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Teaching – David Hughes  
**Book of The Revelation of Jesus Christ**  
**The Seven Seals**  
**Rev. 5:1-7:17**

**This is the larger, more general outline of the last things to take place. Inside of the Seals will be found all of the general information, information that will be fleshed out and made more specific later on in the book of Revelation. Still to come are the Trumpets, Plagues, Vials, etc., along with the various parentheses that describe in increasing detail what will be happening as these unfold. Each iteration brings more detailed information about the topic at hand.**

- I. The First Seal. 6:1-2**
  - a. White Horse. 6:2**
  - b. Rider with Bow.**
  - c. Crown on Rider's head.**
  - d. He went forth conquering and to conquer.**
    - i. The conquering of the collective mind.**
    - ii. The instilling of the Anti-Christ philosophy and worldview.**
- II. The Second Seal. 6:3-4**
  - a. Red Horse.**
  - b. Rider with great sword takes peace from the earth and drives people to kill one another.**
  - c. Wars and rumors of wars? Mt. 24:6-8.**
  - d. Clash of cultures.**
    - i. Islam vs. West**
  - e. Clash of Economic structures**
    - i. West vs. China/Russia**
- III. The Third Seal. 6:5-6**
  - a. Black Horse.**
  - b. Rider with a pair of Balances in hand.**
  - c. Famine(?). Working all day for a measure of wheat or three measures of barley.**
    - i. Mt. 24:6-8**
  - d. No hurting of the "oil and the wine." Possible clear dichotomy between the majority poor and the small minority rich who are fine.**
- IV. The Fourth Seal. 6:7-8**
  - a. Pale Horse.**
  - b. "Death" is seated on this horse.**
  - c. "Hell" followed "Death."**
  - d. Power is given to both Death and Hell over 25% of the world to kill people with sword, starvation, beasts of the earth, and death.**
    - Note: with over 6 billion people in the world today, at least 1.5 billion people will perish in this "Great Tribulation."**
  - e. See Carderelli Newsletter.**
- V. The Fifth Seal. 6:9-11. (Mt. 24:9)**

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- a. Souls of people are seen under the altar in heaven who had been killed on account of the Word of God and the testimony they held. Great Tribulation and martyrdom of Christians.
  - b. These cry out to God for blood vengeance to be had on those who yet dwell on the earth, asking how long it will be before God does this.
  - c. Each one of them received a white robe.
  - d. They were told to rest for a little while longer, till their brothers who were going to be killed as they had been killed should be fulfilled.
- VI. The Sixth Seal. 6:12-17. (Mt. 24:29-31)
- a. A great earthquake.
  - b. Sun being darkened.
  - c. Moon becoming blood.
  - d. Stars of heaven falling to the earth.
  - e. The heaven being rolled up as a scroll.
  - f. Every mountain and island being moved out of place.
  - g. Kings, great men, the rich, generals, strong warriors, every slave and every free man go to hiding themselves in the caves and around the rocks of the mountains.
  - h. All of them plead with the rocks and mountains to hide them from the face of the One who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb.
    - i. This is a forewarning of the imminent return of Christ to the earth, His wrath being displayed in a-h here.
    - ii. The “day of wrath” is a relatively short period of time; maybe even a day in length.
  - i. A-h is an encapsulated look at the Wrath of God, a fuller description of which follows in the Trumpets and Vials.

Here, there is a parenthesis taken before picking up again with the Seventh Seal. This parenthesis runs the length of chpt. 7 and gives us information concerning the sealing of 12,000 people from each tribe of Israel, and concerning the Christian martyrs who were slain in that Great Tribulation generally described in the Fourth Seal, and mentioned specifically in the Fifth Seal.

### Jews on Earth:

- 7:1-8. The sealing of 144,000 from Israel.
  - 12,000 from each tribe.
  - The sealing of these takes place ahead of the order to hurt the earth and the sea.

### Gentiles in Heaven: (6:9—the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal)

- 7:9-17. Those killed in the Great Tribulation.
  - They are from every country, tribe, kindred, and language.
  - They are a great multitude that could not be counted.
  - They are clothed in white robes.
  - They will never experience any kind of pain ever again.

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- VII. The Seventh Seal. 8:1-11:19(?)**
- a. **This Seal does not really contain its own information in the same way as the previous six Seals, but is a door opening to the Seven Trumpets which will contain further and more elaborate information in keeping with the cycling style of the Jewish Apocalyptic presentation of The Revelation, and describing more fully what is happening in the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal.**
  - b. **8:1. Silence in heaven for a half hour follows the opening of the Seventh Seal.**
  - c. **8:2-5. While the seven angels with the Seven Trumpets are waiting to sound their Trumpets, another angel offers up to God incense along with the prayers of the Saints.**
  - d. **Fire from the altar is cast to earth creating quite a stir on the earth ahead of the Trumpets.**

**Note: The Seven Trumpets are contained within the Seventh Seal. 8:1-11:19.**

**Q: Where is the Church? Within any Seal, Trumpet, or Vial, if you can place the Church, you can better determine the timing of that S, T, or V.**

**Q: Is there information in the Trumpets and Vials indicating that any of them are taking place *before* the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal and the Wrath of God?**

**Q: Is there more than 1 gathering of the elect? Mt. 24:31; Rev. 14:15-16; 1Thes. 4:15-17.**

**Q: Is the Great Multitude of Rev. 7:9 the *raptured* Church or is it dead Tribulation Saints? (They are the Rev. 6:9 martyrs, not the raptured Church.**