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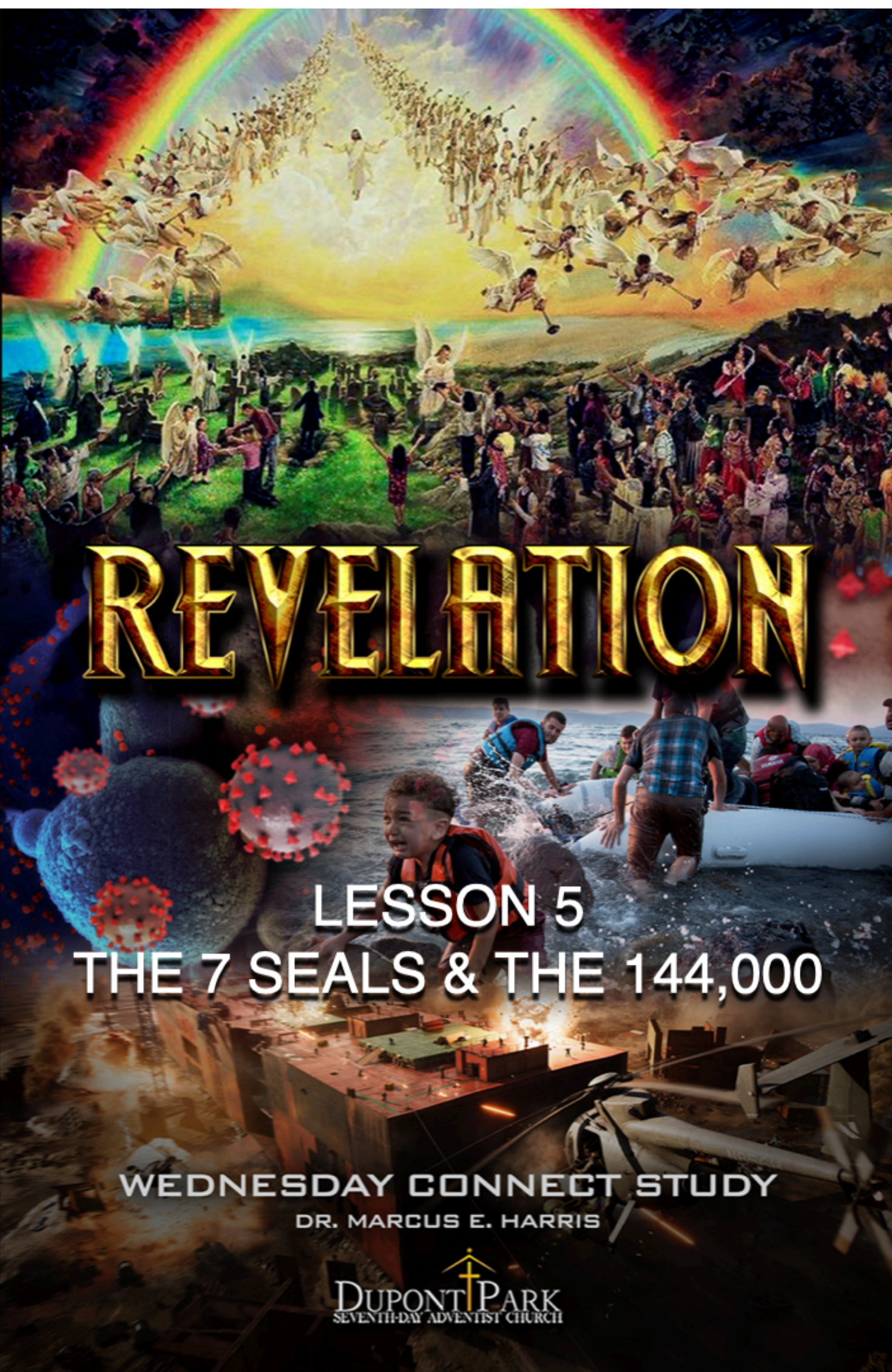
LESSON 5 THE 7 SEALS & THE 144,000

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Part I

Introduction



“...Now that He who is worthy holds the scroll, with bated anticipation, the universe awaits this document's opening and reading. Through Revelation 6, 7, and Revelation 8:1, God reveals in greater detail “what must shortly come to pass” and His promise of victory for the righteous. In this lesson, John receives God’s end-time revelation of “The Seven Seals & The 144,000!” ”

Key Elements

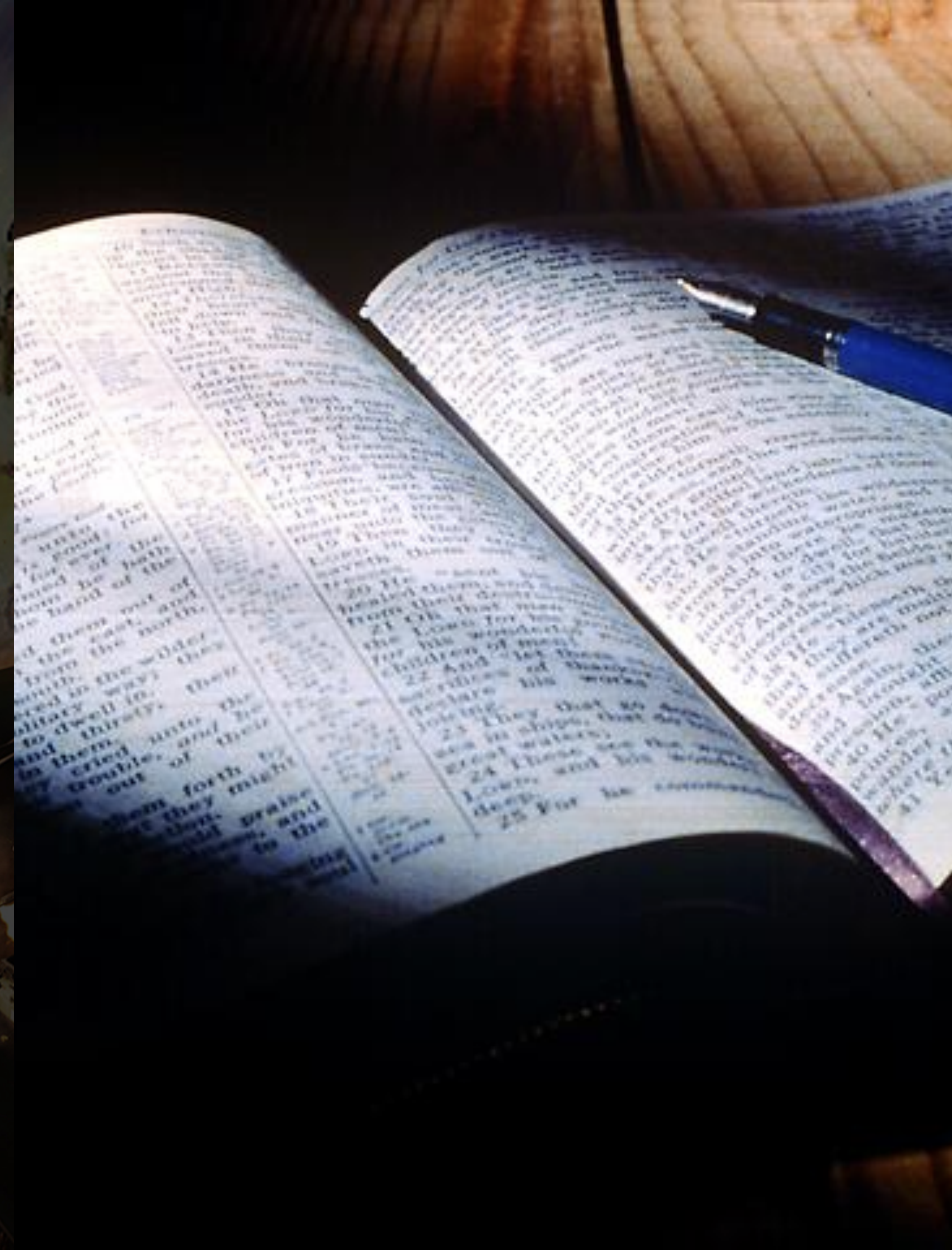
- Continuation Scene - Chapter 5
- Focus - Revealing God's Plan - Cross to the 2nd Coming
- Great Challenges - Foreboding Times For The Church
- God Is Ever-present!
- God Is In Control
- The Righteous Are Victorious

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Focus Text

Revelation 6:1 (NKJV)

Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see."



Revelation 6 Outline

- Revelation 6:1-2 The First Seal - White Horse
- Revelation 6:3-4 The Second Seal - Red Horse
- Revelation 6:5-6 The Third Seal - Black Horse
- Revelation 6:7-8 The Fourth Seal - Pale Horse
- Revelation 6:9-11 The Fifth Seal - Cry Of The Martyrs
- Revelation 6:12-17 The Sixth Seal - Signs Of The End!

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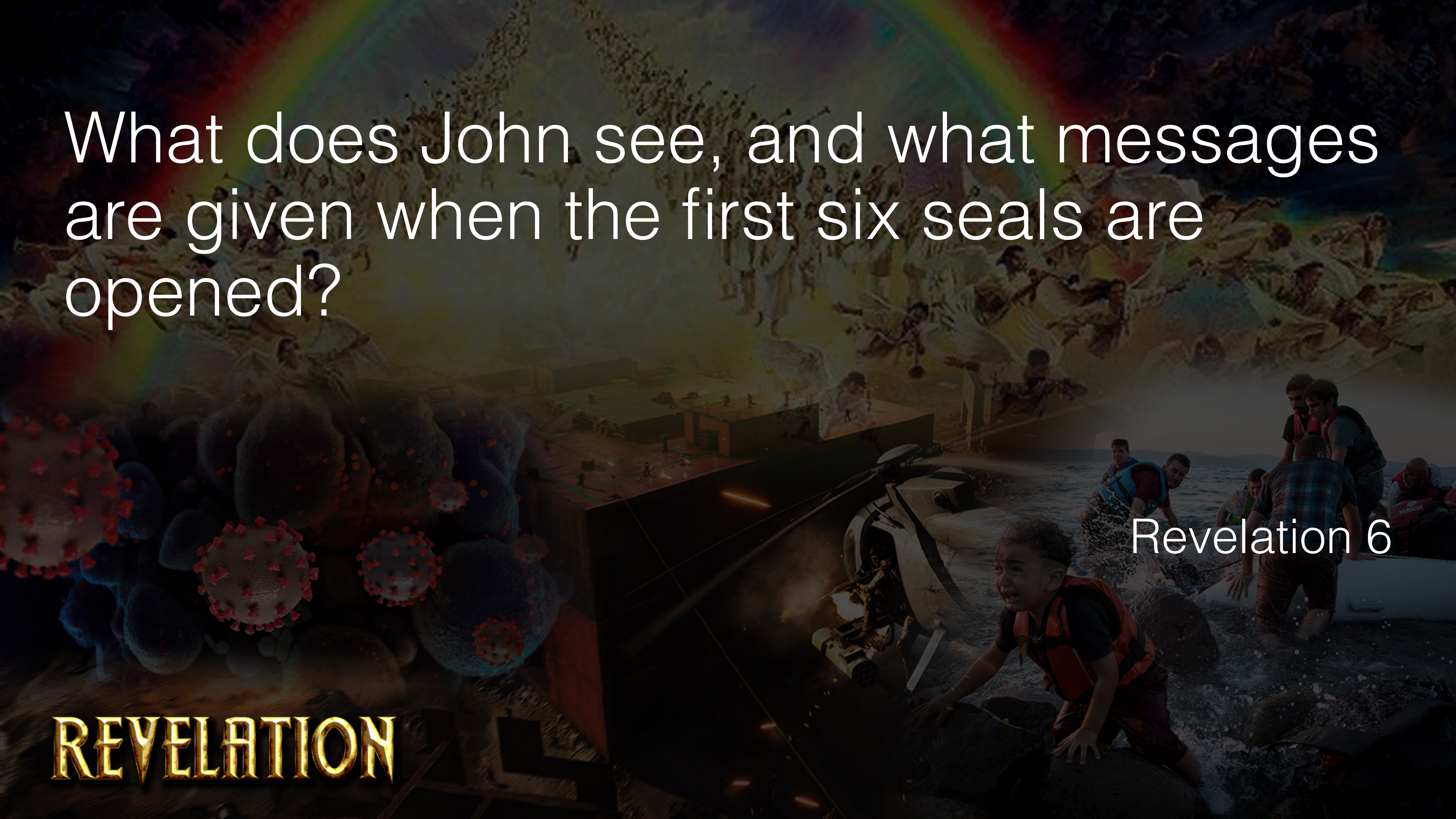
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Chapter 6

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“Opening The 7 Seals”





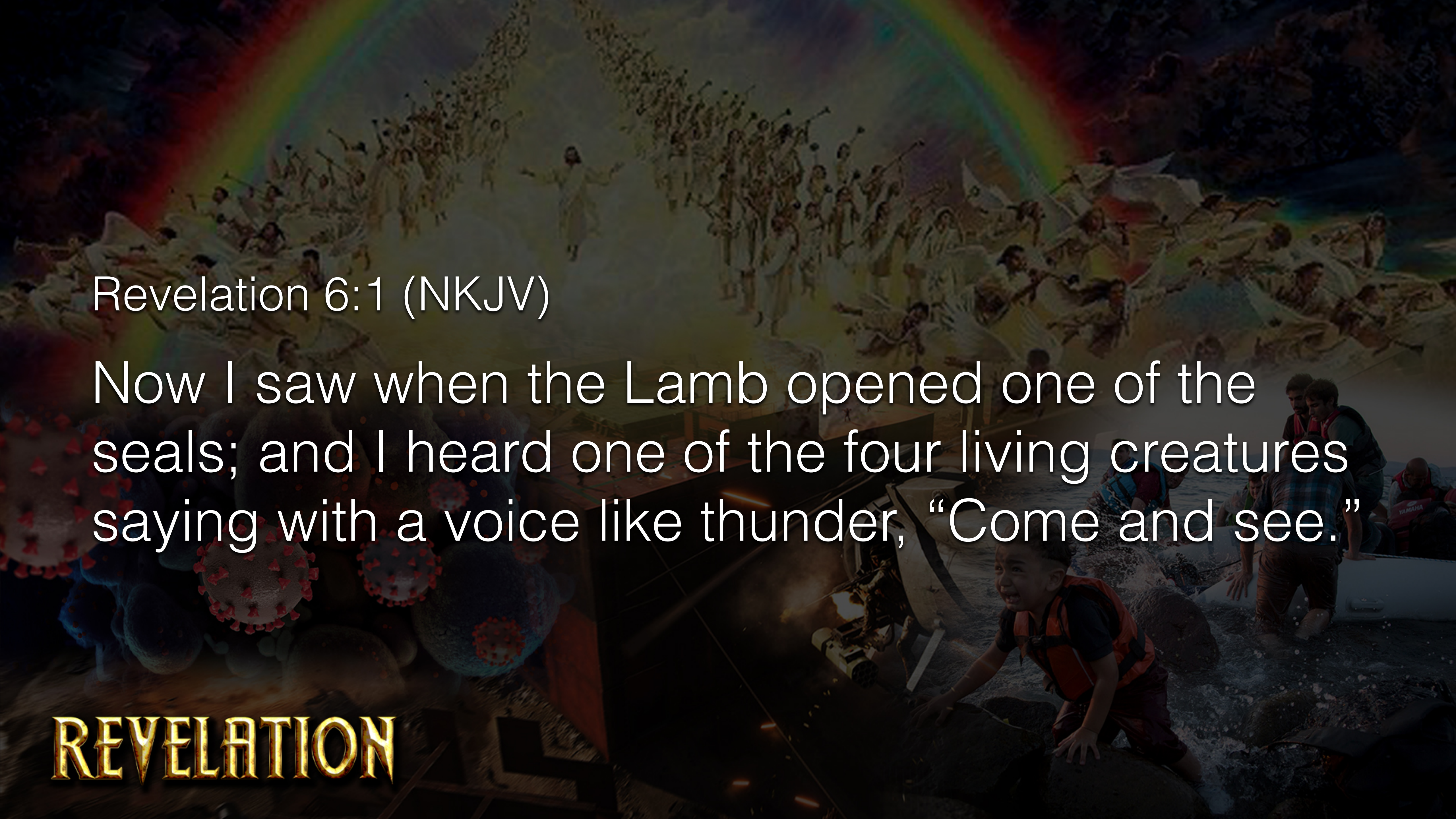
What does John see, and what messages
are given when the first six seals are
opened?

Revelation 6

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The image is a dramatic, apocalyptic illustration featuring the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. In the center, a man in a white tunic and purple sash, wearing a golden crown, sits atop a white horse, holding a bow aloft. To his left, a warrior in red armor and a golden helmet rides a dark brown horse, brandishing a sword. To the right of the white horse, a figure in dark, hooded robes sits on a dark horse, holding a pair of golden scales. On the far right, a third figure in dark armor and a hooded cloak rides a pale, greyish horse, holding a scythe. The background is a turbulent sky of orange and yellow flames and smoke, with a bright light source on the right. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent grid pattern.

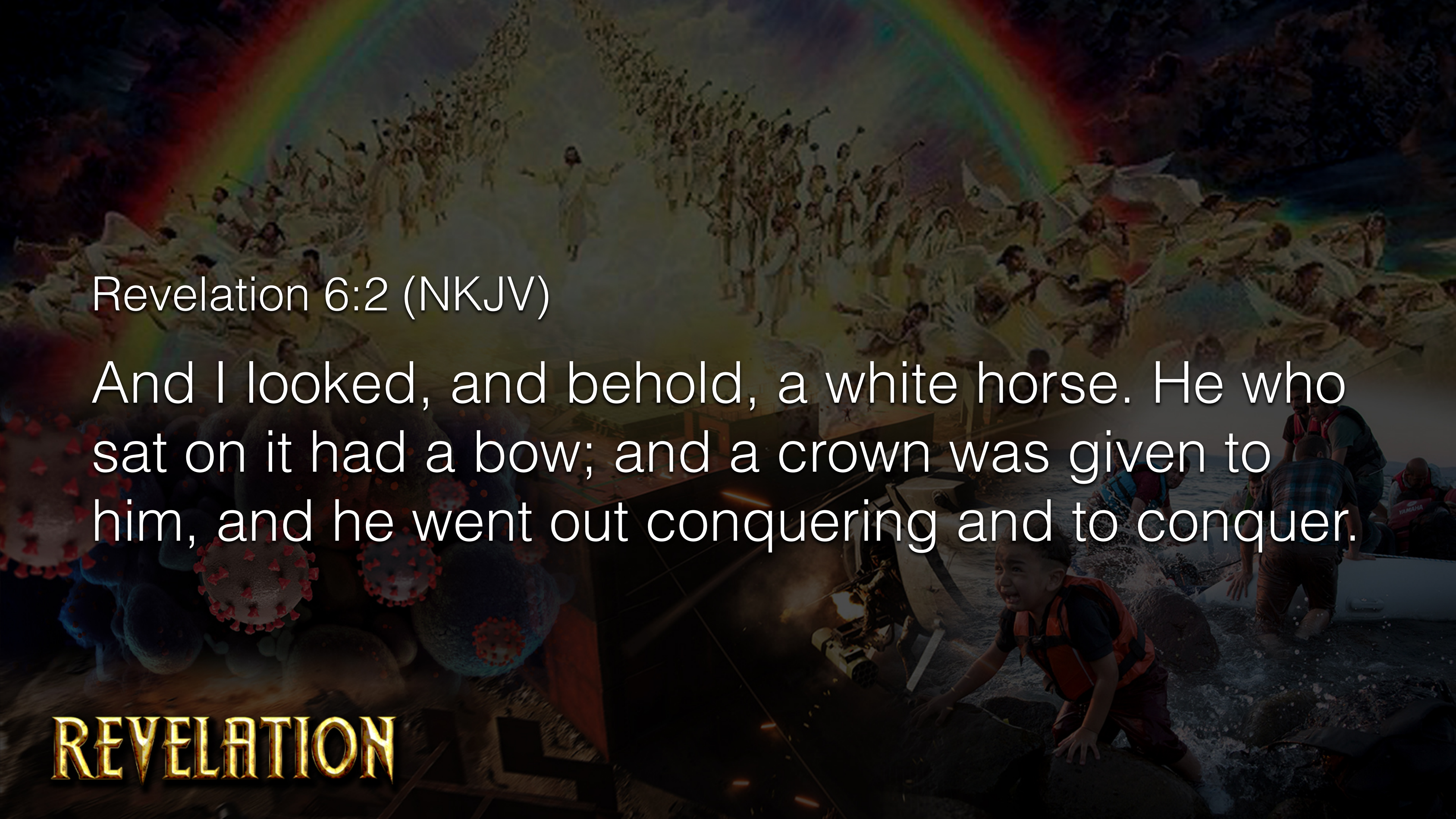
“The Four Horsemen”



Revelation 6:1 (NKJV)

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A composite image with a dark, moody background. At the top, a vibrant rainbow arches across the sky. Below it, a large, dense crowd of people is depicted, some appearing to be in a state of distress or conflict. In the foreground, a young child wearing an orange life vest is crouching on a rocky shore, looking up with a concerned expression. The overall scene suggests a narrative of survival or a significant event.

Revelation 6:2 (NKJV)

And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

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- The background is a dark, composite image. At the top, a vibrant rainbow arches across the sky. Below it, a large, dense crowd of people is depicted, some appearing to be in a state of distress or seeking refuge. In the lower right, a young child in an orange life vest is shown struggling in the water, reaching out. To the left, several large, blue, spherical virus-like particles with red spikes are visible. The overall scene suggests a narrative of global crisis and divine intervention.
- ✦ The Four Horsemen
 - ✦ The White Horse - 1st Seal

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1st Seal - The White Horse

- The first seal represents the time of the first century 31–100 AD.

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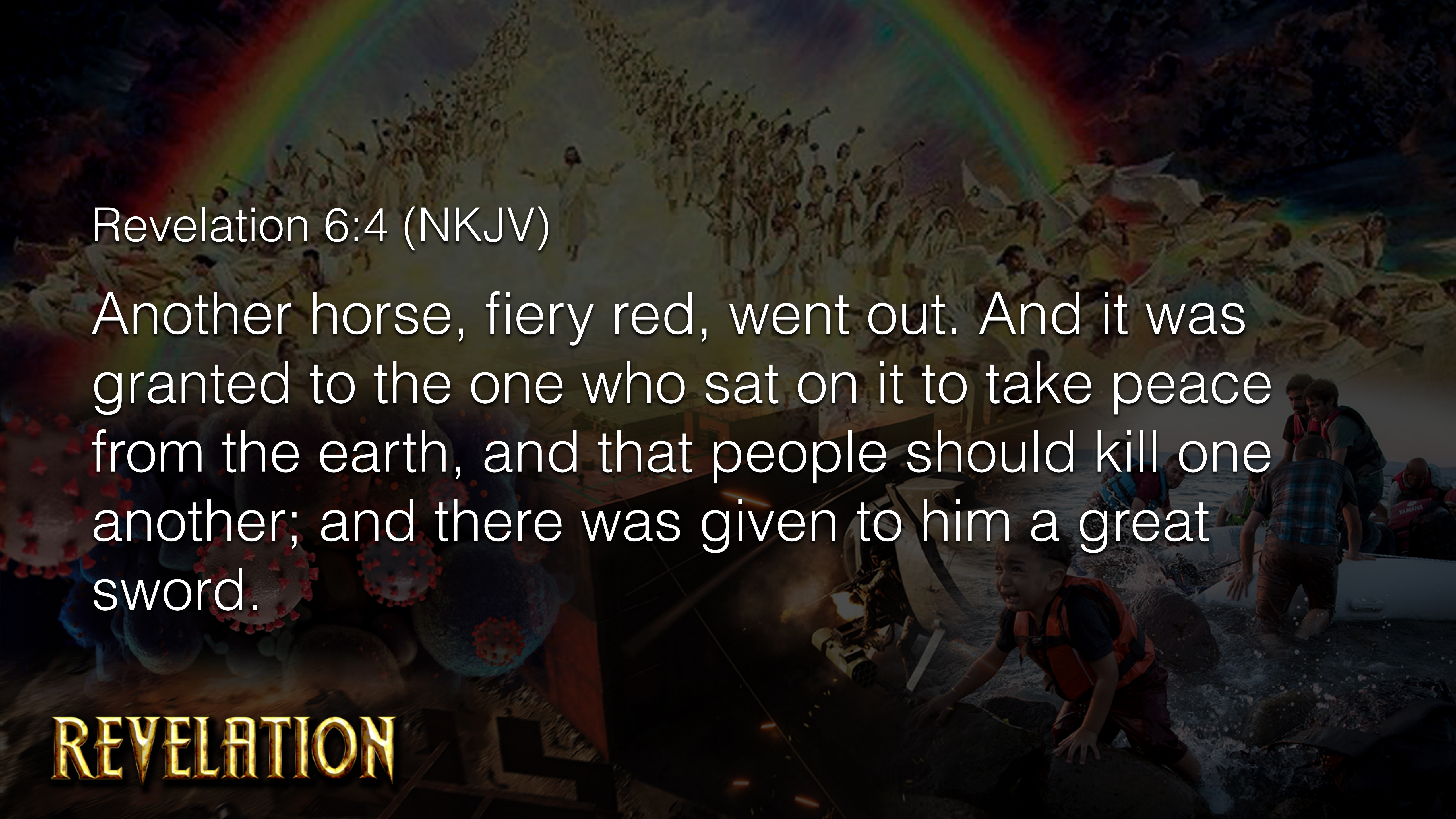
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Revelation 6:3 (NKJV)

When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come and see.”

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A composite image with a rainbow at the top, a crowd of people in the middle, and a child in a life vest in the foreground.

Revelation 6:4 (NKJV)

Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

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- ✦ The Four Horsemen
 - ✦ The White Horse - 1st Seal
 - ✦ The Red Horse - 2nd Seal

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2nd Seal - The Red Horse

- The time from 100–313 AD was a period of terrible persecution, and the last ten years, under the Roman Emperor Diocletian, were the worst.

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Revelation 6:5 (NKJV)

When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand.


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Revelation 6:6 (NKJV)

And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine.”

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 - ✦ The Black Horse - 3rd Seal

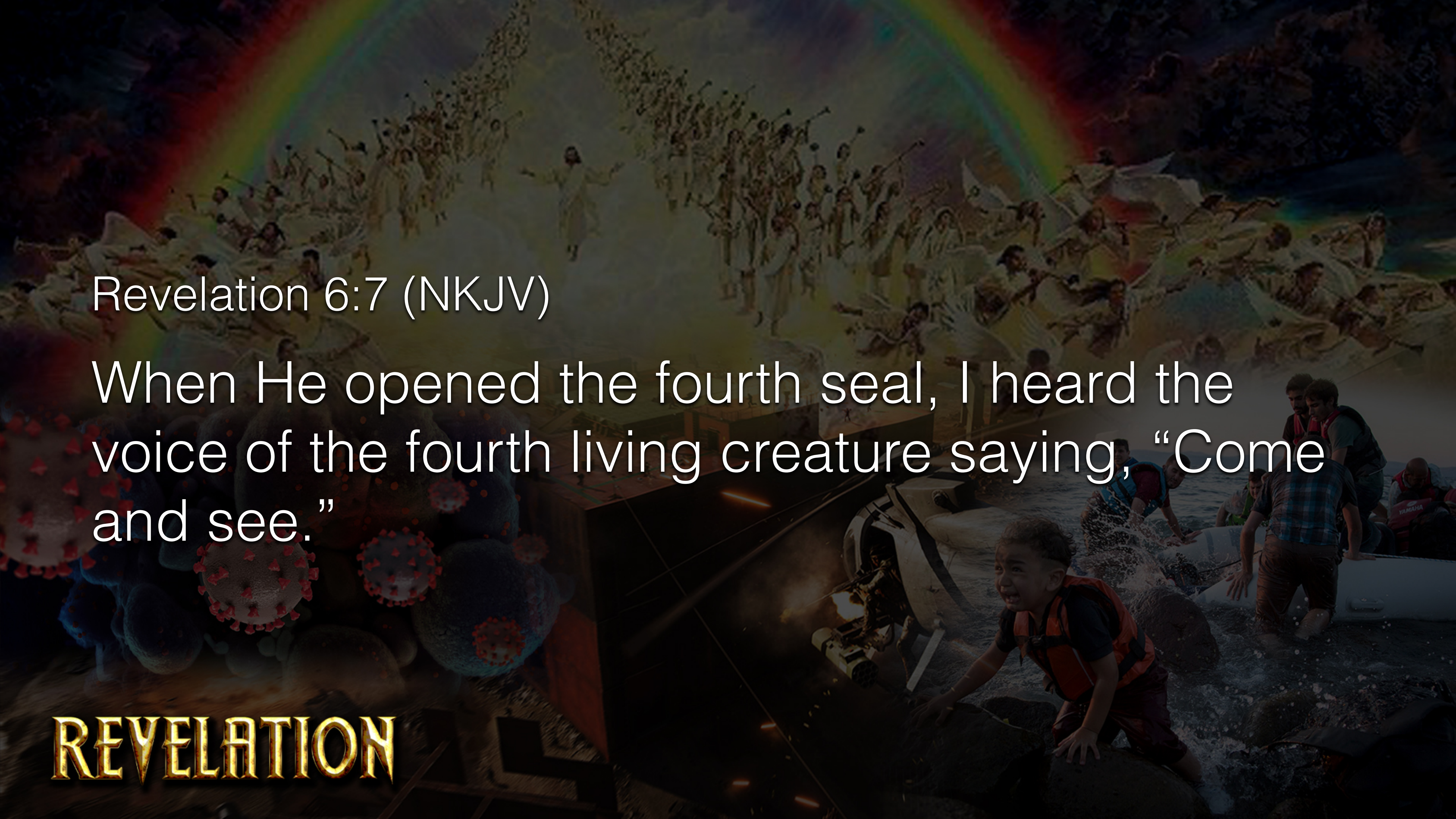
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3rd Seal - The Black Horse

- The black horse is a fitting symbol of this time in church history because it takes us from 313–538 AD, the beginning of the Dark Ages.

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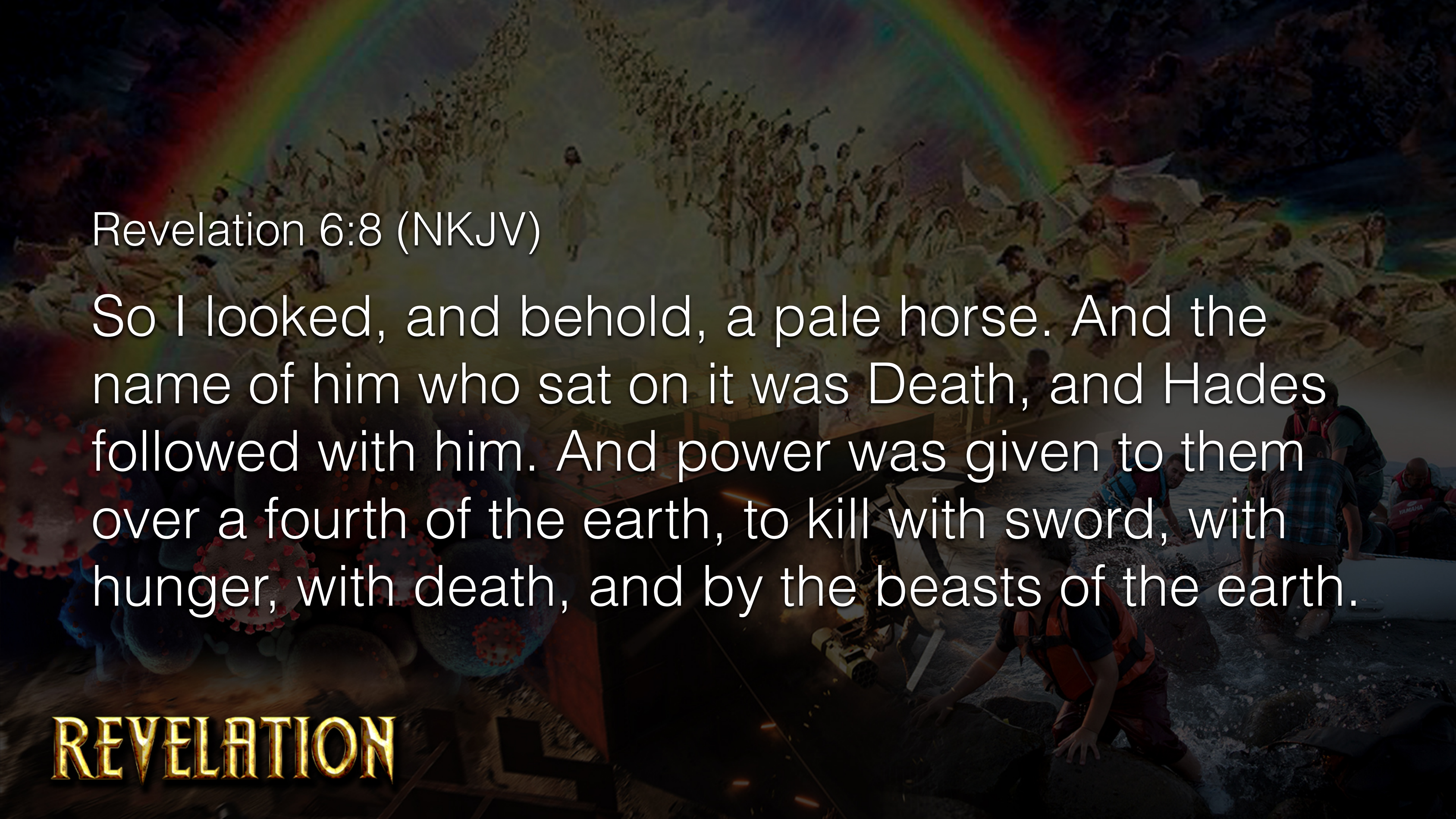
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Revelation 6:7 (NKJV)

When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see."


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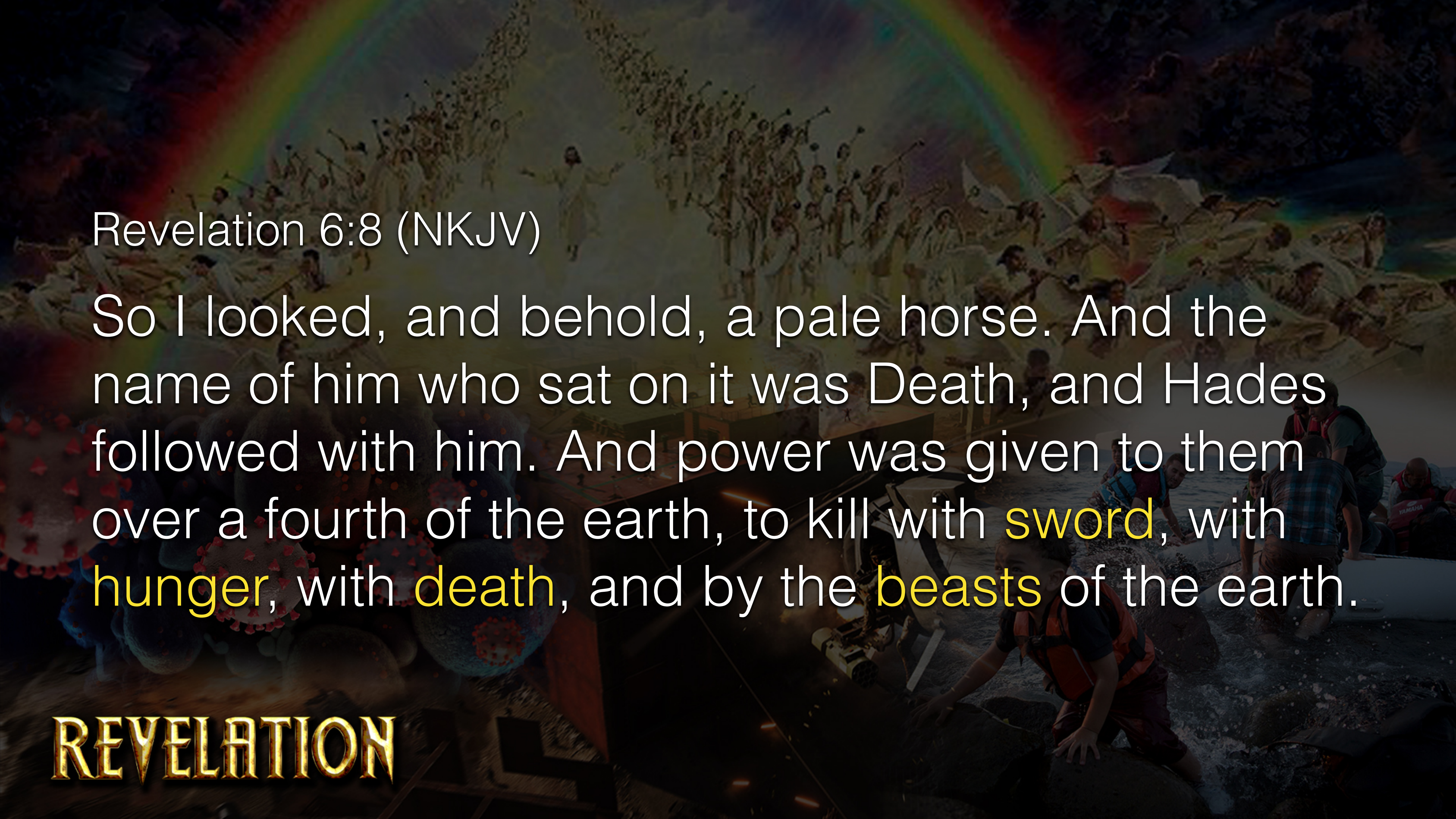
Revelation 6:8 (NKJV)

So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

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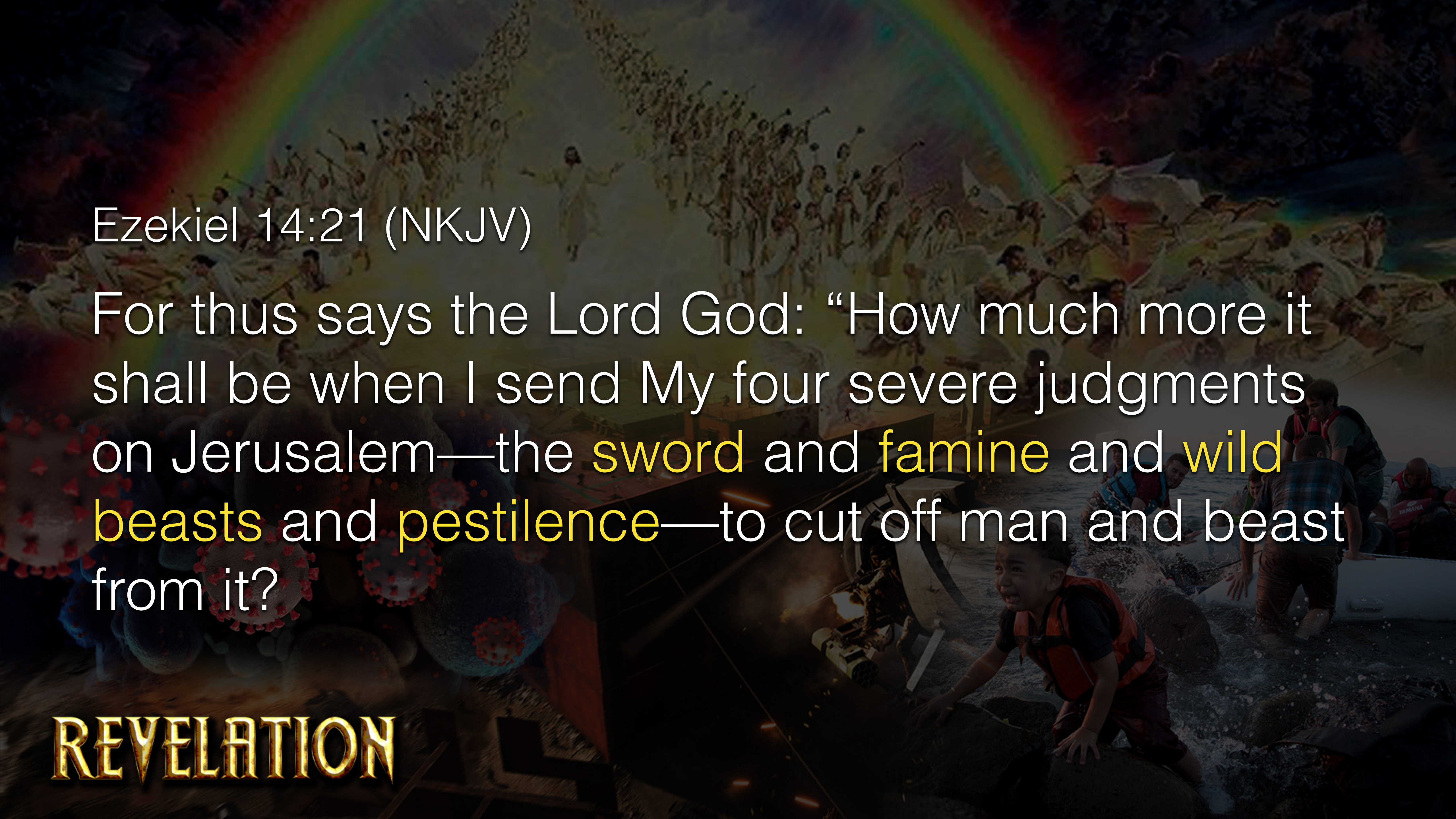
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Ezekiel 14:21 (NKJV)


For thus says the Lord God: “How much more it shall be when I send My four severe judgments on Jerusalem—the sword and famine and wild beasts and pestilence—to cut off man and beast from it?”

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Leviticus 26:21–26 (NKJV)

²¹ ‘Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more **plagues**, according to your sins. ²² I will also **send wild beasts among you**, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate. ²³ ‘And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me, ²⁴ then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins. ²⁵ And I will bring a **sword** against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send **pestilence** among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶ When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight, **and you shall eat and not be satisfied.**

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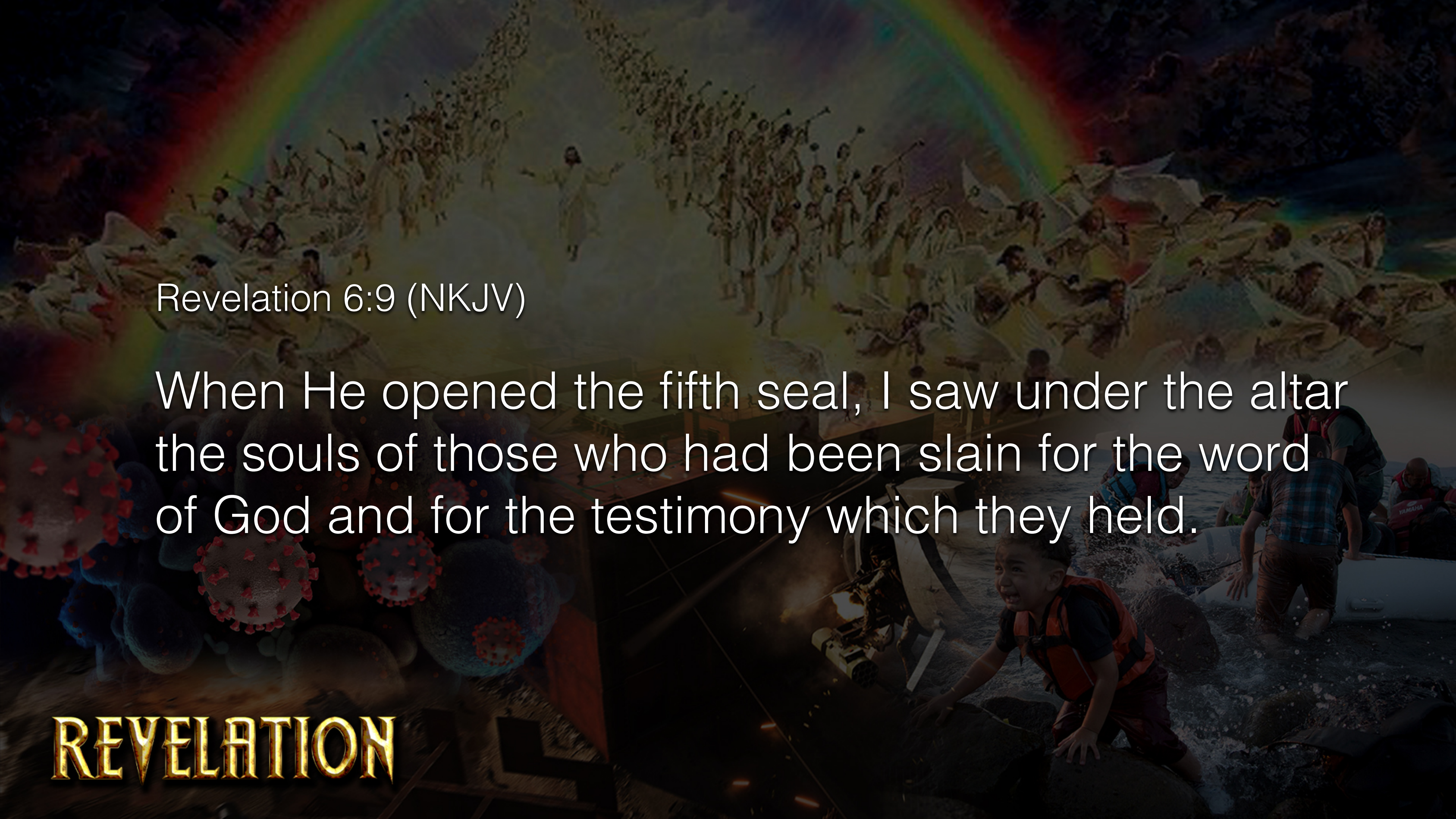
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4th Seal - The Pale Horse

- This fourth seal covers the period between 538–1517 AD, and the beginning of the Reformation.

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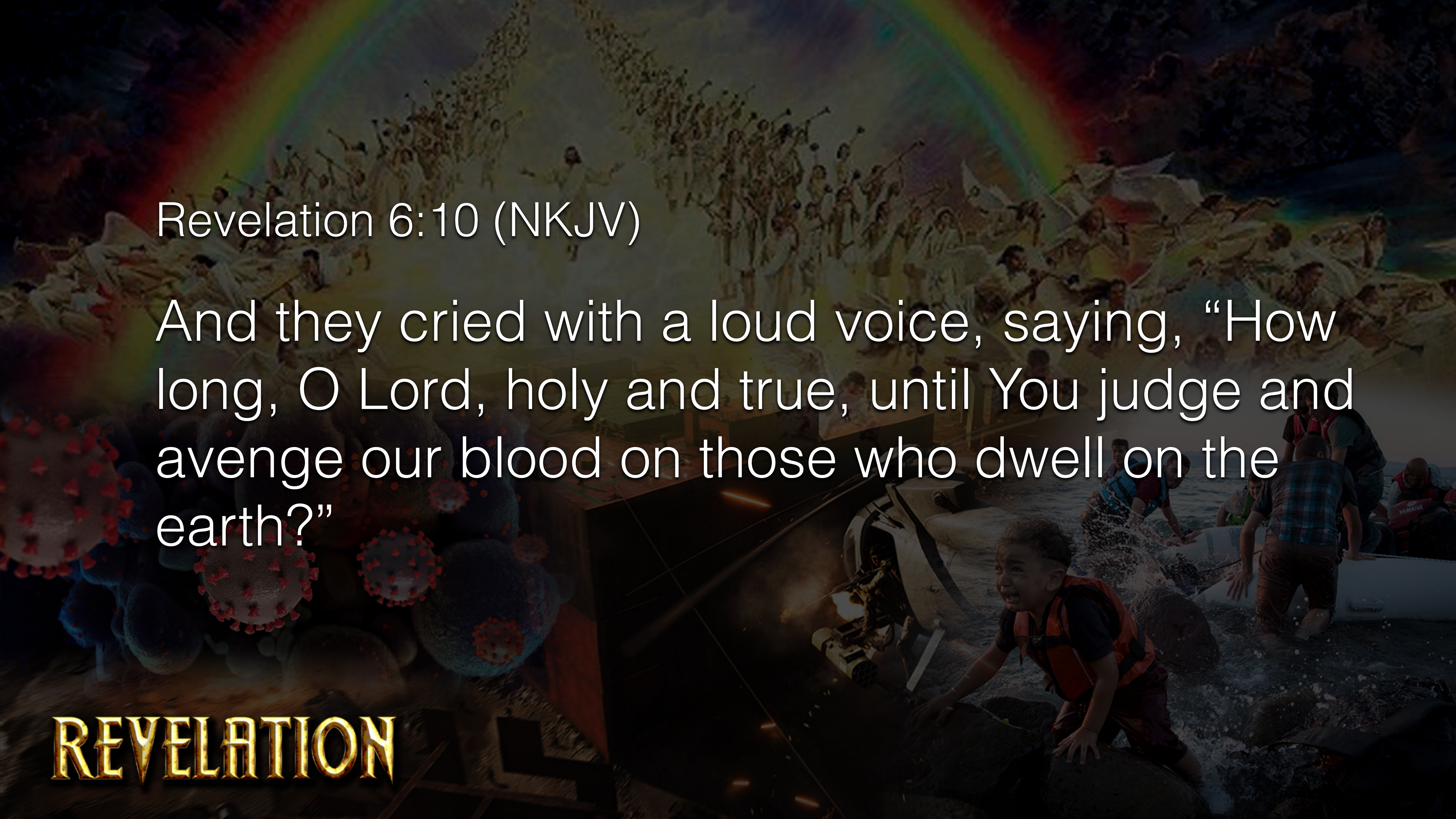
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Revelation 6:9 (NKJV)

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

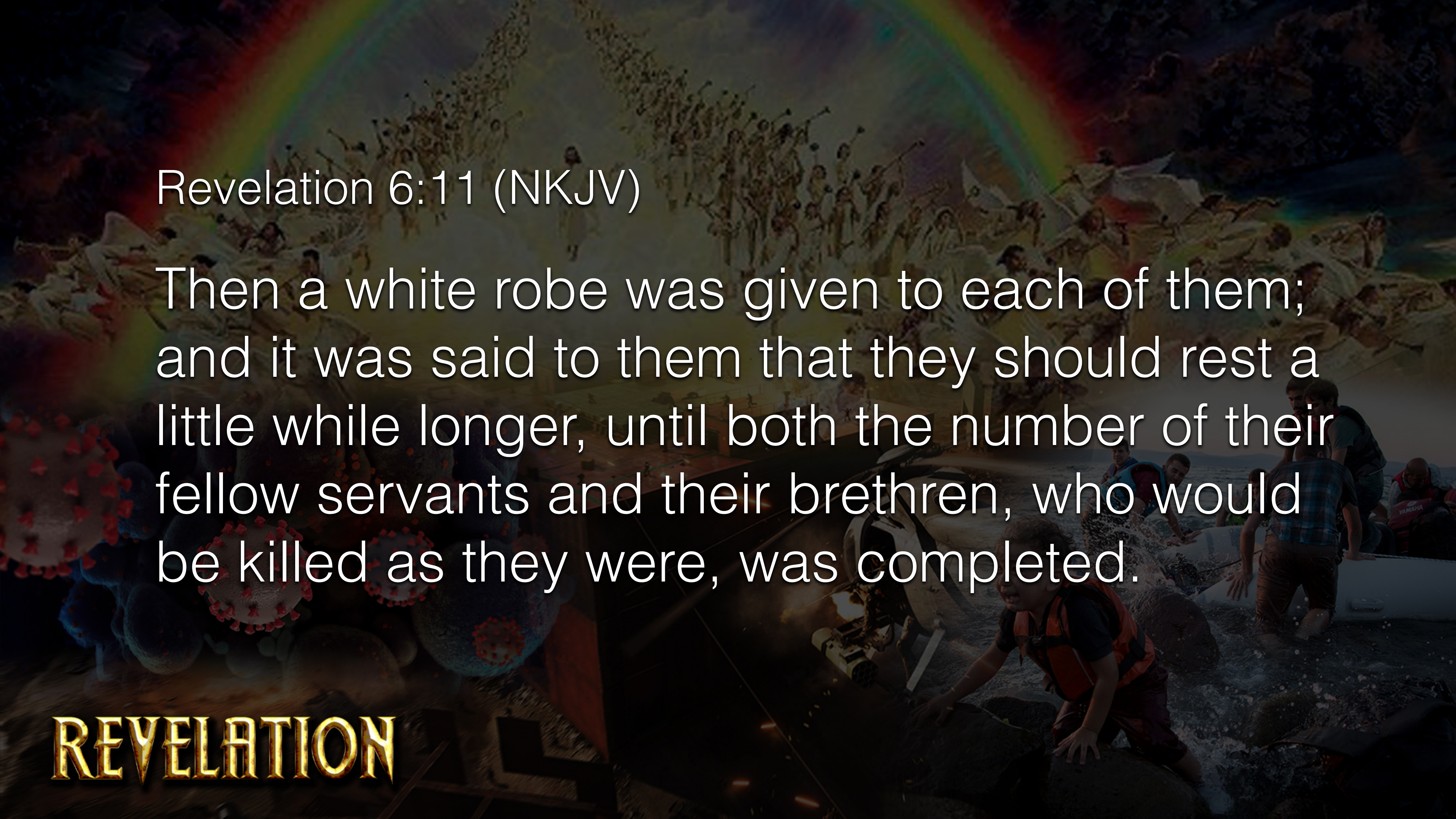
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A composite image with a rainbow at the top, a crowd of people in the middle, and a child in a life vest in the foreground.

Revelation 6:10 (NKJV)

And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

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Revelation 6:11 (NKJV)

Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

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 - ✦ The 5th Seal - The Martyr's Cry - How long...?

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5th Seal - The Martyrs

- The Martyrs Speak -
- The Altar
- The Great Question
- Assurance
- Prophetic Pronouncement

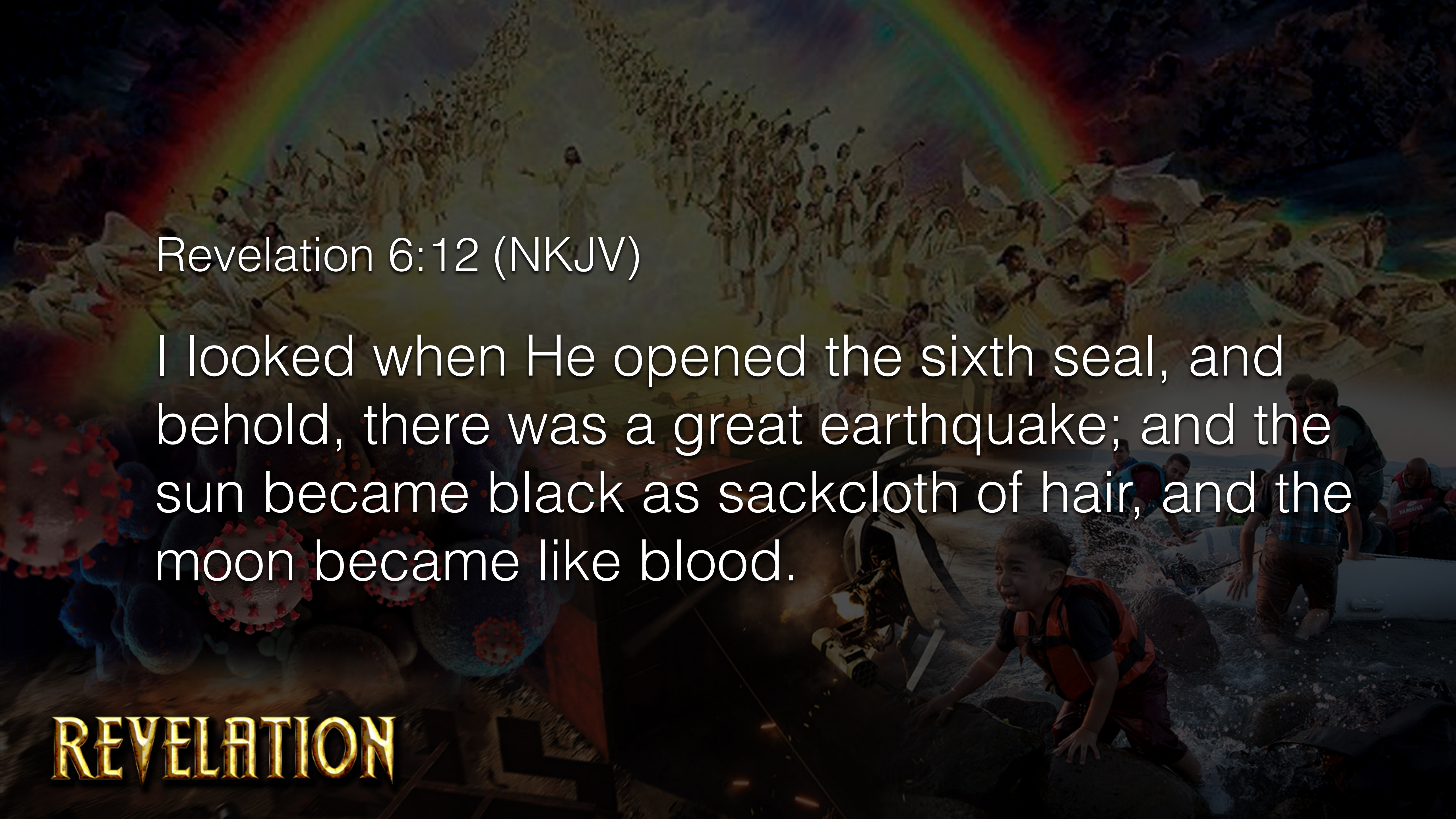
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5th Seal - The Martyrs Cry

- This seal covers 1517–1844 AD, the period of the Reformation, when many gave their lives for the truth of God's Word.

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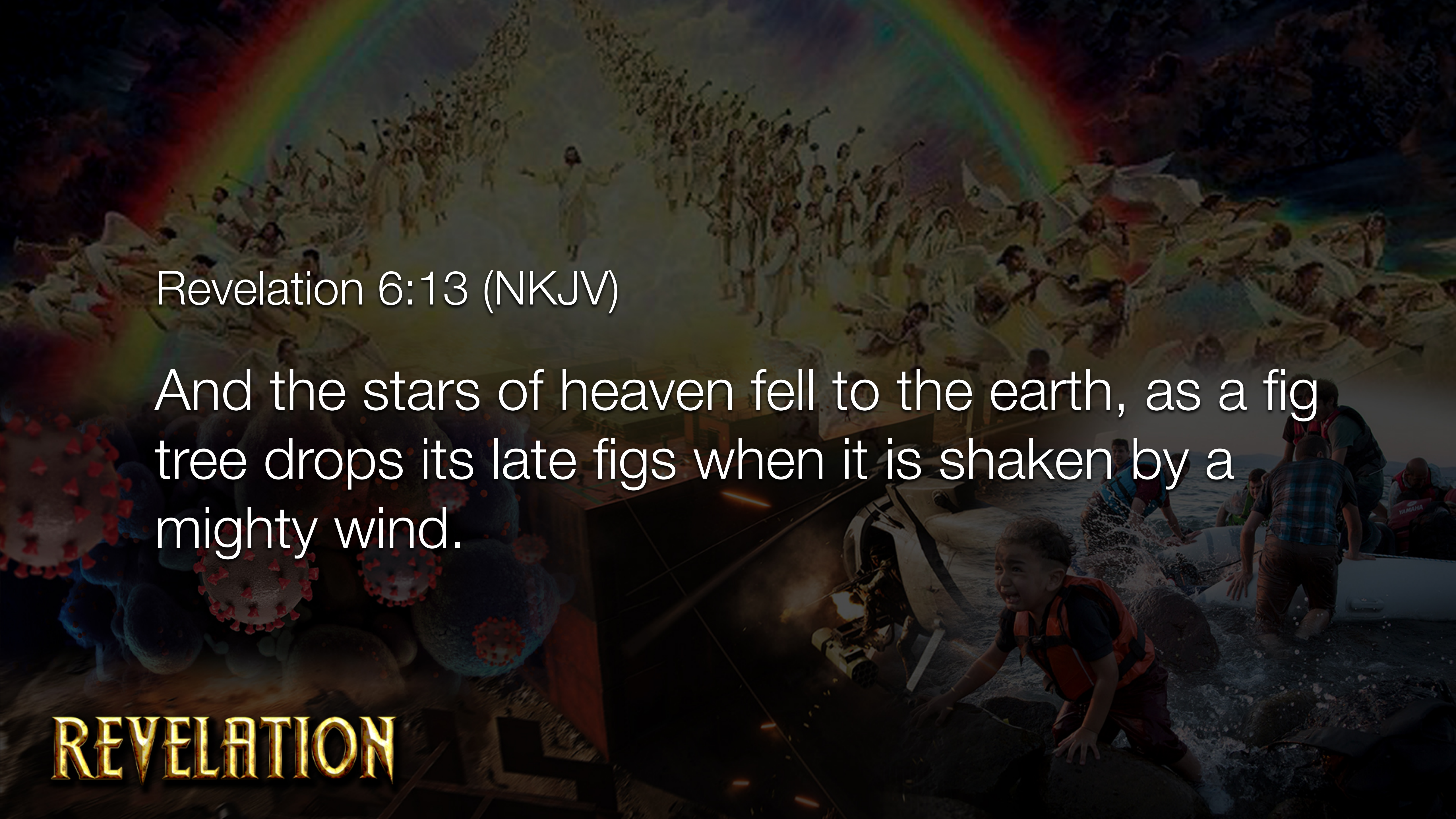
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Revelation 6:12 (NKJV)

I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood.

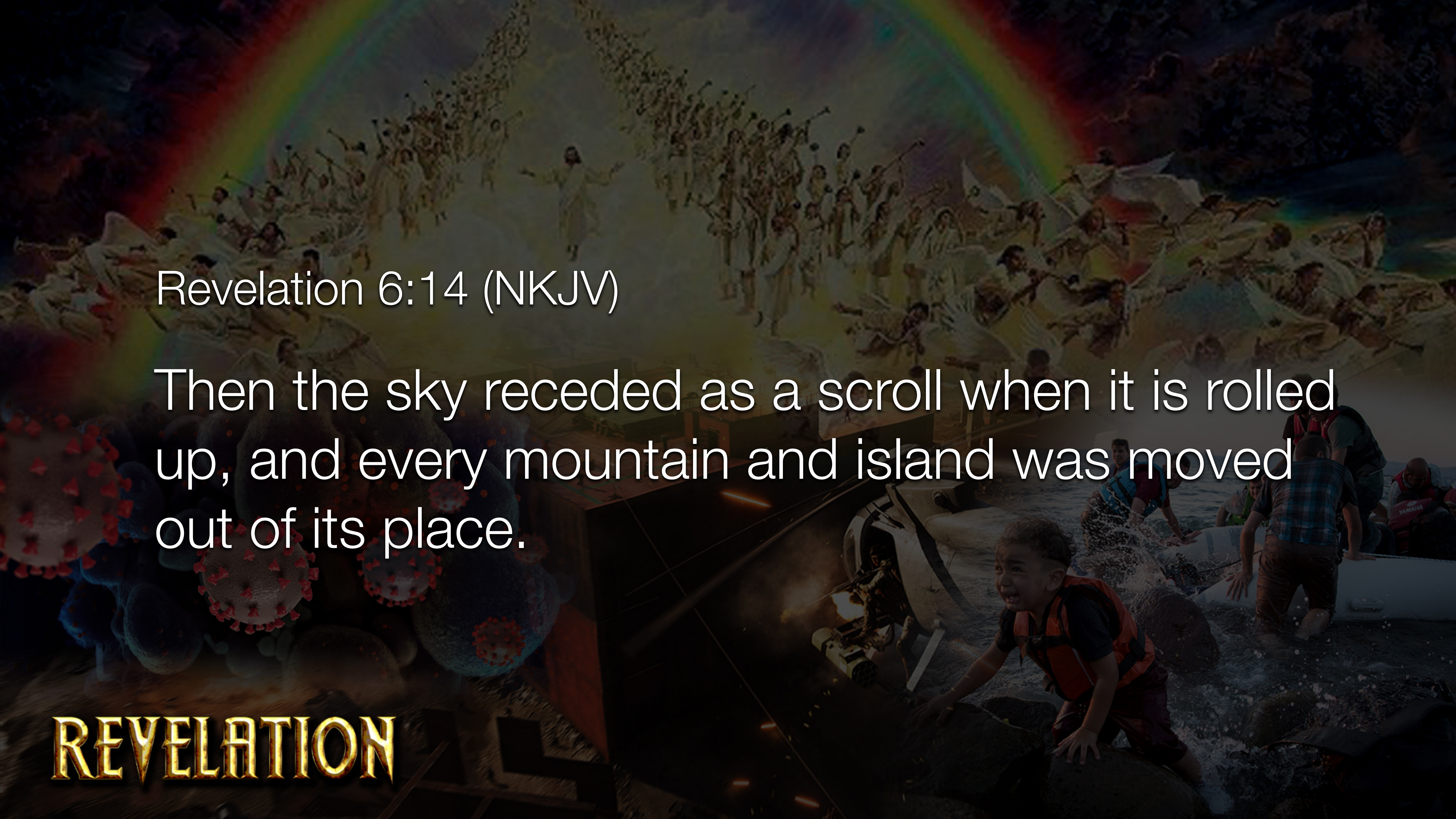
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Revelation 6:13 (NKJV)

And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind.

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Revelation 6:14 (NKJV)

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

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Revelation 6:15-17 (NKJV)

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶ and said to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! ¹⁷ For the great day of His wrath has come, *and who is able to stand?”*

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 - ✦ The 6th Seal - Judgement & Cosmic Signs

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6th Seal - Climatic Events

- Great Earthquake
- Sun Darkened
- Moon Red as Blood
- Stars Fall
- Sky Opens Up; Mountains & Islands Displaced - Fear on the Earth - God's Judgement

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Cosmic Signs

- *The Lisbon Earthquake - 1755*
- *The Dark Day - May 19, 1780*
- *The Stars Fall - November 13, 1833*

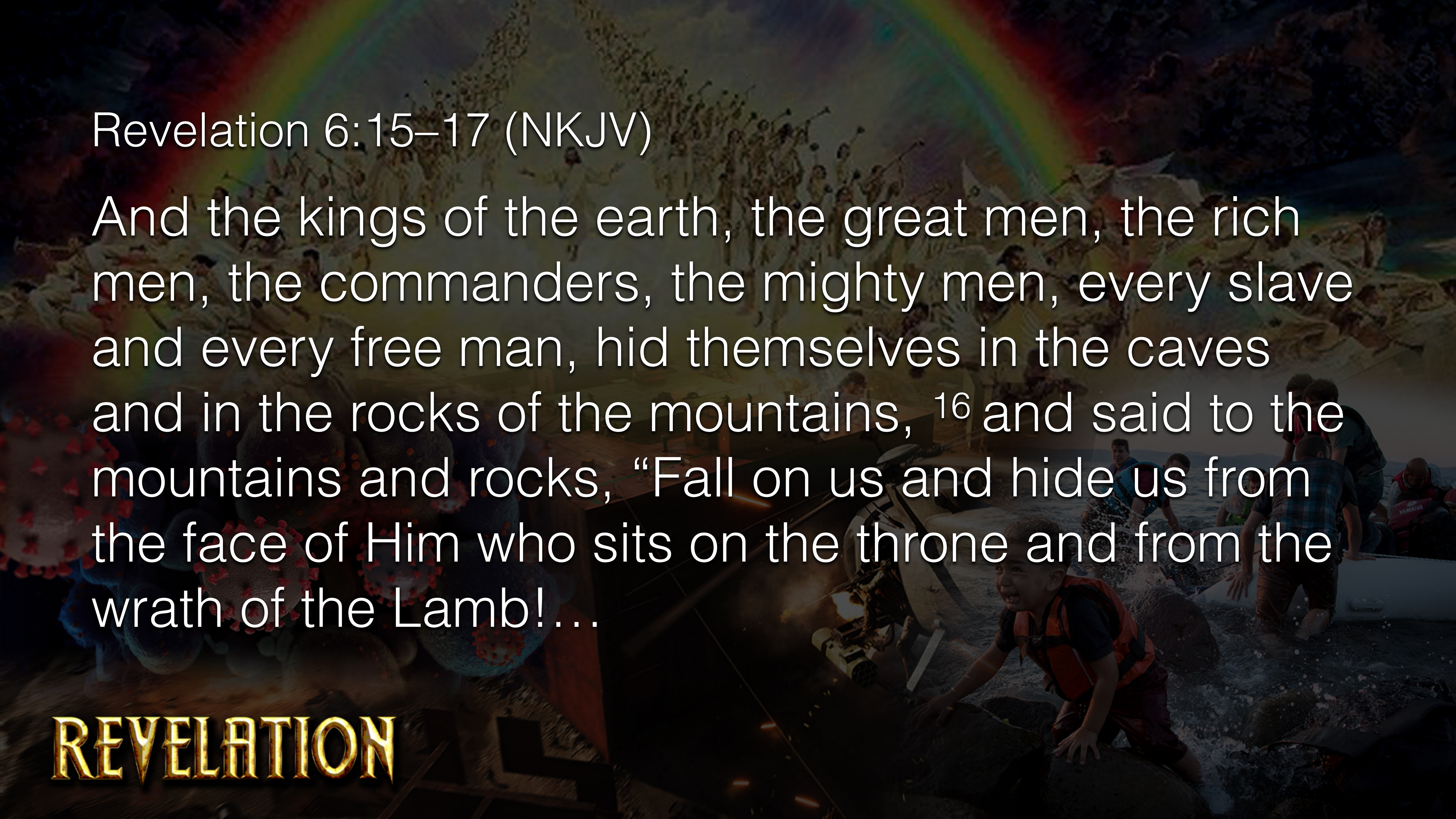
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A dramatic scene of a rainbow arching over a stormy sea. In the foreground, a young boy in an orange life vest is crouching on a rocky shore, looking out at the water. In the background, a group of people are in a small boat, struggling against the waves. The overall atmosphere is one of awe and danger.

Revelation 6:15–17 (NKJV)

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6th Seal - The Cosmic Signs

- The sixth seal started in the mid-1700s, marking the beginning of the last period of time before Jesus returns.

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Revelation 6:17 (NKJV)

“For the great day of His wrath has come, *and who is able to stand?*”

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