

A cosmic nebula with swirling blue, white, and orange clouds of gas and dust, set against a dark background filled with numerous stars of varying colors and sizes.

The final vengeance of God 
Revelation



Tonight:

Revelation 6 & 7

The Throne, the Book, & the Lamb



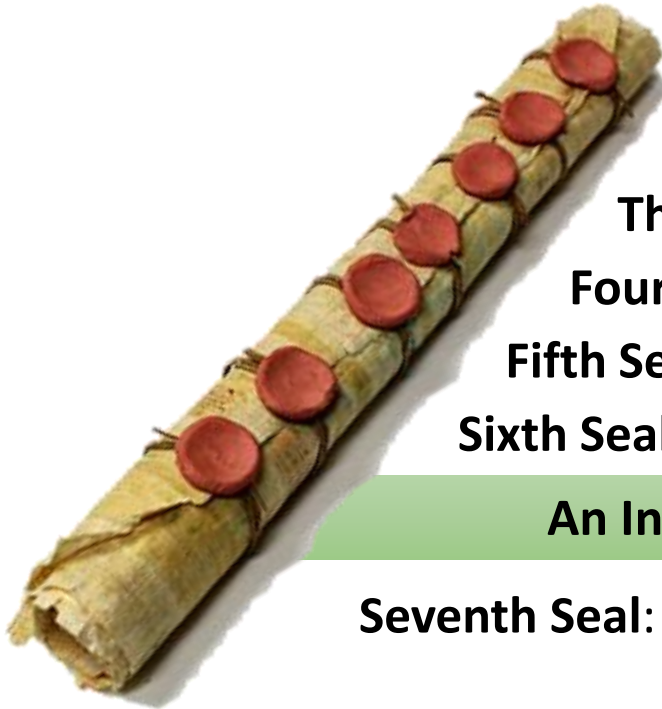
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The Covenant Structure: *five parts*

1. **Preamble:** Christ's lordship over the church
2. **Historical Prologue:** the individual church's record
3. **Ethical Stipulations:** obligations and warnings
4. **Sanctions:** curses and blessings
5. **Succession Arrangements:** promised future continuity of the covenant relationship



Sealed with Seven Seals



First Seal: 6:1-2

Second Seal: 6:3-4

Third Seal: 6:5-6

Fourth Seal: 6:7-8

Fifth Seal: 6:9-11

Sixth Seal: 6:12-17

An Interlude: 7:1-18 *Sealing of the Saints*

Seventh Seal: Chapters 8-11 *Seven Angels Sound Seven Trumpets*

...but in the days of the voice of the **seventh angel**, when he is about to **sound**, then the **mystery** of God is **finished**, as He preached to His servants the prophets. (10:7)



- I. **Six Seals Are Opened:** Judgment, 6:1-17
 - A. The **Four Horseman**
 - 1) The **First Seal**—White Horse: 6:1-2
 - 2) The **Second Seal**—Red Horse: War, 6:3-4
 - 3) The **Third Seal**—Black Horse: Famine, 6:5-6
 - 4) The **Fourth Seal**—Ashen Horse: Death, 6:7-8
 - B. The **Fifth Seal**—Martyrs: 6:9-11
 - C. The **Sixth Seal**—Terror: 6:12-17
- II. **The 144,000:** The sealing of the Saints, 6:1-17
 - A. An **Interlude**: 7:1-3
 - B. The **Number Sealed**: 7:4-8
 - C. The **Great Multitude**: 7:9-17





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Parallels between the Synoptic Gospels and the Book of Revelation

Revelation 6

1. War (v1-2)
2. International strife (v3-4)
3. Famine (v5-6)
4. Pestilence (v7-8)
5. Persecution (v9-10)
6. Earthquake; De-creation (v12-17)

Matthew 24

1. Wars (v6)
2. International strife (v7a)
3. Famines (v7b)
4. Earthquakes (v7c)
5. Persecutions (v9-13)
6. De-creation (v15-31)

Mark 13

1. Wars (v7)
2. International strife (v8a)
3. Earthquakes (v8b)
4. Famines (v8c)
5. Persecutions (v9-13)
6. De-creation (v14-27)

Luke 21

1. Wars (v. 9)
2. International strife (v10)
3. Earthquakes (v11a)
4. Plagues and famines (v11b)
5. Persecution (v12-19)
6. De-creation (v20-27)



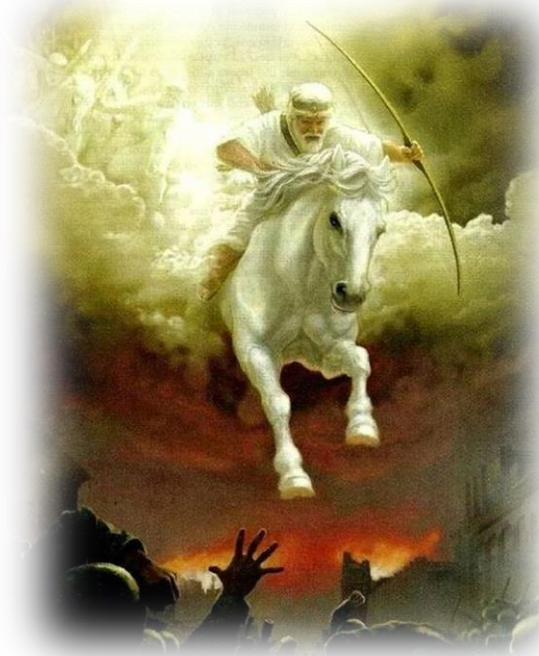
1 The First Seal—White Horse

¹ Then I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, “Come.”

² I looked, and behold, a **white horse**, and he who sat on it had a **bow**; and a **crown** was given to him, and he went out conquering and to **conquer**.

He who **conquers**, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My Throne, as I also **conquered** and sat down with My Father on His Throne. (3:21)

Jesus – Revelation 19:11-16



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The Second Seal—War!

³ When He broke the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, “Come.”

⁴ And another, a **red horse**, went out; and to him who sat on it, it was granted to take **peace** from the earth, and that men would **slay** one another; and a great **sword** was given to him.

“It was then common to see cities filled with dead bodies, still lying unburied, and those of old men, mixed with infants, all dead, and scattered about together; women also lay amongst them.” JOSEPHUS



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The Third Seal—Famine!

⁵ When He broke the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, “Come.” I looked, and behold, a **black horse**; and he who sat on it had a **pair of scales** in his hand.

⁶ And I **heard** something like a voice in the center of the four living creatures saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not damage the oil and the wine.”

“As the famine grew worse, the frenzy of the insurgents kept pace with it, and every day both these horrors burned more fiercely.” JOSEPHUS





The Fourth Seal—Death!

⁷ When the Lamb broke the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, “Come.”

⁸ I looked, and behold, an **ashen horse**; and he who sat on it had the name **Death**; and **Hades** was following with him. Authority was given to them over a **fourth** of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.



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The Fifth Seal—Martyrs

⁹ When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the **altar** the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; ¹⁰ and they cried out with a loud voice, saying,

“How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and **avenging our blood** on those who dwell on the earth?”



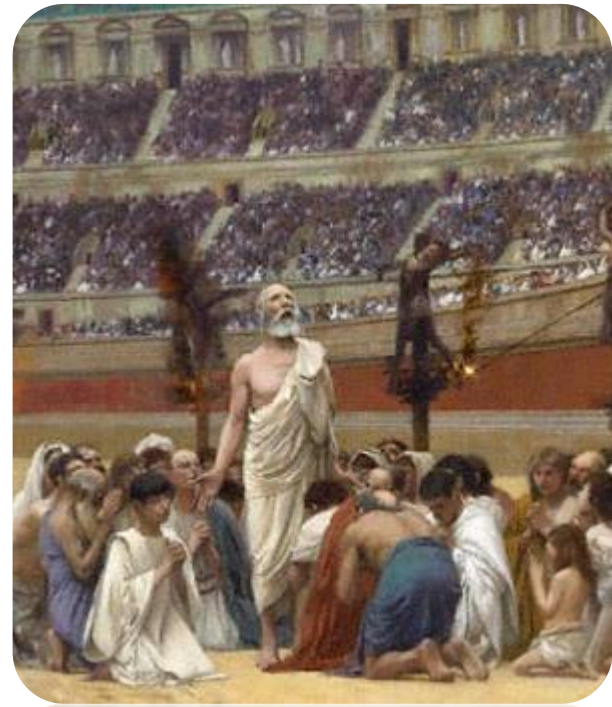
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The Fifth Seal—Martyrs

¹¹ And there was given to each of them a **white robe**; and 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.

The cup of iniquity was almost full!



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The Sixth Seal—Terror!

¹² I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great **earthquake**; and the **sun** became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole **moon** became like blood; ¹³ and the **stars** of the sky fell to the earth, as a fig tree casts its unripe figs when shaken by a great wind. ¹⁴ The **sky** was split apart like a scroll when it is rolled up, and every **mountain** and **island** were moved out of their places.



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The Sixth Seal—Terror!

¹⁵ Then the **kings** of the earth and the **great men** and the **commanders** and the **rich** and the **strong** and every **slave** and **free** man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains; ¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, “**Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;**” ¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?”



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Six Seals

A pause...

Seventh Seal



An Interlude-sealing

After this I saw **four** angels standing at the **four** corners of the earth, **holding back the four winds** of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth or on the sea or on any **tree**. 2 And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, 3 saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees **until we have sealed the bond-servants** of our God on their foreheads.”

Winds = Judgment

Though he flourishes among the reeds,
An east wind will come, The wind of the Lord coming
up from the wilderness; And his fountain will become
dry And his spring will be dried up; It will plunder his
treasury of every precious article. 16 Samaria will be
held guilty, For she has rebelled against her God.
They will fall by the sword, Their little ones will be
dashed in pieces, And their pregnant women will be
ripped open. **Hosea 13:15-16**

Seal = Ownership/protection

Seen in **Ezekiel 9:1-7**; A symbol of a true
relationship with God (see Exodus 28:36)

Promised protection: Luke 21:16-19

Chapter **7**
The 144,000



144,000 – Sealed

And I heard the number of those who were sealed, **one hundred and forty-four thousand sealed** from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵

- from the tribe of Judah, twelve thousand were sealed,
- from the tribe of Reuben **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Gad **twelve thousand**, ⁶
- from the tribe of Asher **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Naphtali **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Manasseh **twelve thousand**, ⁷
- from the tribe of Simeon **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Levi **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Issachar **twelve thousand**, ⁸
- from the tribe of Zebulun **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Joseph **twelve thousand**,
- from the tribe of Benjamin, **twelve thousand** were sealed.



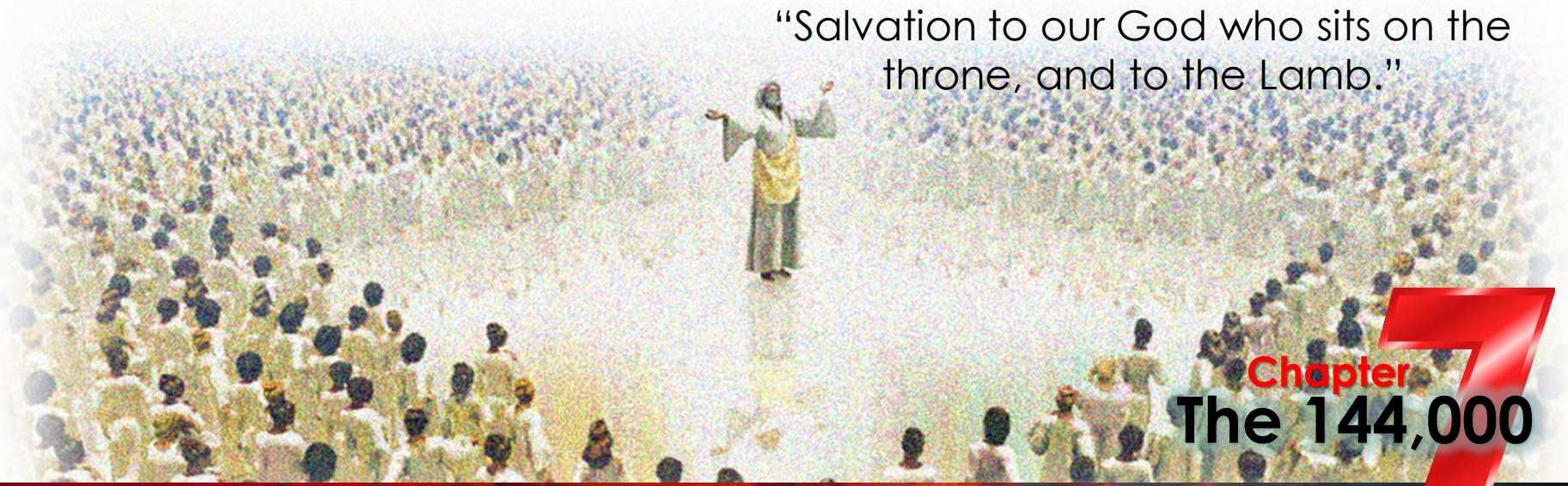
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144,000 – a great multitude

After these things I **looked**, and behold, a **great multitude** which **no one could count**, from **every nation** and **all tribes** and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; ¹⁰ and they cry out with a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”



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144,000 – a great multitude

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying,

“Amen, blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might, be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”



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144,000 – who are they?

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, “These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?”

14 I said to him, “My lord, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones who come out of the **great tribulation**, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Matthew 24:21; Mark 13:19



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144,000 – where are they?

15 For this reason, they are before the **throne of God**; and they **serve** Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. 16 They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat; 17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe every tear from their eyes."



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CHRISTUS VINCIT
CHRISTUS REONAT
CHRISTUS IMPERAT

Christ conquers, He reigns, He commands.