

# THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION

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## INTRODUCTION

The book of Revelation is a message to the converted Elect. It is written in spiritual symbols so that its teachings are “veiled” from everyone else, including the church.

**Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants (the Elect) things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:**

The book’s primary purpose is to describe, in detail, the Pathway to Salvation which Christ will cause His Elect to travel during their lifetimes. It is not a book about future world events as is commonly believed.

The time for the events described by the book are said to be “at hand”. In fact, these events were already being (or had been) experienced in the lives of the Elect when the Apostle John received the vision. The seals were already open.

**Rev 1:3 Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.**

**Rev 22:7 Behold, I COME QUICKLY: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.**

**Rev 22:10 And he saith unto me, SEAL NOT the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for THE TIME IS AT HAND.**

The “sayings of the prophecy” must be kept by each Elect person. If a person does not keep the sayings of the book, they will not be saved in this present age. And since salvation comes to the Elect solely by the works of Christ, Christ will ensure that His Elect keep all the sayings.

**Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

The Elect are said to be blessed by God and that they have nothing to boast about concerning their salvation (**Eph 2:9**). They simply were chosen by God from the foundation of the world - before “having done any good or evil”:

**Rom 9:11 (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of WORKS, but of him that calleth;)**

A second point I want to make in this introduction is that the Second Coming of Christ is a reoccurring event.

**Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to COME; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne...**

**Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to COME, the Almighty.**

Without Christ's return, no one would be saved.

**Heb 9:28 So Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

Christ's Second Coming is an individual spiritual event within the lives of each of His Elect.

**Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.**

Jesus Christ is the Kingdom of Heaven. When a believer is "in Christ", they are in the Kingdom of Heaven.

When Christ comes a second time, He pours out the Latter Rain of His Spirit upon "those who are waiting for Him".

The first persons to receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Baptism of the Spirit) were the Jewish Elect who were waiting for Christ's return in the upper room.

This verse applies:

**Job 29:23 And they waited for me as for the rain; and they opened their mouth wide as for the Latter Rain.**

During Christ's earthly ministry, Christ made this statement to His Jewish Elect:

**John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am there ye may be also.**

**John 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.**

I want to make one last point in this introduction. It concerns the various analogies used in scripture.

For the most part, the analogies presented in God's Word teach certain details on the Pathway to Salvation the Elect will travel. To understand the correct message taught in these analogies, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** not to automatically apply the same meaning given to similar symbols used in the different analogies. They may or may not carry the same meanings.

For example, consider the symbol “woman”. She is used in various analogies. However, in each of those analogies, she can represent different things. Don’t assume that the “woman” will always represent the same spiritual truth in every analogy in which she is used.

Below are three different analogies which use the symbol “woman”:

**1). The Marriage Analogy:** the “woman” represents the Elect. In the pre-fall Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve (one flesh) represent this “woman”. At this time, Adam and Eve are the wife of Christ. When they commit adultery with Satan, it leads to a divorce. Adam and Eve are then cast out of their husband’s home (the Garden of Eden). Since that time, Christ has been working to restore His marriage relationship with the Elect. To make this restoration, Christ will cause His Elect to follow the Pathway to Salvation. When the Elect complete this pathway, they will once again be the wife of Christ. Then, as the wife of Christ, the Elect will rule and reign with their Husband in the final age.

**2). The Birthing Analogy:** the “woman” represents a mother (Gal 4:22-31). As a Bondwoman (marred spiritual nature of mankind), the woman and Satan produce the children of the Devil (mankind). As a Freewoman (spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit), she and Christ produce the children of God (the Elect).

**3). The Great Harlot Analogy:** the “woman” represents mankind’s marred (carnal) spiritual nature.

Since the symbol “woman” can vary in meaning, it is highly important to let each analogy stand on its own. In addition, since the truth of God’s Word is given to us as “here a little, and there a little” (Isa 28:10), we must keep in mind that the analogies are presented in this manner, too.

Let’s get started now and unveil the messages contained in the Seven Seals of Revelation.

### **THE FIRST SEAL**

**Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.**

Here are the key symbols and their meanings as defined by scripture:

**1). Lamb:** represents Christ who is the Lamb of God.

**John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

**Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.**

**2). Four Beasts:** represents the Elect.

**Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odors,**

which are the prayers of saints. **9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

Only the Elect will be kings and priests who will reign with Christ during the final age.

**3). White Horse:** the color “white” represents the righteousness of God. The “horse” represents the vehicle used in spiritual warfare.

**Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them...**

**Rev 3:5 He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.**

**Prov 21:31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle: but safety is of the LORD.**

**4). The Rider:** represents Christ.

**Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

**5). Bow:** represents a weapon used in spiritual warfare.

**Job 6:4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof drinketh up my spirit: the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.**

**Psa 77:17 The clouds poured out water: the skies sent out a sound: thine arrows also went abroad.**

Now that we have identified the key symbols of the first seal, we can ascertain its message.

Christ, the Lamb of God, is the one who has received the authority to open the seal. Once the seal is opened, the Elect (one of the four beasts) will present the vision to John. In the vision, John sees Christ riding out to conquer and to do spiritual battle. His weapon of choice is a bow.

This event represents when Christ gives the Early Rain of the Spirit to each of His Elect while they are in an unbelieving spiritual state. At this time, the Elect will be called out from the world and will enter the church.

After the Early Rain of the Spirit is given to an Elect believer, a spiritual war within them will commence between their carnal nature and the Holy Spirit.

## **THE SECOND SEAL**

**Rev 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.**

Here are the new symbols being used in the second seal:

**1). Red Horse:** Red represents mankind's carnality. Again, the horse is the vehicle which the rider will use to conduct spiritual warfare.

**Gen 25:25 And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau.**

Esau is a type of the Old Man (carnal mankind). Red symbolizes Esau's carnality.

**Prov 23:30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder.**

Wine is a spiritual symbol. It can be either the Old/Red Wine or the New Wine. The Old/Red Wine represents the blood of the animal sacrifices of the Old Covenant of Law. The New Wine represents the blood of Christ which He shed for the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

When an unbeliever receives the Early Rain of the Spirit, they quickly turn away from the New Covenant because they find that their carnal nature still prefers the Old Covenant.

**Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better.**

This will cause the believer to seek the "mixed wine" which Prov 23:30 mentions. Christ restated this truth below using different spiritual terms but the message is the same:

**Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

When a new believer mixes the Old/Red Covenant Wine with the New Covenant Wine, they will end up despising Christ.

**2). The Rider:** represents the Elect who are still carnal and spiritually blind after having received the Early Rain of the Spirit.

Please see my paper entitled "The Great Mystery of the Church" for the scriptural support for this truth.

**3). Power:** represents the Early Rain of the Spirit.

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**4). Earth:** represents mankind's carnal spiritual nature.

The Earth can be either the Old Earth or the New Earth.

**Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.**

The Old Earth represents mankind's carnal spiritual nature. The New Earth represents the new spiritual nature which the Holy Spirit gives the converted Elect.

In the context of Rev 6:4, it is speaking of the Old Earth.

**5). Great Sword:** represents the Word of God.

**Eph 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:**

Now that we have identified the new symbols used in the second seal, we can assemble them and ascertain the message:

The newly called out Elect will ride the red horse of their carnality to wage a spiritual war. The believer's "power" to do so comes from the Early Rain of the Spirit and their weapon is the Word of God; the great sword. The battle between the two spiritual natures (carnality of the believer and the Holy Spirit) is to the death. When the war concludes, only one spiritual nature will be left to govern the believer.

### **THE THIRD SEAL**

**Rev 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a set of balances in his hand. 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.**

Here are the new symbols which are used in the third seal:

**1). Black Horse:** represents spiritual darkness/spiritual blindness.

**Prov 7:7 And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding, 8 Passing through the street near her corner; and he went the way to her house, 9 In the twilight, in the evening, in the black and dark night: 10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot, and subtil of heart. 11 (She is loud and stubborn; her feet abide not in her house: 12 Now is she without, now in the streets, and lieth in wait at every corner). 13 So she caught him, and kissed him, and with an impudent face said unto him, 14 I have peace offerings with me; this day have I paid my vows. 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee. 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapestry, with carved works, with fine linen of Egypt. 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon. 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning: let us solace ourselves with love.**

**Jer 4:27 For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. 29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city shall be forsaken, and not a man**

dwell therein. 30 And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

**2). The Rider:** represents the merchants who buy and sell false truth in the earth, the Great City. They are controlled by the spirit of anti-Christ and have become a Man of Sin, the Seven Headed Beast.

Rev 13:17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Rev 18:3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more:

Rev 18:23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

Isa 23:11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: the LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city (the Great City, earthly Jerusalem), to destroy the strongholds thereof.

**3). Set of balances:** represents deceit and deception.

Hos 12:7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress.

Amos 8:5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

Micah 6:11 Shall I count them pure with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights?

**4). Wheat and Barley:** represents the ingredients for bread; the truth of God.



The bread which the merchants of the earth pedal is a false truth. It is sold in “measure” and with “leaven” hidden in the loaf.

**Lev 26:26 And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.**

**Mat 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.**

**5). Oil:** represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit. When it is placed in a lamp and burned, it will give off the light of the Old Covenant of Law. This light will be used by the Elect to lead them to Christ.

**Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,**

**Exo 35:28 And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.**

**Prov 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:**

**Psa 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.**

**Gal 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

Now that we have identified the new symbols used in the third seal, let’s assemble them and ascertain their message.

Shortly after the commencement of the spiritual war the red horse brings, a black horse arrives on the scene. This horse is one of spiritual darkness and deception. Its rider is a merchant who buys and sells the false truth of this world. Scripture also calls him a Man of Sin, a minister of Satan and the Seven Headed Beast. He is under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. The false truth he pedals comes from bread measured by weight and mixed with leaven (false teachings). When an Elect believer eats this bread, it will deceive them and leave their hunger for the truth of God unsatisfied. However, the wine of the Old Covenant and its oil (Early Rain of the Spirit) will be left intact. The Elect believer will continue travelling the path that leads to Christ.

## **THE FOURTH SEAL**



**Rev 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale (yellowish) green horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.**

Here are the new symbols used in the fourth seal:

**1). Pale (Yellowish) Green Horse:** represents a person who has the appearance of Christ but is spiritually unclean.

**Lev 13:30 Then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it be in sight deeper than the skin; and there be in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a dry scall, even a leprosy upon the head or beard.**

**Isa 29:22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.**

**Mar 6:39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the pale (yellowish) green grass.**

**Rev 8:7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all pale (yellowish) green grass was burnt up.**

**Rev 9:4 And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any pale (yellowish) green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which do not have the seal of God in their foreheads.**

**2). The Rider:** represents Satan; the spirit of anti-Christ

**2Cor 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel (spirit of anti-Christ) of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.**

**1John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that the (spirit of) anti-Christ shall come, even now are there many anti-Christ; whereby we know that it is the last time.**

**Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits (spirit of anti-Christ) more wicked than**

**himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

**Mat 8:28** And when he came to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two men who were possessed with devils (**spirit of anti-Christ**), coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **29** And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? **30** And there was a good way off from them a herd of many swine feeding. **31** So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. **32** And he said unto them, Go. And when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

**3). Death and Hell:** death represents spiritual death and hell (hades) represents the spiritual grave; the unseen place.

**John 8:51** Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

**John 11:26** And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

**Acts 2:27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

**Acts 2:31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

**4). Fourth part of the earth:** represents the carnal and unconverted Elect.

**1Sam 9:8** And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the **fourth part** of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.

**Neh 9:3** And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God **one fourth part** of the day; and another **fourth part** they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God.

**Num 23:10** Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the **fourth part** of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!

Now that we have identified the new symbols used in the fourth seal, we can ascertain its message.

The fourth seal represents the coming of the spirit of anti-Christ. Satan's spirit has an outward appearance of Christ but is spiritually unclean. Satan's power to kill comes from his ability to deceive. From his deceptions, he will spiritually kill the Elect and make them unclean. His

weapon is the carnal use of God's Word (Sword) which will be used by the Seven Headed Beast/Man of Sin/Ministers of Satan/Merchants of the Earth; these are the beasts of the earth. This will cause a fatal famine of the truth of God within the believer. The spiritual war will then end with the carnality of the believer being made "worse than the first" (**Mat 12:43-45**) and the child of the Devil winning.

The child of God within the believer is now slain and lies dead in the streets of Old Jerusalem. The Elect believer will now rest in "peace and safety" (**1Thes 5:3**) and will be governed by their carnality and the spirit of anti-Christ. The Elect believer, who is now a Man of Sin, is given the "mark of the Beast" (**Rev 13:16**).

Without the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the Great Harlot (worsened carnal nature) will control the believer:

**Jer 3:3** Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no Latter Rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead (**mind of the Great Harlot, mark of the Beast**) thou refusedst to be ashamed.

### **THE FIFTH SEAL**

**Rev 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.

Here are the new key symbols used in the fifth seal:

**1). Under the Altar:** an altar represents the foundation used for blood sacrifices. For the Old Covenant of Law, the altar was made of stone. Stone is a symbol for the Law.

**Exo 20:25** And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

For the New Covenant of Grace through Faith, the altar is the cross.

**Col 1:20** And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

The souls who are under the altar of the cross are the slain children of God who are within the Elect. They are shown to be under the altar because the blood of Christ of the New Covenant covers them.

The children of God are now ready to be strengthened by the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

**Deu 11:14 That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the First Rain and the Latter Rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.**

**Hos 14:4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine: the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.**

**2). White robes:** represents the righteousness of Christ.

The souls under the altar are given white robes of righteousness. This event represents the Elect receiving the Latter Rain of the Spirit, thereby reviving and strengthening the child of God within them.

**Isa 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.**

**Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

**Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the New Man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

Now that we have identified the new symbols used in the fifth seal, let's ascertain the message.

Notice that the four beasts are no longer presenting the vision. Their work of presenting the truth of Christ ends with the spiritual deaths of the Elect believers. Christ will now take over the work by pouring out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. With the Latter Rain, the Elect will have the ability to see Christ for themselves.

The souls under the altar represent the children of God who are within the Elect. They are said to be slain because they lost the spiritual war within the believer. As a result, the spirit of anti-Christ has taken full governing control of the believer. The believer is now ready for Christ to "come again" and pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. After Christ does, the child of God within the believer is given their wedding garment (white robes) so that the Marriage of the Lamb can take place.

They are then told to rest for a season until their brethren (Elect brothers and sisters) have been killed in the streets of Old Jerusalem just as they were killed.

All the Elect must die in the streets of Old Jerusalem/Sodom/Egypt:

**Mat 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!**

**Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? For I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.**

**Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.**

After the child of God has been strengthened with the Latter Rain of the Spirit and the Marriage of the Lamb/Marriage Supper have taken place, the child of God within the believer is ready for the spiritual war to resume.

### **THE SIXTH SEAL**

**Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens 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 that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?**

The sixth seal represents the Day of the Lord when the spiritual war within the believer resumes.

The Day of the Lord is the judgment of Christ upon the Elect believer's carnality, along with all its false thoughts and beliefs.

The Day of the Lord commences immediately after the believer has:

- 1). received the Latter Rain of the Spirit ([Marriage of the Lamb](#)).
- 2), received the healing of their spiritual blindness.

3). received and consumed “meat” ([Marriage Supper of the Lamb](#)).

Paul’s conversion in Damascus typed all three of these requirements:

**Acts 9:18** **And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales ([spiritual blindness healed](#)): and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized ([Marriage of the Lamb](#)). **19** **And when he had received meat, he was strengthened ([Marriage Supper of the Lamb](#)).****

Now that Paul has become a child of God and has eaten meat, Paul is ready for the spiritual war within himself to resume.

### **Revelation Chapter 19**

The Marriage of the Lamb, the Marriage Supper and the Day of the Lord are vividly presented in the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter of Revelation.

Let’s take a close look at the key verses in that chapter.

**Rev 19:7** **Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the Marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8** **And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. 9** **And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.**

The Marriage of the Lamb and the Marriage Supper of the Lamb are presented above.

These events of the marriage analogy occur with the opening of the fifth seal, though not all the details are presented in its symbolism.

Now that the Elect believer has been born again as a child of God, he is ready for battle:

**Eph 6:11** **Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12** **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13** **Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14** **Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15** **And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16** **Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 16** **And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.**

The Day of the Lord has come and Christ appears on the white horse again:

**Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.**

However, this time Christ will have a new warrior with Him; the child of God.

The Elect believer, who is now a child of God, is given a white horse and he will ride with Christ into battle. Together they will judge in wrath the carnality of the believer:

**Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

With the commence of the war, the Supper of the Great God will occur:

**Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the Supper of the Great God; 18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings (**kings of the earth**), and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.**

This is the same supper mentioned in Luke chapter 17:

**Luke 17:24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one part under heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day...34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 36 Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body is, thither will the vultures be gathered together (**Supper of the Great God**).**

Verse 19 shows the commencement of the spiritual battle:

**Rev 19:19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.**

The Man of Sin with his indwelling spirit of anti-Christ are judged and destroyed quickly (one hour, **Rev 18:10**) in the Lake of Fire. This represents the destruction of the believer's carnal nature and its governing power (spirit of anti-Christ):

**20 And the beast (**Man of Sin**) was taken, and with him the false prophet (**spirit of anti-Christ**) that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received**



**the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a Lake of Fire burning with brimstone.**

This is the same judgment Paul speaks of in the following verses:

**2Thes 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there comes a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;... 8 And then shall that Wicked (**Man of Sin**) be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: 9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, 10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.**

Christ and His army then do battle with the rest of the armies:

**21 And the rest (**kings of the earth and their armies**) were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.**

This portion of the battle is a much slower process. It is the judgment of the thoughts and beliefs of the believer.

John the Baptist described this war in the following terms:

**John 3:30 He must increase but I must decrease.**

John the Baptist is a type for the Old Man.

As the spiritual war continues, Christ will increase within the mind of the believer as the carnal thoughts and beliefs of the Old Man decrease.

When the battle is finished, the believer will have put on the New Man (Christ):

**Col 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.**

After this battle is over, the believer will have entered the “rest” of Christ and is ready to be a witness for Christ in this world.

At the start of the next age, the Elect believer will take up his white horse again. At that time, he will “rule and reign” with Christ and will do battle within the rest of mankind for their salvation.

These verses in Joel below apply:

**Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devours before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array. 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness. 7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march everyone on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks: 8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk everyone in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. 9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: 11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the Day of the Lord is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?**

In the end, this scripture will be testified to be true:

**1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; 4 who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 6 who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.**

Here are the new key symbols used in the sixth seal:

**1). Earthquake:** represents a great spiritual event involving Christ or the Elect, usually denotes resurrection or judgment.

**Mat 28:8 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.**

**Acts 16:26** And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

**Isa 29:6** Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

**Joel 2:10** The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

**2). Sun:** the sun represents a father. The sun can be either Satan or Christ. The sun produces its own light (truth) which it shines upon its children.

Satan, the natural sun, radiates the light (false/carnal truth) to this natural world. He was created by God for this purpose when He garnished the heavens with him:

**Job 26:13** By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.

The verses below are also speaking of Satan as the natural sun:

**Isa 24:23** Then the moon shall be confounded, and the SUN ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

**Eze 32:7** And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the SUN with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

**Jer 8:2** And they shall spread them before the SUN, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, radiates light (truth of God) to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Christ is shown to be the sun in the verses below:

**Psa 84:11** For the LORD God is a SUN and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

**Mal 4:2** But unto you that fear my name shall the SUN of Righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

**Mat 17:2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the SUN, and his raiment was white as the light.

The Elect, as children of the Devil, will only receive their light (false truth) from Satan. At that time, they will be dwelling upon the earth in the natural world.

After the Elect have become children of God, they will receive their light from Christ. At that time, they will be dwelling in heaven in the Kingdom of God.

The event which causes the Elect to become children of God is called conversion. It is the conversion event which causes the natural sun (Satan) to be darkened immediately before the Day of the Lord (judgment) commences.

Peter made this statement below when He and the others Jewish Elect in the upper room received the Latter Rain of the Spirit and were converted:

**Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord comes:**

The natural sun is darkened as a result of the Elect believer's spiritual blindness being healed when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit. Because the believer is given "eyes that can see", the truth of God's Word will open to them. When it does, the "Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings" (Mal 4:2). As Christ rises within the believer, the believer will no longer receive their light from the natural sun (Satan). The natural sun will be darkened.

Once the natural sun has been made dark, the judgment of Christ (Day of the Lord) will begin. Christ will then use His "sword" (represents God's Word) to slay the false beliefs from within the Elect.

This verse applies:

**Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early (First Fruits): for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.**

**3). Moon:** the moon can represent either the bondwoman (natural moon) or the freewoman (new moon). Both moons are mentioned below:

**Isa 60:17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The (Satan) sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the (natural) moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy sun (Christ) shall no more go down; neither shall thy (new) moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.**

The natural moon represents the Bondwoman who represents the marred (carnal) spiritual nature of mankind.

The new moon represents the Freewoman who represents the spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit.

The dream of Joseph connects the symbols of the natural moon and the bondwoman as being one and the same. And likewise, the symbol of the new moon and the Freewoman are connected as being one and the same.

**Gen 37:9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, what is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?**

In the story above, Joseph is a type for the Elect; the children of God. His parents are Christ (spiritual sun) and the Freewoman; the new spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit (new moon).

In contrast, Joseph's brothers are a type for carnal mankind; the children of Satan. Jacob is a type for Satan (natural sun) and Jacob's wives are a type for the bondwoman; the marred (carnal) spiritual nature of mankind (natural moon).

Here is the meaning of the dream: Satan, the bondwoman and their offspring will someday all bow down to the Elect, the children of the Freewoman.

In the verses below, Paul teaches a message which helps to unlock the meaning of the symbols used in Joseph's dream:

**Gal 4:22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman. 23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise. 24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. 25 For this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. 26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. 27 For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband. 28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even so it is now. 30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son **(Ishmael)**: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman. 31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.**

Abraham (as a type for Satan) produces a child through Hagar, the bondswoman (marred (carnal) spiritual nature of mankind. Ishmael is a type for the natural man who is born first. He is born in bondage to sin and is a child of the Devil.

In contrast, Abraham (a type for Christ) produces a child through the Freewoman (spiritual nature of the Holy Spirit). Isaac is a type for the spiritual man who is born second. He is born free from the bondage of sin and is a child of God.

So what does the moon turning to blood represent?

This verse applies:

**1Sam 20:5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even.**

David is a “type” for the Elect. When the new moon comes, the Elect will “sit with the king at meat”.

After Paul was converted in Damascus, he too, was told to eat meat. This meal is also presented in the marriage analogy as the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. But before that day arrives, the Elect (like David) will spend 3 days (a spiritual process) in the field (represents a time of “works”) and will become an even worse child of Satan (Man of Sin).

After the “three days” are complete, the trumpet of God will sound and Christ will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit. This gives birth to a new child of God whose parents are Christ and the Freewoman.

**Psa 81:3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, in the time appointed, on our solemn feast day.**

After this event, the natural moon changes to the new moon. This change is symbolized by the natural moon becoming covered with the blood of Christ which He shed for the New Covenant.

When an Elect believer is converted, they will go from being under the Old Covenant of Law to being under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith. In other words, the child of the Bondswoman will die and the child of the Freewoman will be born.

For this reason, the natural moon is turned to blood upon conversion. The Day of the Lord will then quickly follow.

I will quote Peter again:

**Acts 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord comes:**

**4). Stars of Heaven:** represents either fallen angels or angels of God. The light which the fallen angels give off is a false truth. The light which the angels of God give off is the truth of God.

The verses below give examples of how “stars” are used:

**Eze 32:7** And when I shall put out thy light, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

**Isa 14:13** For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

**4). Fig Tree with untimely figs, shaken by a mighty wind:** the fig tree mentioned in the verse represents the unconverted Elect. Their untimely figs represent their unclean fruits (man’s “works”). After the Elect receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit and is converted, Christ’s judgment will come. During this judgment, the Holy Spirit will blow as a mighty wind and shake the untimely figs from the tree.

Here are two examples of unripened figs:

**Nah 3:11** Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. **12** All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.

**Isa 34:4** And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

Here are two examples of the mighty wind:

**Isa 11:15** And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

**Acts 2:2** And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

**5). The heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together:** the symbol “heaven” represents the mind of man. It can be either the Old Heaven or the New Heaven. The Old Heaven represents the carnal mind of man and the New Heaven represents the mind of Christ.

The symbol “scroll” represents the physical Word of God from where an unconverted believer receives their truth.



The event of the scroll being rolled together represents the moment when an Elect believer ceases to receive the truth of God's Word in a physical (carnal) and outward way. This change of understanding occurs when they receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit and are converted. At that time, the believer is given "eyes that can see" (spiritual understanding). After the believer's spiritual blindness is healed, the physical scroll will roll together and the spiritual Word of God will open up.

Here are a few verses which apply:

**2Cor 3:3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.**

**Isa 34:4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the (old) heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.**

**1Cor 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?**

**Psa 11:4 The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD'S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.**

**Mat 5:34 But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne:**

**2Pet 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the (old) heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the (old) earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.**

**2Pet 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.**

**Rev 21:1 And I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth: for the first (old) heaven and the first (old) earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.**

**6). Mountains and islands:** represents the spiritual kingdoms within the mind of the believer. These kingdoms contain the carnal/false beliefs of the believer. After these kingdoms have fallen, the Kingdom of God (mountain) will replace them.

**Isa 2:4 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.**

**Isa 13:4** The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

**Isa 41:15** Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

**Joel 3:18** And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

**Luke 23:26** And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear it after Jesus. **27** And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him. **28** But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. **29** For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. **30** Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, fall on us; and to the hills, cover us. **31** For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

**7). Kings of the earth:** represents the ruling thoughts and beliefs of the mountains and islands (kingdoms). The kings of the earth will also have rulers over them. These rulers can either be Satan and his fallen angels or Christ and His angels of God.

Here are a few verses which mention the kings of the earth when they represent the carnal thoughts and beliefs of Satan in the kingdoms of this world:

**Lam 4:12** The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered into the gates of Jerusalem.

**Rev 16:14** For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

**Rev 17:2** With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

**Rev 19:19** And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army.

Here are a few verses which mention the kings of the earth when they represent the righteous and true thoughts and beliefs of Christ in the Kingdom of Heaven:

**Psa 138:4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth.**

**Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

After the Elect receive the Latter Rain of the Spirit, a new spiritual war will begin between the kingdoms within the believer. This time, the victor will be Christ:

**Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

**8). Great Day of His wrath:** represents the Day of the Lord when Christ judges the believer's carnal thoughts and beliefs contained within the kingdoms of the believer's carnal mind.

Here are a few verses which apply:

**Isa 13:6 Howl ye; for the Day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.**

**Isa 13:9 Behold, the Day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**

**Isa 24:19 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again. 21 And it shall come to pass in that Day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.**

**Mal 4:5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and notable Day of the LORD:**

**Acts 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men**

**shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will show wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, BEFORE the great and notable Day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Now that we have identified the new symbols used in the sixth seal, we can ascertain its message.

After the Elect have been given the Latter Rain of the Spirit and have become a new creation, their spiritual blindness will be healed. As the truth of Christ is revealed to them, the brightness of Christ's appearance will bring judgment to the believer. They will experience the earth shaking event of the paradigm change from being carnally minded to being spiritually minded. It is quite an awe inspiring moment.

As a result, the natural sun (Satan) and natural moon (bondwoman/Old Covenant) will be darkened and will no longer give light to them. Even the angels of Satan (stars) will fall from heaven (mind of the believer) as like a fig tree (carnal believer) which casteth down her untimely figs (unclean fruit). This happens as a result of the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit blowing away the believer's core foundation of carnal thoughts and beliefs.

The believer will now receive their truth directly from Christ because He has written His truth in their hearts and minds. They will no longer receive their truth through the eyes of their carnality (carnal nature, woman) which had fallen prey to Satan's deceptions (his light). The physical and outward scroll of God's Word is then rolled together and can no longer be read by the believer.

In addition, the believer's mountains (kingdom of carnal/false beliefs) have been moved out of their places. The kings of the earth who rule these mountains see the destruction of their kingdoms coming so they hide within the mountains for protection from the new coming ruler (Christ). The old kings of the earth will eventually fall and they will be replaced by the new kings of the earth who are governed by Christ.

The Day of the Lord is now complete for the believer and they are fully converted.

## **CHAPTER SEVEN**

Note: Since this paper is primarily concerned with the unveiling of the seven seals, I will only briefly summarize the teaching contained in chapter seven.

Chapter seven has two primary parts to it. The first part presents the "sealing" of Elect (verses 1-8) and the second part presents the converted Elect standing before the throne of God.

Here is the first portion of chapter seven:

**Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, 3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the of the children of Israel. 5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand 6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nepthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand. 7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand. 8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.**

This first portion of chapter seven presents the sealing of the servants of God. Their number is said to be 144,000 with 12,000 coming from each of the twelve tribes of Israel.

The servants of God represent the Elect, the First Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind.

They are the spiritual descendants of Abraham (spiritual Jews):

**Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.**

The servants of God are said to be 144,000 in number, however, this is not a literal number. It is a spiritual symbol. To determine the symbol's meaning, we must break the number down to its root numbers.

The first root number is twelve. The number twelve represents the Kingdom of Heaven.

To get to the number 144, we take 12 to the second power ( $12 \times 12$ ).

The number two represents the witness of Christ in this world. The Elect are these witnesses.

When the meanings of these two numbers (12 & 2) are combined, it teaches us that the symbol of 144 represents the Kingdom of Heaven which consists of the witnesses of Christ.

Next, the number 144 is multiplied by 1000. This gives us the end product number of 144,000.

The number 1,000 is understood as 10 to the third power ( $10 \times 10 \times 10$ ).

The number ten represents completeness and the number three represents a spiritual process.

When the meanings of these two numbers (10 & 3) are combined, it teaches us that the witnesses of Christ (the Elect) are made complete by a spiritual process.

Finally, when we put all the root numbers of 144,000 together, we have this formula:

12 x 12 x 10 x 10 x 10.

This adds the number five to the symbol.

The number five represents how a believer approaches Christ for their salvation. This can be either by the Old Covenant of Law or by the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

In this case, the Elect approach Christ by the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

When all the meanings of the root numbers are combined, we can then ascertain the full meaning of the symbol 144,000.

The symbol 144,000 represents the Kingdom of Heaven which contains the witnesses of God (the Elect) who will complete the spiritual process (Pathway to Salvation) laid out by Christ in the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

So what is sealing of the Elect and when does it happen?

The sealing of the servants of God represents when Christ “comes again” to His Elect and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit upon them (Baptism of the Spirit). This is their moment of salvation.

**2Cor 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit (Latter Rain) in our hearts.**

**Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise (Latter Rain), 14 Which is the down payment of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession (spiritual body), unto the praise of his glory.**

**Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God (Latter Rain), whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption (bodily resurrection).**

**Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your (spiritual) redemption draweth nigh.**

The second portion of chapter seven shows the same group of Elect believers after they have been spiritually redeemed and gathered to heaven. In this scene, they are shown to be a “great multitude” who are standing before the Throne of God:

**Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one the elders answered, saying unto me, Who are these which are arrayed in white robes? 14 And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of GREAT TRIBULATION, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.**

In the scripture below, Christ teaches when He gathers each of the Elect to heaven:

**Mat 24:29 Immediately after the (great) tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

This is a spiritual event and it happens within the lifetime of each Elect believer.

This salvation event is also called the First Resurrection:

**Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the First Resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**



At this time, the believer is resurrected from the spiritual state of death to the spiritual state of life. Their relationship with God the Father is restored. The believer will then rise to dwell with Christ in heaven and will no longer dwell upon the earth (spiritually speaking).

This First Resurrection event is also referenced by the verse below:

**2Thes 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

Just before Christ gathers together His Elect, the Elect are said to have experienced “great tribulation”.

**Mat 24:21 For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.**

This truth is repeated with the great multitude who stand before the throne:

**Rev 7:14 And whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, These are they which came out of GREAT TRIBULATION, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

This time of great tribulation begins in the fourth seal and ends in the fifth seal when the Elect receive their white robes.

Also, the great tribulation is a re-occurring event within the lives of all the Elect. It is a step in the Pathway to Salvation. It is NOT a future event which only occurs during the last seven years of this age as is commonly taught.

The time of great tribulation occurs between the Early and Latter Rains. It is symbolized by the last remaining 3 ½ years of Daniel’s Seventy Weeks prophecy. During this time, the spirit of anti-Christ will indwell the Elect believer and will cause them to “fall away” and become a Man of Sin. This will result in the Abomination of Desolation within the believer. This is how Satan kills the saints in the streets of Old Jerusalem (fourth seal).

This time of great tribulation is also represented as a time of dwelling in the wilderness for 40 years. The wilderness is the place where Satan dwells.

Elijah’s 3 ½ years of drought typed this time period when the Latter Rain is withheld from a believer.

The Nation of Israel also typed this truth when they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years.

Christ typed it when He fasted in the wilderness for 40 days. But since Christ is the Son of God who has the full measure of the Spirit, He never fell victim to the lies of Satan. Satan was

unsuccessful in spiritually killing Christ. In other words, Satan could not break any of His bones as was prophesied.

**Psa 34:20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.**

### **THE SEVENTH SEAL**

**Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.**

The seventh seal is opened after the Elect have been redeemed and have been gathered together to stand before the throne. As they stand in the presence of God, a silence falls over the great multitude. This silence represents that they have entered into the “rest” of Christ.

**Psa 107:28 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses; 29 He maketh the storm a calm, and the waves thereof are still: 30 And they rejoice because they are quiet; and he bringeth them unto their desired haven.**

**Isa 14:7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. 8 Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no tree cutter is come up against us.**

**Isa 32:18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.**

### **SUMMATION**

The Seven Seals of Revelation were already opened at the time John received the prophecy. They are open because the Elect are required keep the sayings of the prophecy in order to be saved.

As with most of the teachings contained in the book of Revelation, the sayings are teaching certain aspects of the Pathway to Salvation. As the Elect travel this pathway, they will perform no works of their own to reach their salvation. Christ is the Savior and He alone will provide all the necessary works.

As we study God’s Word to unveil the teachings contained in the Seven Seals, we must keep in mind that the “sayings of the prophecy” are to be applied spiritually within each Elect believer. There are no physical and outward steps along the Pathway to Salvation. Once a believer understands this truth, they will realize that the book of Revelation is not teaching about future world events as is commonly believed. The events of the prophecy are spiritual and they were first fulfilled by the Jewish Elect when they were converted on the Day of Pentecost. Since that time, the prophecies have continued to be fulfilled over and over again within the lives of all the Elect, even up to this present day.

### **The First Seal**

Christ is the rider on the white horse. White symbolizes the righteousness of God. Christ rides into the world delivering the Early Rain of the Spirit to everyone who have been ordained to be “called out from the world”. With the Early Rain of the Spirit, the believer now has two spiritual natures within himself.

### **The Second Seal**

A newly called out believer is the rider of the red horse. Red symbolizes the carnality of the believer. The believer rides out under the power of the Holy Spirit (the Early Rain). He carries with him a great sword which is the Word of God. The war he wages is a spiritual war between the two spiritual natures within the believer; the carnal nature (child of the Devil) and the Holy Spirit (child of God). The war is to the death because the believer cannot serve two masters.

### **The Third Seal**

The rider of the black horse is a merchant who buys and sells the false truth of Satan. He is a minister of Satan (Man of Sin) who is under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ. Black represents spiritual darkness/blindness. The set of balances he carries represents deceit and deception. He sells “measured” amounts of wheat and barley (ingredients of God’s truth) which will leave anyone who consumes his bread still hungering for the truth of God. However, he has no power to harm the anointing of the believer (Early Rain of the Spirit) or the wine of the Old Covenant of Law.

### **The Fourth Seal**

The rider of the pale green horse is the spirit of anti-Christ (Satan). Pale green represents a person who has an appearance of Christ but is spiritually unclean. The spirit of anti-Christ will enter the Elect believer (fourth part of the earth) and will bring a spiritual death to the child of God. With his death, the spiritual war will end between the carnality of the believer (child of the Devil) and the Holy Spirit (child of God) . The believer will now find “peace and safety” (1Thes 5:3) under the full control of Satan and his carnal nature. The child of God within the believer has now been slain in the streets of Jerusalem and is ready for the return of Christ with the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

### **The Fifth Seal**

The souls under the altar of the cross represent the children of God who are within the Elect believers who have been slain by Satan. They ask for Christ’s judgment to fall upon those who are responsible for their deaths. However, they are told that they will have to wait for a little season until their fellow servants are killed just as they were. Once all the Elect of this age are killed and redeemed, the final age of judgment will begin upon those who are responsible for their deaths.

Next, the Latter Rain of the Spirit falls upon the child of God and they are given white robes. The white robes represent the righteousness of Christ. This is the moment of salvation for the believer. Now that the child of God has been strengthened by the Latter Rain of the Spirit, the spiritual war can resume.

### **The Sixth Seal**

The sixth seal commences with a great earthquake and the sun & moon being darkened. The believer will no longer receive their truth from Satan nor will they be under the Old Covenant of Law. With the believer's spiritual blindness having just been healed in the fifth seal, the truth of God's Word within the believer will bring in the judgment of the Day of the Lord. With this judgment, the believer's carnal beliefs come crashing down like a fig tree which has been shook by the mighty wind of the Holy Spirit. As the wrath of the Lamb is administered to the false beliefs of the believer, the spiritual war reaches its conclusion. With this victory, Christ will now reign supreme within the believer. The believer will now enter into the rest of Christ and be fully converted.

### **Chapter Seven**

The seventh chapter begins by showing a group of 144,000 believers who are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain). The number 144,000 is a symbol which represents the Kingdom of Heaven in which the Elect will dwell.

In the second half of the chapter, a great multitude is shown to be gathered together before the throne of God. This large group is the same group of Elect believers who were sealed in the first half of the chapter. As the scene unfolds, the Elect believers are shown to be wearing white robes which they received in the fifth seal. The white robes represent the righteousness of Christ. The scene ends by saying that God will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

This is the same group of Elect who are presented in chapter 21 of Revelation, except that now, they have been resurrected from the grave and have a new glorious spiritual body:

**Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. 2 And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. 4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.**

The Old Heaven (carnal mind) and the Old Earth (carnal nature) have passed away within the Elect. They now have a New Heaven (mind of Christ) and a New Earth (spiritual nature of the

Holy Spirit). They wear their wedding garments (white robes) and have become the Bride of Christ. They are the New Jerusalem. And as the end of chapter seven states, Christ will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

### **The Seventh Seal**

The Seventh Seal brings in the final scene. The silence in heaven represents that the Elect have entered into the rest of Christ.

As they stand before the throne, face to face with Christ, the mystery of God is finished:

**1Cor 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.**

**Rev 10:7 But in the days of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.**

So what happens when the seventh angel sounds?

**Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**

When the seventh angel sounds, the Elect believer has been converted and gathered together before the throne of God. The carnal kingdoms within the believer have been overthrown by Christ. The Elect believer has now in the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Rev 22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.**

May the Grace of God come quickly to all who are waiting for Him!