



The Fifth Seal Martyrdoms

The Martyrs

(Mt. 24:9-13; Rev. 6:9-11, 15:2-4, 20:4)



Revelation 6:9-11 (NASB), ⁹ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.



The Olivet discourse corresponding prophecy

Matthew 24:9-13 “Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and you shall be hated of all nations for my names sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And

because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.”



These saints are those who were saved after, or as a result of the rapture of the church. They will be killed for the same two reasons John was exiled to the island of Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:9).

The fact that their souls were under the Sacrificial Altar is proof that they were offered as a sacrifice and that is why they are Martyrs. Notice they are given White Robes to wear. This agrees with Rev 4:4, the twenty-four Elders which representative of the church is also wearing White Robes. When the Martyrs ask how long before God avenges their death, they are told to just rest a little while longer (till the end of the Tribulation) until all there brethren from this period should join them, this is fulfilled in Rev. 20:4-6.

Revelation 20:4-6 (NASB), ⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I *saw* the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the **SECOND DEATH** has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.