



The Seal Judgments, the Sealed, and the Saints Revelation 6-7
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Revelation 6:1-8 The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

1 Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, "Come!" 2 And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer. **(conquer with the false peace of the Antichrist)**

3 When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" 4 And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that men should slay one another, and he was given a great sword. **(bloodshed, war)**

5 When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come!" And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. 6 And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!" **(famine, poverty)**

7 When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" 8 And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider's name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. ESV **(Death and Hell)**

Fifth Seal = Believers martyred during the Tribulation

Sixth Seal = God's Wrath on Earth (absolute terror)

144,000 = Jewish witnesses on earth during the Tribulation

Great Multitude = Those saved during the Tribulation

Effects of the rapture on the world +
144,000 witnesses like the Apostle Paul +
The Holy Spirit like on the Day of Pentecost +
Frightening tribulation events +
The world's largest population =
The greatest conversion of people in Christian history

Revelation 7 The Sealed, The Saints, 7 The Shepherd LifeGroup Study Guide

Who Can Stand? Revelation 7 is a parenthetical section between the sixth and seventh seals. And it answers the question: "who is able to stand?" Read Revelation 7

What hope do we see in the midst of the wrath of the lamb?

What authority will God give angels as part of the sixth seal? 7:1-2

What limits will God put upon the angels? 7:3

Grace. God will pour out His grace on two groups of people during the tribulation period.

Describe the first group: 7:3b-8; 14:1-5

Do you think the 144,000 a literal or symbolic number? Why?
See: <http://www.gotquestions.org/144000.html>

"Sealed" means they have the special protection of God from all the divine judgments and from the Anti-Christ in order to perform their mission. What is their mission?

Describe the second group: 7:9-14

How many? From where? What are they wearing (what does that represent)? Where are they in John's vision? What are they saying?

How do the angels, elders, and 4 living creatures respond to them?

Shepherd. What does God promise this second group? 7:15-17

Bring it home.

What is it about Christ, the Lamb & Shepherd, that encourages you?

What do you learn from these witnesses and saints that we should be doing today?