

CHAPTER XVI

THE SEVENTH SEAL: THE FINAL DESTRUCTION ON THE WORLD

The great Prophet Daniel, when in vision, saw the saints in great conflict at the hands of the nations coming through the centuries, asked the angel of the events of the end. Now we have come to that period of time. At this point in our study, let us again notice the question of the prophet to the angel (***Daniel 12:8-9 [see appendix]***); the prophet asked what would be the end of the “Beast”. But the angel did not tell him, for the events were sealed up in a little book with seven seals. Already the angel had made it clear that the seals would be broken at the “time of the end of the Beast”, or the “ending of these wonders”. Notice verse Daniel 12:4 ***[see appendix]***; now the “Little Book” is open and we have come to the last chapter in the drama of life. At this point, the resurrection has passed and the saints are in heaven rejoicing with the angels and all saints of all time; viewing the glory, which Christ had before the foundation of the world.

A “hush period” of silence now prevails in heaven, stopping all of the music and rejoicing of the saints. It seems as though the attention of all heaven has been called to something. The Lamb has opened the seventh seal of the “Little Book”. The angel of the altar took his censer in which he had offered up the prayers of all saints and filled it with coals from the altar and cast it down to the earth; and there were voices, great thundering and earthquake in the earth. The voice of God will walk up and down through the earth with great thundering and lightening. This event will mark the end of the “2300 days” of prophetic time, starting at the foot of the cross of Christ, to the casting down of the censer from heaven. Now between the cross and this event of the seventh seal, twenty-three hundred (2300) years is measured off between them. This is exactly what one angel gave the other as an answer to his question on the end of all of the wonders in the hearing of the prophet in our behalf.

Already we have noticed the twenty-three hundred (2300) years and we ask that your attention be called to our booklet on this entitled, *The Sanctuary and the Judgment*. Here we are dealing at this point with chapter eight of Revelation, the closing seal, carrying with it the “seven trumpets” and the “seven vials” of the wrath of God. Two turning points are found in the seventh seal for the worse. The whole truth is that under this seal we have fourteen (14) plagues by which the destruction shall be completed against the world. They are divided into two sections: 7 to the section. The first section is covered by the seven (7) “woe” trumpets. Under the seventh seal and the last seven plagues are carried within it the seven (7) “vials” of the wrath of God, in which all destruction is completed.