

THE SEALS AND THE SAINTS

Introduction

The Tribulation begins after the church-age believers are taken to Heaven in the Rapture. During these seven years of tribulation, God pours out His wrath upon unbelievers on earth for their great wickedness. These Tribulation judgments begin in Revelation 6 when the Lord Jesus Christ breaks six of the seven seals on the scroll which He received from His Father in Revelation 5. This scroll is the title deed to the earth and all its inhabitants, which rightfully belongs to Christ. All of the judgments associated with the first six seals on the scroll occur in the first half of the seven-year Tribulation. The judgments of the seventh seal occur in the second half of the Tribulation. Although the judgments associated with the first six seals are weighty, the judgments that follow the breaking of the seventh seal are much greater and will increase in intensity until the end of the Tribulation.

After the rapture of the church believers, Antichrist will seek world power by ruthless means. He will kill many believers during the first half of the Tribulation that are saved after the Rapture (6:9-11). However, 144,000 Israelites will be saved after the Rapture and will be sealed by God in the middle of the Tribulation so they will not be killed by Antichrist. Many Gentile believers, however, will be martyred during the last half of the Tribulation (7:9-17).

Aim of the Lesson: Be sure you know Jesus as Savior so you will be delivered from God's wrath.

Outline of the Lesson and Questions to Answer – Use the words below to fill the blanks in the lesson:

Disciples; Doomsday; Dearth; Deceit; Devastation; Death.

I. The Seals (6:1-17)

A. _____: Seal One (6:1-2)

- The rider on the white horse is [Antichrist or Christ]. Check Rev 19:15. Circle the right answer.

B. _____: Seal Two (6:3-4)

- The rider on the red horse starts a war against [many nations or Israel]. Check Rev 6:8; Dan 9:27.

C. _____: Seal Three (6:5-6)

- The rider on the black horse carries scales to [judge people's works or weigh food for hungry people].

D. _____: Seal Four (6:7-8)

- The pale horse shows all those who die in this war will go to [Hell-fire or the grave]. Check Rev 6:9.
- If the world's population is 7,000,000,000, how many people will die as a result of this war? 6:8

E. _____: Seal Five (6:9-11)

- What will happen to many believers that receive Christ as Savior after the Rapture of the Church? 6:9
- What will they be doing in Heaven? 6:10
- What answer will be given to them? 6:11

F. _____: Seal Six (6: 12-17)

- What happens when the sixth seal is opened? 6:12-14
- How do the unbelievers show their fear of God and of the Lamb? 6:15-16
- What do they know is coming? 6:17

II. The Saints (7:1-17)

A. Defended Ones (7:1-8)

- What are four angels commanded to do? 7:1-3
- Who will be sealed in the middle of the Tribulation? 7:4-8

B. Distressed Ones (7:9-17)

- Who will be saved during the great Tribulation? 7:9, 16

RECEIVE THE LORD NOW AND BE READY FOR THE RAPTURE

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