



Fifth Seal: Sacrificial Altar
Revelation 6: 9-11

SCRIPTURE

Chapter 6

⁹ And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: ¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?” ¹¹ And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should

be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

COMMENTARY

The fifth seal is opened and we find under the altar the souls of those who were martyred for their faith. The altar is the sacrificial altar from Leviticus, and speaks of those having sacrificed their lives for their faith. Many will sacrifice their lives for their faith during this tribulation period and will join the thousands who have done so in the past.

These are not martyrs of the Church age however, because they were resurrected and caught up at the Rapture. These are those who will be martyred for declaring the Gospel of the Kingdom in [Matthew 24:9-14](#). Notice that they are not wispy spirits in heaven, but have bodies that can wear white robes.