



The REVELATION of JESUS CHRIST
ALPHA / OMEGA

Session 16 — The Tearing of the 5th Seal
[Revelation 6:9-11] — June 13, 2021

- I. The 5th Seal represents the **complete number** of **righteous saints** and **faithful witnesses** throughout history who will be **martyred**.
- II. God is preparing the **church** to **shine** the **brightest** in its **greatest hour** during the world's **darkest hour**.
- III. There always has been only **one people** of God – justified by faith – who will be **raised**, **redeemed** and **rewarded** at the end of the age when Christ **returns** to **earth**.
- IV. The **fires** of the great tribulation will serve to **refine** and **purify** the believing **remnant**, presenting her as a spotless **bride** in the end.
- V. The only way to faithfully **endure** the great tribulation is the keep our **hearts** and **eyes fixed** upon **Jesus!**
- VI. The Day of the LORD is the coming day of **vengeance** when Jesus returns in **flaming fire** to punish the **wicked**.

Application

- ➔ Keep your eyes fixed upon Jesus – the Faithful Martyr.
- ➔ Don't be surprised when fiery trials come upon you.
- ➔ Be ready to proclaim the gospel in our greatest hour.



Small Group Listening Guide — June 20, 2021

Read Revelation 6:9-11 Out Loud

1. Describe the tearing of the 5th seal. What can we learn about this heavenly scene?
2. Where are the “souls” of the righteous in this scene and what is the significance of it?
3. Why have these righteous saints been slain? What does that tell us about the role of the church during the great tribulation?
4. Read Revelation 7:9-14. How is this passage connected to the 5th Seal and how do we know that these are the same host of witnesses?
5. What does Revelation 7:9-14 tell us about the church’s role during the great tribulation?
6. How will the darkness and difficulty of the great tribulation provided our greatest opportunity to be gospel witnesses?
7. What are the martyred saints crying out for in the 5th Seal and when will their prayer be answered?