

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.

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 person 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.

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. His voice is the sound of thunder.

Psa 77:18 The voice of thy thunder was in the heaven: the lightnings lightened the world: the earth trembled and shook.

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 converted Elect/Bride of Christ.

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 (includes the OT faithful) will be kings and priests who will reign with Christ during the final age.

3). White Horse: The color “white” represents the primary characteristic of its rider. In this case, it represents the righteousness of God. The “horse” itself represents that the rider is engaging in spiritual warfare.

Below are three supporting verses:

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 drinks up my spirit (**marred spirit**): the terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

Psa 7:13 He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts (**judgment**).

Psa 64:7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; suddenly they shall be wounded.

Summary of the First Seal:

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 earned the authority to open the seals by His work at the cross. Once the first 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 begins His spiritual work within His Elect by giving them the Early Rain of the Spirit. The Early Rain of the Spirit is what will make the Elect person into a child of God.

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 fiery 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). Fiery Red Horse: As in the first seal, the horse represents that its rider is engaging in spiritual warfare and its color represents the primary spiritual characteristic of its rider. In this case, the horse is fiery red and represents that the rider is riding out in judgment which takes peace from the earth (the marred spirit/Old Earth).

The scriptures below apply:

Psa 106:18 And a fire was kindled in their company; the flame burned up the wicked.

Jer 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Luke 12:49 I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?

Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.

2). The Rider: Represents the child of God and is who the Elect person has become after Christ gave them the Early Rain of the Spirit. At this point in time, the Elect person remains faithful but unconverted. In the condition, the Elect person is the child of God who rides the fiery red horse.

Note: It is vital to understand this concept pertaining to the Elect person: The Elect person can be either a child of God or a child of the Devil/Man of Sin depending on who spiritually governs them (Christ or Satan). After the Elect person is given the Early Rain of the Spirit, they are a faithful child of God. After the Elect person is deceived by the spirit of anti-Christ, they become unfaithful which causes the child of God to be slain. The Elect person then becomes a child of the Devil/Man of Sin.

3). Power: Represents the Early Rain of the Spirit which gives a small amount of power to the Elect person, making them into a child of God.

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the weak (Early Rain), and to those who have no might He increases strength. **30** Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, **31** But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength (Latter Rain); they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Job 37:6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth; likewise to the small rain (Early Rain), and to the great rain (Latter Rain) of his strength.

Deu 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small Rain (Early Rain) upon the tender herb, and as the showers (Latter Rain) upon the grass.

4). Earth: The symbol “earth” represents a person’s spirit. When the spirit is said to be “marred”, it will have a carnal and religious spiritual nature (called the Great Harlot). The marred spirit is represented by the old/natural Earth.

When a person’s spirit is said to be “new”, it will have divine spiritual nature. The divine spirit is represented by the new/spiritual 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:

Summary of the Second Seal:

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

The rider of the fiery red horse represents the child of God/Elect person. The power given to the rider is a small measure of the Holy Spirit (Early Rain). The “fiery red” color of the horse represents that the rider is judging the child of the Devil (marred spirit & carnal mind) via the small measure of the Holy Spirit within them. This judgment is a slow process and results in a spiritual war between the Holy Spirit and the child of the Devil (marred spirit & carnal mind). At this time, the Early Rain of the Spirit is winning the spiritual war since the Elect person is remaining faithful to Christ. However, the small measure of the Holy Spirit is not powerful enough to totally defeat the child of the Devil and convert the Elect person. For total victory to occur, the Latter Rain of the Spirit will be required.

The rider’s weapon is a “great sword” (God’s Word) which the Holy Spirit within him uses to fight the spiritual war against the child of the Devil. Because of this spiritual war within the Elect person/child of God, it “takes peace from the (Old) Earth”.

Mat 10:34 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Eph 6:12 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.

When it comes down to it, the spiritual war is actually a war between Christ and Satan over who will govern the Elect person (spirit and mind). The Early Rain of the Spirit within the Elect person is fighting for Christ and is attempting to destroy the armies (false beliefs & carnal character traits) of the marred spirit & carnal mind that still remain within the Elect person. The Holy Spirit is currently winning the war. But as you will see later in the third and fourth seals, Satan will come to the aid of armies of the marred spirit & carnal mind and gain the upper hand.

The second seal ends with this spiritual war still being waged within the Elect person who remains a child of God.

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: The color “black” represents the primary spiritual characteristic of its rider which is spiritual darkness/spiritual blindness. The horse represents that its rider is engaging in spiritual warfare.

Below are a couple of supporting scriptures:

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 will thou do? Though thou clothe thyself with crimson, though thou decks thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rent 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 bewail herself, that spreads her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

2). The Rider: Represents the ministers of Satan/false prophets who are functioning as merchants who buy and sell the false truth & character traits of Satan to the unconverted Elect believers/children of God (babes). These merchants are controlled by the spirit of anti-Christ within them and have the “mark of the beast” (**Rev 13:16-18**). They are also represented by the symbols “Man of Sin” and “Seven Headed beast with 10 horns & crowns”.

The scriptures below apply:

Rev 13:1 And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. **2** And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon (**Satan via the second beast/spirit of anti-Christ**) gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

1John 2:18 Little children (**babes**), it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists (merchants/ministers of Satan) have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. **19** They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us.

The merchandise that the merchants sell is described below:

Rev 18:11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buys their merchandise any more: **12** The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, **13** and cinnamon, and odors, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. **14** And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee,

and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.

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 that these “outward” merchants of the earth peddle is a false truth. It is sold in “measure” and with “leaven” hidden in the loaf. When an Elect person consumes it, it will not satisfy them and will leave them still hungering for righteousness.

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 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

5). Oil: Represents the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

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

Job 29:6 When I washed my steps with butter, and the rock **(Christ)** poured me out rivers of oil;

Psa 104:15 And wine **(New Covenant)** that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart.

Joel 2:19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn **(bread/truth)**, and wine **(New Covenant)**, and oil **(Holy Spirit)**, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:

Mat 25:4 But the wise took oil **(here it represents the Latter Rain of the Spirit)** in their vessels with their lamps.

At the time when the third seal is opened, the oil represents the anointing of the Early Rain of the Holy Spirit.

6). Wine: Can represent either the Old Covenant of Law or the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; 28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Luke 5:39 No man also having drunk old wine (Old Covenant/crooked way) straightway desires new (New Covenant/straight way): for he saith, The old is better.

Since the Elect person/child of God at this point has not fallen from grace, they are still under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith (New Wine).

Summary of the Third Seal:

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 that the rider of the fiery red horse brought upon the child of the Devil (the marred spirit and carnal mind), a rider upon a black horse arrives on the scene to join the battle against the rider of the fiery red horse (Elect person/child of God).

The rider represents the ministers of Satan who function as merchants who buy and sell the false truth and character traits of Satan. The primary characteristic of the merchant is that they are spiritually blind and travel in darkness (under the deceptions of Satan). Scripture also calls the merchant a false prophet (**Mat 24:24 & Acts 13:6**) and a Man of Sin (**2Thes 2:3**) who is under the influence of the spirit of anti-Christ.

Some of the merchandise that the merchant peddles is bread mixed with leaven and measured by weight (represented by the balance that the rider carries). But because of the guidance of the Early Rain of the Spirit, the Elect person has consumed enough truth of God's Word (sword) to stop the merchant from selling any of his bread/merchandise to the marred spirit of the Elect person.

As a result of the merchant's ineffective deceptions, the "oil" and "wine" that the child of God/Elect person possesses is not harmed and they remain under the New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

Because Satan's attack upon the child of God/Elect person was not successful, Satan will engage the person in a spiritual way when the fourth seal is opened.

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: The color of the horse represents the primary characteristic of its rider which is one of being 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: The rider is said to be “death” and he represents the spirit of anti-Christ which comes from Satan, the crooked serpent.

Lev 26:25 And I will bring a sword (**God’s Word**) against you that will execute the vengeance of the (**Old**) Covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you (**riding a pale horse**); and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy (**Satan/Death**).

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (death) of the enemy (Satan), and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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

Exo 22:19 Whosoever lieth (**spiritually fornicate**) with a beast (**Satan/spirit of anti-Christ**) shall surely be put to death.

Note: Spiritual fornication occurs when a believer follows the crooked ways/teachings of their lover (Satan) rather than the straight ways/teachings of Christ.

The scriptures below apply to the spirit of anti-Christ:

Psa 44:19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons (spirit of anti-Christ), and covered us with the shadow of death.

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 finds none. **44** Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished. **45** Then goes 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 (**represents the Elect**) who were possessed with devils (**spirit of anti-Christ**), coming out of the tombs (**spiritually dead, in hell**), exceedingly fierce, so that no man might pass by that way.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils (spirit of anti-Christ), and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

The spirit of anti-Christ is “the” False Prophet and is the spirit that has the ability to deceive the child of God/Elect person into purchasing the merchandise of His merchants. Satan is willing to go this extra mile in the spiritual war because his earlier attempts through his merchants failed to deceive the person. Satan realizes that they failed because the child of God/Elect person had a small measure of spiritual support coming from the Early Rain of the Spirit which guided them

into truth (Christ and Him crucified, **1Cor 2:2**). To offset this spiritual defense of truth, Satan knows that he, too, needs spiritual support within the person if his deceptions are going to be effective. As a result, Satan sends the spirit of anti-Christ to indwell the Elect person.

Now that Satan's spirit indwells the marred spirit of the Elect person, his merchants are able to deceive the marred spirit and sell her their merchandise.

This parable applies:

Mat 13:33 Another parable spoke he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven (lies), which a woman (**marred spirit w/Great Harlot**) took (**from Satan's merchants**), and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

3). Death and Hell: Death represents spiritual death and hell 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 (**spiritual**) death.

John 11:26 And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die (**spiritually die**). Believe 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 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!

Summary of the Fourth Seal:

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 that came into the church (babes only) shortly after Paul's death. Satan's spirit has an outward appearance of an angel of light (Christ) but is spiritually unclean. Satan's power to kill comes from his ability to deceive through the Elect person's carnal understanding of God's Word (sword). After the pale horse rider spiritually indwells the marred spirit (woman) of the Elect person, the woman will begin purchasing leaven (merchandise) from Satan's merchants which she will use to make her leavened bread (**Mat 13:33**). It is this leavened bread that she will feed to the Kings of the Earth (ruling beliefs & character traits of the mind) which will deceive the child of God/Elect person.

With the spirit of anti-Christ now indwelling the Elect person, the person will now have the mark of the beast and will exclusively "buy and sell" with Satan's merchants.

These verses apply:

Rev 13:11 And I beheld another beast (spirit of anti-Christ) coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spoke as a dragon.

Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 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.

Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets (Satan's merchants), and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

After the person's marred spirit has deceived the carnal mind of the Elect person, a fatal famine of God's truth will occur within the person. As a result, the Early Rain of the Spirit will no longer be able to govern the Elect person. The Elect person will then fall away from faith which will slay the child of God.

Satan's deceptions are fatal because his "another gospel" (**2Cor 11:4**) mixes "works" (Old Wine) with faith (New Wine) which is the sin that leads to death (**1John 5:16**).

When an Elect person's marred spirit purchases Satan's false gospel and passes it onto the Kings of the Earth who rule the mind, it will bite like a serpent and will spiritually kill them.

Prov 23:28 She (Great Harlot) also lieth in wait as for a prey, and increases the transgressors among men. 29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine (mixture of the Old & New Covenants). 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moves itself aright. 32 At the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like an adder.

After the child of God is slain, the spiritual war within the person will come to an end. Satan will be victorious and will make the Elect person “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**); a Man of Sin & Seven Headed Beast. The child of God will then lie dead in the streets of Mystery Babylon the Great city/Great Harlot/Jerusalem along with the other saints & prophets who have been slain.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends 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.

Rev 18:24 And in her (Great Harlot/carnal and religious spiritual nature of the marred spirit**) was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the (**Old**) earth.**

After the death of the child of God, the Elect person is no longer a child of God but is now a Man of Sin who dwells in “peace and safety” (**1Thes 5:3**) in Satan’s apostate church.

In Satan’s false church, the Elect person will believe that they are following the true Christ and are saved, when in fact, they are not. The Elect person is now fully under the influence and control of Satan. They now have the mark of the beast and have experienced the Abomination of Desolation (**Mar 24:15**). In this apostate spiritual condition, they will only “buy and sell” with those who also have the mark of the beast (**Rev 13:16-18**).

The Abomination of Desolation is the same event that happened to Judas and is what caused him to betray the Lord:

Luke 22:3 Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. 4 And he went his way, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray him unto them. 5 And they were glad, and covenanted to give him money (represents buying & selling of Satan’s merchandise**).**

The Elect person (Man of Sin) will now remain in their new apostate spiritual condition for “3 ½ days” (a symbol for the time they spend as an apostate believer) until Christ returns to them later with the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

The scriptures below apply:

Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half (in the streets of Mystery Babylon the Great city/Great Harlot/Jerusalem**), and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.**

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 refuses to be ashamed.

The fifth seal opens by showing the slain child of God.

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). Slain Souls 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 represent the slain children of God.

2). White robes: Represents the righteousness of Christ.

The souls under the altar are given white robes of righteousness which represents the Elect person receiving the Latter Rain of the Spirit and being restored to faith.

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 decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

After this event, the Elect person repented of their works and became faithful again. This gave the Elect person a new birth as a child of God.

Summary of the Fifth Seal:

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

The souls under the altar represent the children of God. Their deaths occurred as a result of the marred spirit within each Elect person being deceived by the spirit of anti-Christ. The marred spirit (woman) then passed those deceptions (false beliefs and character traits of Satan) onto the mind of the person. This caused the person to commit the sin that leads to death and to become unfaithful. When this happened, the child of God died and the Elect person became a Man of Sin.

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

Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

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.

Since the death of Paul, all the children of God/Elect believers (babes) will spiritually die in the streets of Jerusalem which is synonymous with Mystery Babylon the Great city & the Great Harlot:

Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock (babes). 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise (merchants/ministers of Satan), speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

Now that the Elect person has become a Man of Sin, they will remain in this spiritually worsened condition for “3 ½ days” (Rev 11:9). The symbol “3 ½ days” represents the time an Elect person will remain in an apostate condition. After the 3 ½ days are complete, Christ will come to them a second time. When Christ comes, He will pour out the Latter Rain of the Spirit and convert them.

Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom (Satan's false gospel) shall be preached in all the (old) earth (the Elect person) for a witness unto all nations (contains beliefs and character traits); and then shall the end come (end of the ages/time of conversion).

The “end of the ages” mentioned in the verse below applies to an Elect person's time of conversion:

1Cor 10:11 Now all these things happened to them as types, and have been written for our (the Elect) admonition, upon whom the end of the ages are come.

After Christ gives the Elect person the Latter Rain of the Spirit, their spiritual blindness will be healed. The Elect person will then “see” that their wickedness is great and they will repent of their works.

The scriptures below apply:

1Sam 12:17 Is it not wheat harvest to day? (day of salvation) I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and RAIN (Latter Rain); that ye may perceive and see (spiritual blindness healed) that your wickedness is great (have become a Man of Sin), which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

Mat 24:15 When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso read, let him understand:)

2Thes 2:8 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:

After the Elect person’s repentance, they will be made faithful again and will be given their white robe. They have become a child of God again and have been made “ready” and “blameless” when the Day of the Lord arrives:

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

1Cor 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end (by the Latter Rain), that ye may be blameless in the Day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the “slain souls” are restored, they ask how long it will be until Christ judges and avenges their blood upon “them that dwell upon the earth”.

The phrase “them that dwell upon the earth” is referring to the ministers/merchants of the third seal. They are the apostate believers in Satan’s church who sold their merchandise to the child of God/Elect person. It was their merchandise (false beliefs & character traits of Satan) that caused the child of God’s death in Mystery Babylon the Great City/Jerusalem.

In answering the question from the slain children of God, they are told to rest for a “little season” (until this age ends) until their brethren (Elect brothers and sisters) have been killed in Mystery Babylon the Great city/Jerusalem just as they were killed. After the last child of God/Elect person of this age has been killed, resurrected and converted, the bodily resurrection from the grave will occur. At that time, those who slew the “souls under the alter” will appear before Christ’s White throne. At that time, they will not be found in the Lamb’s book of Life and will

be cast into the Lake of Fire where their time of judgment will begin. It is at this time that Christ will avenge the blood of the Elect. But since Christ will not omit “justice, mercy and faith” (**Mat 23:23**) from their time of judgment, they, too, will be converted and saved just as those who they slew in this present age.

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 Elect person resumes. The war is between the spiritually revived and strengthened Elect person/child of God and the Man of Sin.

The Day of the Lord

The Day of the Lord is the judgment of Christ upon the Elect person’s marred spirit, Great Harlot, carnal mind and the indwelling spirit of anti-Christ. It is these spiritual components that make up the Man of Sin.

The Day of the Lord will commence upon the Man of Sin after the Elect person has:

- 1). Received the Latter Rain of the Spirit, been restored to faith and the child of God has been revived and gathered to heaven. ([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](#)).

After Paul was restored and had eaten meat, Paul was made “ready” for the Day of the Lord to commence and convert him.

More on the Day of the Lord:

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

Let’s take a close look at the key verses of 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 that seal.

After the Elect person has been born again as a child of God and has been gathered to heaven (spiritually speaking), 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.

Next in chapter 19 of Revelation, the Day of the Lord is shown to have arrived and Christ appears on a white horse as He did in the first seal:

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; His Bride.

The Elect person, who is now the Bride of Christ, is given a white horse and will ride with Christ into battle. Together they will judge in wrath all the spiritual things that have caused the Elect person to be carnally minded and sinful.

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 judgment event that is mentioned in Luke 17:24-37 and Mat 24:27-28.

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**).**

Mat 24:27 For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. 28 For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together.

The commencement of the Supper of the Great God is presented below:

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.

After the battle commences, the Man of Sin with his indwelling spirit of anti-Christ are removed from within the Elect person and are casted into the Lake of Fire. In the lake, they are quickly judged and destroyed (one hour, **Rev 18:10**). This judgment represents the destruction of the person's marred spirit & Great Harlot and its governing power; the spirit of anti-Christ:

Rev 19:20 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 verses below:

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 will then do battle with the rest of the armies:

Rev 19:21 And the rest (**Kings of the Earth and their armies/ruling beliefs & character traits of the carnal mind**) 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.

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 which is darkened represents the Man of Sin's spiritual father who is Satan. Satan (as the sun) produces his own light (false truth and character traits) which he shines upon his children (children of the Devil/Man of Sin).

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father (**originator**) of it.

The verses below are 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 & His character traits) to the New Earth (new divine spirit).

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, while they are the children of the Devil, will receive their light from Satan. At that time, they are said to be dwelling upon the Old Earth (marred spirit).

After the Elect have become the children of God, they will receive their light from Christ. At that time, they will be dwelling upon the New Earth (new divine spirit).

The spiritual process by which the Elect become the children of God is called conversion. It is the conversion event that causes the natural sun (Satan) to be darkened just 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 person's spiritual blindness being healed after they have received the Latter Rain of the Spirit. Because the Elect person is given "eyes that can

see”, the truth of God’s Word will open up to them. When it does, the “Sun of Righteousness will arise with healing in His wings” (**Mal 4:2**). As Christ rises within the person, they will no longer receive their light from the natural sun (Satan). The natural sun being darkened symbolizes this event.

Once the natural sun has been made dark, the judgment of Christ (Day of the Lord) will begin. Christ will then use His “sword” (God’s Word) to slay the false beliefs & character traits from within the Elect person.

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 (New) earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

3). Moon: The moon can represent either the Bondwoman/Old Covenant or the Freewoman/New Covenant. 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 & the Old Covenant.

The New Moon represents the Freewoman & the New Covenant.

The dream of Joseph connects the symbols of the Natural Moon and the Bondwoman 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 Christ. Joseph’s brothers are types for the children of Satan, Jacob is a type for Satan (natural sun) and Jacob’s wives are a type for the Bondwoman (Natural Moon/Old Covenant).

Here is the meaning of the dream: Satan/Natural Sun, the Bondwoman/Natural Moon and their offspring will someday bow down to Christ.

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 (Old Covenant/New Covenant); the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Hagar. 25 For Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers 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 (all the Elect). 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 (Christ). 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/child of the devil): 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 Bondwoman. 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 (as a type for Christ) produces a child through Sarah, the Freewoman. 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:

Joel 2:31 The (natural) sun shall be turned into darkness, and the (natural) moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.

At this time, the Natural Moon/Old Covenant is darkened by the blood of Christ and becomes the New Moon/New Covenant. And since there is no night in the Kingdom of Heaven, all the light that a child of God receives will come from the Sun of Righteousness.

After the Natural Sun and Moon are darkened, the Day of the Lord (judgment) is ready to commence.

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 (fallen angels) 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 (holy angels): 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 Elect person. Their untimely figs represent their unclean fruits that were produced by their own “works”. After the Elect person receives the Latter Rain of the Spirit, 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” used here represents Satan’s celestial kingdom. After the Elect person receives the Latter Rain of the

Spirit, Satan's kingdom will no longer shine its light upon them – it is “rolled together” and closed.

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 (**sun, moon & stars**) shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

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.

6). Mountains and islands: Represents the spiritual kingdoms within the mind of an Elect person. These kingdoms contain their false beliefs & carnal character traits which are now being judged; “moved out of their places”. After these kingdoms have fallen, they will be replaced by the mountains of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The scriptures below apply:

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 musters 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 beliefs & character traits of the mind which can come from either the marred spirit or from the new divine spirit.

Here are a few verses which mention the Kings of the Earth when they represent the ruling beliefs and character traits that come from the Great Harlot:

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 (Great Harlot**) the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with her fornication (**with Satan**).**

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 ruling beliefs and character traits that come from the New Earth, the new divine spirit:

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,

8). Great Day of His wrath: Represents the Day of the Lord when Christ judges the spirit of anti-Christ, the marred spirit and the Great Harlot and all the false beliefs & character traits of the 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.

Summary of the Sixth Seal:

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

After the Elect person has been given the Latter Rain of the Spirit and has become a new creation, their spiritual blindness is healed. As the truth of Christ is revealed to them, the brightness of Christ's appearance will bring judgment to the Man of Sin within them. This earth-shaking event will destroy all the spiritual things within them that have made them carnally minded and sinful. It is quite an awe inspiring moment in the life of a person.

As a result, the Natural Sun (Satan) and Natural Moon (Bondwoman/Old Covenant) will be darkened and will no longer give their light to them. Even the angels of Satan (stars) will fall from heaven like a fig tree which casts down her untimely figs (unclean fruit). This happens as a result of the Mighty Wind of the Holy Spirit blowing away the person's core foundation of false beliefs and carnal character traits that have come from Satan via the Great Harlot.

After the Old Heavens have been darkened, the Elect person will now receive their truth directly from Christ, the Sun of Righteousness.

In addition, the person's mountains/islands (kingdoms of false beliefs & character traits) have been moved out of their places. The Kings of the Earth who rule these mountains will see their destruction coming so they hide within the strongholds of the mountains for protection. 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 and the person's new divine spirit (New Earth).

After the Day of the Lord is complete, the Elect person will be converted.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Chapter seven has two primary parts to it. The first part (verses 1-8) presents the "sealing" of Elect. The second part (verses 9-17) presents the converted Elect after they have been sealed 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 (holding back the Day of the Lord). 2 And I saw another angel (Christ) 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 Nephtalim 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.

The judgment of the Day of the Lord is held back until the servants of God are sealed with the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Latter Rain) and made "ready" (faithful). After this sealing, the Elect person will be blameless in the Day of the Lord and will not suffer wrath.

1Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you (confession of faith/Early Rain): 7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end (Day of conversion/Latter Rain/sealing of the Holy Spirit), that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (when the Mighty Wind of the Holy Spirit blows).

This number of the servants of God is said to be 144,000 with 12,000 coming from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. The twelve tribes mentioned above are not the physical descendants of Abraham, they represent the spiritual descendants of Abraham who will be the heirs of the promises made by Christ. They are the Elect, the First Fruits of Christ's harvest of mankind.

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 (the Elect) are said to be 144,000 in number, however, this is not a literal number. It is a spiritual symbol (spirit word, **John 6:63**). 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 (12×12).

The number two represents the witnesses 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 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) have been made complete by a spiritual process; the spiritual process of conversion.

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

$12 \times 12 \times 10 \times 10 \times 10$.

This adds the number five to the symbol.

The number five represents how a person 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 His New Covenant of Grace through Faith.

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

The sealing of the servants of God represents when Christ “comes again” to them and pours out the Latter Rain of the Spirit (Baptism of the Spirit). This is an Elect person’s moment of salvation and spiritual redemption.

John 6:27 Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

2Cor 1:22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (downpayment of our inheritance) 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 until the Day of Redemption (redemption of the body).**

The second portion of chapter seven shows the same group of Elect persons after they have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and have spiritually moved from dwelling on the earth to dwelling in heaven. This is not a change of literal locations as most believe - it reflects the change in the spiritual state of being of the person. Unconverted believers (babes) spiritually dwell on the earth but converted believers spiritually dwell in heaven with Christ.

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 event described above is a spiritual event and it happens within the lifetime of each Elect person.

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 person is spiritually resurrected from the state of death to the state of life. They are then gathered to heaven to stand before the throne of God (spiritually speaking).

The great multitude who stand before the throne are said to have come out of “great tribulation”.

The time of great tribulation is a spiritual event within the lives of each of the Elect. It is a step on the pathway to salvation. It is NOT a one-time future event which only occurs during the last seven years of this age.

The time of great tribulation occurs to an Elect person when they are indwelt with the spirit of anti-Christ and are made “worse than the first” (**Mat 12:43-45**).

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.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her (Jezebel, a type for the Great Harlot) into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds (works).

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.

SUMMARY

The Seven Seals of Revelation were already opened at the time John received the prophecy. They are open because it is necessary for the Elect to keep the sayings of the prophecy in order for them 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 will provide all the necessary works. His works are spiritual and they occur within the Elect person. It is those works which cause the Elect person “to will and to do”:

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

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 person. There are no physical and outward steps along the pathway to salvation. Once a person 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 within the Elect near the end of the 1st century A.D. (after Paul’s death). 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.

For this reason, Christ will come quickly to each of His Elect before they physically die.

Rev 22:7 Rev 22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

After the last Elect person of this age has experienced the Seven Seals, this age will be ready to come to an end.

It is my hope and prayer that all who read this paper will find and understand the “mystery of God” that has been declared by the servants of God; the prophets:

Rev 10:7 But in the days of the voice 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.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen!