Lisbon earthquake, 11-1-1755 Sun Dark = Dark Day, 5-19-1780 Moon to Blood = Color of blood, 5-19-1780 Stars to fall = Stars fell 11-13-1833 2nd Coming = yet future	Philadelphia and Laodicea
7th	Silence in Heaven		At second coming	<b>Silence for 1/2 hr:</b> 1/2 hour would be 7 1/2 days when using prophetic guide of 1 prophetic day equals 1 literal year. Jesus takes 7 1/2 days for His 2nd coming. It is silent in heaven because the angels come with Jesus at 2nd coming.	

When God made the sun, moon and stars at creation, He said, "Let them be for **SIGNS**, for seasons, and for days, and years", Genesis 1:14. So we should not be surprised to find God giving us signs of His return in the heavens. He planned it from the beginning.

Up to this point in human history, this earthquake was probably the greatest natural disaster since Noah's flood.

Noah Webster, in his "American Dictionary of the English Language" (1828 edition), says of the dark day, "The true cause of this remarkable phenomenon is not known." Since Webster's day, some have

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Children disobedient to parents — 2 Timothy 3:1, 2

Truce breakers — 2 Timothy 3:1, 3

Foul, blasphemous speech — 2 Timothy 3:1, 2

Rise of many false religions — 2 Peter 2:1, 2; Matthew 24:24;  
1 Timothy 4:1-4; Revelation 18:2, 4, 5

Giving of special message to all the world to prepare people for Christ's coming — Matthew 24:14; Revelation 14:6-14

Divorce "without natural affection" — Matthew 24:37-39; cf Genesis 6:2;  
2 Timothy 3:1-5

EVER LEARNING AND NEVER COMING TO A KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE TRUTH — 2 Timothy 3:1, 7

If you have extra time, please read Matthew, chapter 24; and Luke,  
chapter 21. These chapters both list many signs of the Lord's return.

explained this strange phenomenon on a natural basis. There may well be a natural cause. After all, God used a natural means to open the Red Sea for Israel, Exodus 14:21. The important point is that a strange, dark day occurred at the right time as Jesus said it would. It came shortly after the period of persecution sometimes called the Dark Ages.

## THE MOON RED AS BLOOD — NORTH AMERICA

May 19, 1780

The night of the dark day was so black, a piece of white paper could not be seen when held directly in front of the eyes. People looked for the moon, but like the sun, it was blacked out. At about midnight, the unusual darkness lifted and the moon appeared but it was as red as blood. Milo Bostwick says of this event, "The moon, which was at its full, had the appearance of blood. The alarm that it caused and the frequent talk about it impressed it deeply on my mind." **Stone's History of Beverly, Massachusetts.**

## FALLING OF THE STARS — NORTH AMERICA

November 13, 1833

"The morning of November 13th, 1833, was rendered memorable by an exhibition of the phenomenon called SHOOTING STARS, which was probably more extensive and magnificent than any similar one hitherto recorded . . . Probably no celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was viewed with so much admiration and delight by one class of spectators, or with so much astonishment and fear by another class. For some time after the occurrence, the 'meteoric phenomenon' was the principal topic of conversation in every circle." - **American Journal of Science and Arts**, Vol. XXV, 1834.

R. M. Devens, speaking of the great star shower, said, "The whole firmament, all over the United States, being then, for hours in fiery commotion." **The Great Events of Our Past History**, pp. 214,215.

Of this event Charles A. Young, a Professor of Astronomy at Princeton University says: "Probably the MOST REMARKABLE of all the meteoric showers . . . was that of the Leonids, on November 12, 1833. The number... was estimated as high as 2,000,000 an hour for five or six hours." **Manual of Astronomy**, p. 469. The heavens were ablaze

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## SIGNS THAT SHOW JESUS WILL RETURN IN OUR DAY

with falling stars. People thought surely it was the Judgment Day.

Of the extent of visibility of this meteoric display we read in the Encyclopaedia Americana, under Article "Meteors" as follows: "This spectacle ... WITNESSED THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA . . . excited the greatest interest ... Hundreds of thousands of shooting stars fell ... Some observers compared their number to the flakes of a snowstorm, or to the raindrops in a shower." The spectacle was of the sublimest order. It began about nine o'clock in the evening and continued until well after daylight.

Elijah Burritt says: "The most sublime phenomenon of shooting stars (November 13, 1833) ... COVERED NO INCONSIDERABLE PORTION OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE ... covering the entire vault of heaven with myriads of fire balls." **Geography of the Heavens**, p. 157. Within a little over a half century after the darkening of the sun and moon, this most remarkable of all meteoric showers took place.

When God's great prophetic clock struck the hour, events as predicted took place:

1. November 1, 1755  
— The great earthquake

then 25 years later, 2. May 19, 1780  
— The dark day and the moon as blood

then 53 years later, 3. November 13, 1833  
— The falling of the stars

Accumulation of wealth — James 5:1-8

Capital/Labour troubles — James 5:1-8

War preparations — Matthew 24:6, 7; Revelation 11:18

Increase of knowledge — Daniel 12:4

Unrest, upheaval — Luke 21:25-27

Craze for pleasure — 2 Timothy 3:1-4

Religious scepticism — Luke 18:8

Intemperance, physical decay — Luke 17:26-30

Falling away from Bible truth — 2 Timothy 4:1-4

Moral degeneracy and decline of spirituality — 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Unparalleled travel — Daniel 12:4

Destructive earthquakes, cyclones, famines, etc. — Matthew 24:7

Abounding lawlessness — Matthew 24:12; 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Scoffers — 2 Peter 3:3-5

Communication with spirits — I Timothy 4:1-2

Deceptive miracles — Revelation 16:14; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Great peace movements — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

False Christs/prophets — Matthew 24:24

People will be too busy — Luke 21:34; Matthew 24:37-39

Men will have power to destroy the earth — Revelation 11:18

Increasing crime and evil — 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13

Denial of creation — 2 Peter 3:3-6

Fear, distress of nations — Luke 21:25, 26

Heresy and apostasy — 2 Thessalonians 2:3; II Peter 2:1, 2