

Bereans Bible Institute
Module XI – Revelation
Lesson 18 –Revelation 6:9-11

I. The 5th Seal – persecution, the ‘souls’ of the martyrs

A. “Proof text” for “immortality of the soul” & “heaven” as destiny of righteous

1. The altar is assumed to be in heaven
2. “Souls” is assumed to be “ghosts,” but no explanation for why they are “under the altar.”
3. In Ezek. 37:11-12, the “dry bones” cry out “*Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!*”

B. Vs. 9 The Blood of the Martyrs

1. The altar of sacrifice is not in heaven, but outside the Temple, the place of killing, not to be confused with the “golden altar” of incense {Rev. 8:3}).
2. “Souls” is **blood**, both man and beast (Gen. 9:4-5; Lev. 17:11-14)
3. The souls/blood of animal sacrifices was poured out at the base of the altar (Lev. 4:7,18,34; Lev. 5:9).

C. Vs. 10 The “souls/bloods” call out to God for vengeance

1. Abel’s blood cried out for vengeance (Gen. 4:10-11)
2. Abel was the prototype martyr (Luke 11:50-51)

D. Vs. 11 God’s response”

1. White robes given to them, “wedding garments” (Matt. 22:11-14; Rev. 19:7)
2. They must “rest/sleep” a little longer (Dan. 12:2; Luke 8:52; John 11:11-14; 1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thess. 4:14; Rev. 14:13)
3. Their number must be completed, more martyrs to be slain by the Beast
4. Martyrs resurrected and reigning (Rev. 20:4-6)