

In Revelation 6:1 to 8:5, the scroll sealed with seven seals is opened by Jesus. This marks the start of Daniel's 70th week, and begins the chastisement of sin and darkness worldwide.

First Seal Rev 6:1&2

The rider on a white horse is a spirit that empowers deceptive religion.

Second Seal Rev 6:3&4

The rider on a red horse is a spirit that takes peace, civility from the earth.

Third Seal Rev 6:5&6

The rider on a black horse is a spirit that initiates famine, economic collapse.

Fourth Seal Rev 6:7&8

The rider on a pale horse is a spirit that brings death to 1/4 of the earth.

a. With the first four seals we are being shown the commissioning of the four spirits who initiate the 7-year Tribulation period. These four spirits will operate within the assignments given by God, progressively increasing in scope and intensity.

b. These events affect people worldwide, on at least one fourth of the earth's surface. This is the Beginning of Sorrows.

c. These events relate to an unknown time yet in the future, but we could envision them beginning in the first half of the Tribulation period.

Note: Believers may be allowed to experience the purifying effects of the Beginning of Sorrows.

Fifth Seal Rev 6:9-11

A vision of martyrs in heaven; previous martyrs are told that more are coming.

Sixth Seal Rev 6:12-17

A vision of the heavens; a prelude of the soon-to-be-darkened heavens, and then, seen on the earth - a prelude of men's soon-to-be-experienced fear.

d. These two seals comprise two separate visions that are to be received as preparation for what is coming.

e. They show the ones who are appointed for martyrdom on earth, and also those who will become fearfully convicted...

f. ...during the Great Tribulation that follows.

Note: See illustration #25 to find these six seals in the Gospels; Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21

Seventh Seal Rev 8:1-5

Silence in heaven for half an hour; the prayers of believers are released and the seven trumpets introduced. Thunder, lightning and commotion originating in heavenly realms.

g. The events of the seventh seal originate in heavenly realms.

h. Angels administer the prayers of believers. The heavens are preparing for the events to come.

i. The breaking of this seal allows the trumpet judgments to come forth.