

SEVEN SEALS

The Tribulation of Daniels' 70th week has three divine judgments upon the world.

(Dan.9:27b) "Even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on the one who makes desolation."

The Book of Revelation calls the:

- **First judgment** **SEVEN SEALS**
- **Second judgment** **SEVEN TRUMPETS**
- **Third judgment** **SEVEN BOWLS.**

NOTE: It is important to understand that the **Church will NOT** go through this Apocalypse Tribulation. Why? **Because** Jesus would have to bring judgment upon Himself as the Church.

(1 Cor.12:12) "For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, **so also is Christ.**"

(1 Cor.12:27) "Now **you are Christ's body**, and individually members of it."

In this study, we will discuss the first divine judgment of the Tribulation called the Seven Seals and how that judgment will affect the world.

The Seven Seals are found in Rev.6:1-8:5. The Lamb of God opens each of the Seven Seals (Rev.6:1; 5:12).

- **1st Seal** (Rev.6:1-2) **"come!"** **White horse**
 - "conquering and to conquer." [Dictator of the Revived Roman Empire] (DRRE) – (1 Thess.5:3)
- **2nd Seal** (Rev.6:3-4) **Red horse**
 - "take peace from the world." War (bloodshed)
- **3rd Seal** (Rev.6:5-6) **Black horse**
 - "pair of scales in his hand." Economic collapse and famine
- **4th Seal** (Rev.6:7-8) **"come!"** **Pale (sickly) horse**
 - "Death and Hades followed him." (1/4 of the earth's population died)
- **5th Seal** (Rev.6:9-11) **Martyrdom**
 - **"because** of the word of God, and **because** of testimony (gospel of Jesus Christ) which they maintained."

(Rev.6:11) "They were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also."

- **6th Seal** (Rev.6:12-17) **Extreme natural and celestial catastrophes**
 - "Every mountain and island were moved out of their places (Rev.6:14)." Common agreement of people of the earth – "For the **great day of their wrath** has come, and who is able to stand?" (Rev.6:17)

THERE IS A PAUSE - between the 6th Seal (event) (Rev.6) and the 7th Seal (event) (Rev.8) – the pause is Rev.7.

- **1/4 of the earth' population has died (Rev.6:8) (4th Seal).**
- **Rev.7 Pause – The Sealing (supernatural protection) of the 144,000 (Rev.6:9-11; 7:9-14)**

NOTE: No tribe of Dan nor Ephraim is listed, but the tribes of Manasseh and Joseph are.

(Rev.7:3) “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees **until** we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads.” (Rev.7:3, 9-10, 14, 17)

- **7th Seal** (Rev.8:1-6) **Silence in Heaven for about half hour for prayers**
 - “So that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne.” (Rev.8:3)

Then the announcement of Seven Trumpets

(Rev.8:6) “And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.”

NOTE: Remember that the Seven Seals occur in the first 3 ½ years of The Tribulation. We normally think of the first 3 ½ years as the years of peace. Imagine what the next two divine judgments will bring to the world.

CONCLUSION:

The Seven Seals remind us of the grace that God has given to those of us who live in the Church Age, here in America.

We are blessed like the angels who prayed during the Pause – “**Amen**, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. **Amen.**” (Rev.7:12)

So, the next time we go through some trial and testing, let us remember God’s amazing grace and, with grateful hearts, apply (James 1:2-4) and “**Count it all Joy, my brethren.**”

We live in the golden age of the Church Age.