

Seal 1: Conquering Rulers

^{6.1} I watched while the Lamb opened one of the seven seals and I heard the first of the four creatures—*the one like a lion* (Rev 4:7-8)—speaking like a thunderclap, “Go!” ² Then I looked and, look, a white horse! The one sitting upon it had a bow (Psa 11:2, 37:12-15, 44:6, 46:9) and he was given a crown (Lam 5:16) to conquer and he came forth conquering (1 Sam 8:4-20; Jer 51:20-26; Rev 2:6, 2:15).

Seal 2: War

³ When the Lamb opened the second seal I heard the second creature—*the one like a young bull*—saying, “Go!”
⁴ Another horse, a fire-red one, came out. The one sitting upon it was given a great sword and was allowed to take peace from the Earth, so that people would kill each other (Isa 1:19-20, 65:12; Jer 9:16, 12:12, 20:4, 50:21).

Seal 3: Economic Slavery

⁵ When the Lamb opened the third seal I heard the third creature—*the one like a human*—saying, “Go!” Then I looked and, look, a black horse! The one sitting upon it had a yoke of *slavery* in his hand (Prov 11:1; Isa 10:27; Jer 28:2, 30:8; Ezek 45:9-12; Amos 8:4-6; Mic 6:9-15). ⁶ I heard something like a voice in the middle of the four creatures saying,

“A measure of wheat for a day’s pay and three measures of barley for a day’s pay, and do not *hold back the price* of the olive oil and wine (Gen 47:13-27; 2 Kgs 6:24—7:20; Ezek 4:16-17)!”

Seal 4: Death

⁷ When the Lamb opened the fourth seal I heard the voice of the fourth creature—*the one like an eagle*—saying, “Go!” ⁸ Then I looked and, look, a green horse! The name of the one sitting far above it was Death and following after him was Hades—*the Realm-of-the-Dead* (Psa 6:5, 18:4-5, 49:13-15; Isa 28:14-19; Hos 13:14; Rev 1:18, 2:23). They were given authority over a fourth of the Earth to kill with blade, famine, *sickness*, and with the Earth’s monsters—*governments* (Jer 15:2-3, 29:17-19, 42:17-22; Ezek 5:15-17, 14:21; Zech 1:8-11, 6:1-8; Rev 13:11-18).

Seal 5: The Faithful Pray for Judgment

⁹ When the Lamb opened the fifth seal I saw under the altar—*the place of sacrifice* (Exod 29:12; Psa 91:1-10)—the souls of those killed because of the Creator’s Narrative and their Martyrdom (Rev 1:9, 3:8). ¹⁰ They cried out with a great voice, saying,

“Master! The Holy and True-One (Lev 19:2; Rev 3:7)! How long before you judge and bring righteousness for our blood from among those dwelling upon the Earth (Gen 4:10; Deut 32:43; Psa 13:1-6, 35:17-26, 79:1-7, 119:81-88; Rev 1:5)?”

¹¹ A white robe (Isa 61:10; Zech 3:1-5; Rev 3:4-5, 3:18, 4:4) was given to each of them and it was said concerning them,

“They will rest up for still a little time until all their fellow servants and brothers are killed like them (Isa 14:1-7, 32:17-18; Jer 30:10-11; Ezek 34:11-16; Rev 2:10, 2:13).”

Seal 6: The Angels of Judgment Are Restrained & the Church Is Gathered

¹² When the Lamb opened the sixth seal, I looked and there was a great quake—*destabilizing the creation* (Isa 24:17-21; Ezek 38:20; Hag 2:6-7; Nah 1:2-6). The sun became black as a hairy, heavy-cloth and the full moon became like blood—*signs of the Creator’s Day of judgment* (Exod 10:21-23; Isa 13:9-11; Ezek 32:7-8; Joel 2:10, 2:28-32, 3:14-16; Amos 8:9). ¹³ Heaven’s stars—*the spiritual powers and authorities*—fell to the Earth as a fig tree drops its winter fruit when shaken by a great wind—*in weakness and rebellion against the Creator* (Dan 8:9-12; Nah 3:12). ¹⁴ Heaven moved away like a book being rolled up and every mountain—*place of security*—and island—*place of isolation*—moved from its place (Psa 102:25-27; Isa 34:1-4, 54:10; Jer 4:23-26; Hab 3:6). ¹⁵ The rulers of the Earth, those of high status, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in caves and among the rocks of the mountains—*places of safety and security* (Psa 68:16). ¹⁶ They were saying to the mountains and the rocks,

“Fall upon us! Hide us from the face of the one sitting upon the throne and from the Lamb’s anger! ¹⁷ The great day of their anger has arrived and who is able to stand (Gen 3:8; Psa 2:9-12, 76:7, 110:5-6; Isa 2:7-22; Hos 10:8; Nah 1:5-6; Mal 3:2)?”

^{7.1} After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the Earth that were holding back the four winds of the Earth so no wind would blow upon the Earth, upon the Sea, or upon any tree—*holding back the Creator’s judgment and provision* (Exod 10:19, 14:21; Num 11:31-33; Psa 18:4-10, 104:1-4; Isa 57:11-13; Jer 4:11-13, 18:15-17, 49:35-39; Ezek 37:9-10; Dan 7:2-3, 11:3-4; Rev 6:13). ² I saw another angel ascending from the rising sun and it had the seal of the living Creator (Rev 1:18, 5:2). It was calling out with a loud voice to the four angels which had been allowed to hurt the Earth and Sea (Rev 6:8). ³ It was saying,

“Do not hurt the Earth, Sea, or trees until we have sealed the servants of our Creator upon their foreheads—*until their minds are transformed* (Deut 6:4-9; Isa 11:11-12; Ezek 9:3-10, 37:1-10; Rev 3:12, 7:2)!”

⁴ I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000—the *symbolic number of the Church*—sealed from every tribe of the children of Israel (Gen 35:22-26): ⁵ 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Judah, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Gad, ⁶ 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷ 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸ 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 sealed from the tribe of Benjamin. ⁹ After this I looked and, look, there was a large crowd—the *Church*—which no one was able to number from all ethnic-groups, tribes, peoples, and tongues (Gen 13:6, 15:5; Psa 22:27-28, 117:1; Isa 2:2-4; Jer 3:17; Hos 1:10; Zech 2:10-11; Rev 1:7, 5:9). They were standing in front of the throne and the Lamb and they were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands—*celebrating their freedom from slavery* (Exod 15:27; Lev 23:39-43; Rev 3:4-5, 3:18, 4:4, 6:11). ¹⁰ They were crying out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation comes from our Creator, who sits upon the throne, and the Lamb (Psa 3:8, 68:19-20; Isa 45:22)!”

¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne, the elders, and the four creatures (Rev 4:2-8). And the angels fell upon their faces before the throne and bowed down to the Creator (Psa 103:19-21, 148:1-2; Rev 4:9-11). ¹² They were saying,

“Amen! Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and strength belong to our Creator, into the ages of the ages, amen (Jer 33:6-11; Rev 4:13-14)!”

¹³ One of the elders addressed me, saying,

“Who are those that are clothed in white and from where did they arrive?”

¹⁴ I said to him,

“My lord, you know (Dan 7:16).”

He said to me,

“They are *the Church*—those arriving out of the great oppression (Exod 4:31; Deut 4:29; Psa 9:7-10, 25:16-22, 34:4-7; Isa 26:16-19, 30:19-22; Dan 12:1-3; Rev 1:9, 2:10-11, 2:22). They have washed their robes and whitened them with the blood of the Lamb—*by following in his example* (Isa 1:18-20; Zech 3:3-5; Rev 3:4-5, 3:18, 4:4, 6:11, 7:9). ¹⁵ Because of this they are before the Creator’s throne and they serve him day and night in his temple (Psa 134:1; Rev 3:12). The one sitting upon the throne will dwell with them (Exod 29:45-46; 1 Kgs 6:12-13; Ezek 37:27; Rev 3:12). ¹⁶ They will not be hungry or thirsty again and the sun or any burning heat will not fall upon them (Psa 121:1-8; Isa 4:2-6, 25:4-5; Rev 3:20).

¹⁷ The Lamb, upon the middle of the throne, will shepherd them and lead them to Springs of Living Water (Psa 23:1-3; 36:7-9; Isa 40:11, 41:17-18; 49:8-13; Jer 2:13, 31:9; Ezek 34:23; Mic 5:4; Rev 2:27). The Creator will remove every tear from their eyes (Isa 25:6-9, 35:1-10).”