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WHEN THE 5TH SEAL IS OPENED:

Revelation 6:9-11 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.

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?"

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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SOULS under the altar - followers of Jesus who have been murdered by unbelievers in the 1st half of the Tribulation.

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The Cry of Innocent Blood:

God told Cain: Genesis 4:10 What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

Job 16:18 O earth, do not cover my blood, And let my cry have no resting place!

Place - locked away, in this context, means a hidden place, a secret place that would never be discovered

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The Cry of the Humble:

Psalm 9:12 When He avenges blood, He remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the humble.

Martyrs – humble, they do not demand that God take action

- They praise God's sovereignty and character
- They submit to His timing
- There is no rebuke

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FELLOW MARTYRS - 2nd half of the Tribulation

Revelation 20:4 Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

Souls will be resurrected – to receive their glorified bodies – at the end of the Tribulation.

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REST - a resting place, hidden away from the evil earth-dwellers, they are now **safe in Heaven**, in the presence of the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:7-9 For we walk by faith, not by sight. We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

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TRIBULATION MARTYRS - a testimony of faith

the best of times

EARTH-DWELLERS

the worst of times

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WHEN THE 6TH SEAL IS OPENED:

Revelation 6:12-13 I watched as the Lamb broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake. The sun became as dark as black cloth, and the moon became as red as blood. Then the stars of the sky fell to the earth like green figs falling from a tree shaken by a strong wind.

- Supernatural, unexplainable disasters
- Earthquake, volcanic eruptions?
- Ash clouds darkening the sun
- Moon has a blood-red hue
- Stars fall to the earth like unripe figs

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diameter ~41 m, velocity 7.2 km/s, energy ~667 kilotons.

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Revelation 6:14-17 And the sky was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵ And the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free man, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb; ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come; and who is able to stand?"

- Hyperbole? Extreme language? Why not literal?

The response of people on Earth, in the context of these disasters, shows us how extreme it is: They are scared to death.

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- **Persecute** followers of Jesus
- They **do not yield** their lives to God
- **Terrified**, fear God - but not with reverence.
- Try to **hide** from God's wrath
- Know that they **cannot stand**
- They want to **die**

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MARTYRS

- live a life of **faith** and fearing God with reverence.

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- live a life of **rebellion** and fear of God's wrath.

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SACRIFICE - offer our whole lives to the Lord to do whatever He wants to do with us.

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- The Lord is the One at work in us, to will and do of His good pleasure.
- Martyrs in the Tribulation will be strengthened by the Lord to stand firm in persecution and death.
- We too are to depend on the strength, the presence, the grace, the Spirit of the Lord to do whatever it is that He wants of us.

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The Tales of Many Testimonies



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