## **CHAPTER VII**

## THE FIFTH SEAL IS OPENED: THE JUDGMENT

The fifth seal is removed from the Little Book and the chapter, which concealed the mysteries of God under the fifth seal, and it is now opened to us. Let us notice verses 9, 10 and 11. We read: (v9) "AND WHEN HE HAD OPENED THE FIFTH SEAL, I SAW UNDER THE ALTAR THE SOULS OF THEM THAT WERE SLAIN FOR THE WORD OF GOD, AND FOR THE TESTIMONY WHICH THEY HELD: (v10) AND THEY CRIED WITH A LOUD VOICE, SAYING, HOW LONG, O LORD, HOLY AND TRUE, DOST THOU NOT JUDGE AND AVENGE OUR BLOOD ON THEM THAT DWELL ON THE EARTH?" We wish it clear at this point that we are dealing with events, which are concealed by the mysteries of God, having to do with Mankind in the finishing of all things on the earth. What is important to us now is to pinpoint its opening and what sign or event do we have that prove it; all of which must be found in the scripture in connection with the seal and the Little Book. Therefore, a careful study of the scripture with prayer is in order and the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth concerning these seals.

A question may come to one as to what time the fifth seal was opened. First, we must know when the Little Book is presented to the Church, for the Lord has said to Prophet John "... THOU MUST PROPHESY AGAIN..." And at such time "... THE MYSTERIES OF GOD IS TO BE FINISHED..." Because the first knowledge of the Little Book was with Daniel, we must notice from him as to what time it is to open. Your attention is called to Daniel 12:9. We read: "AND HE SAID, GO THY WAY DANIEL FOR THE WORDS ARE CLOSED UP AND SEALED TILL THE TIME OF THE END." Thus, the Prophet Daniel placed its opening at the time of the "End", and as soon as we reach the time, then all things bound up in the seals will shortly come to pass.

Thus, the fifth seal brings us down to the closing of the "<u>Doors of Salvation</u>". On this, let us hear the statement from the mighty angel who has in his hands the Little Book (Revelation 10<sup>th</sup> chapter [see appendix]. However we will notice together verses 1 and 2, then verse 5 and 6. We read: (v1)"AND I SAW ANOTHER MIGHTY ANGEL COME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, CLOTHED WITH A CLOUD: AND A RAINBOW WAS UPON HIS HEAD, AND HIS FACE WAS IT WERE THE SUN, AND HIS FEET AS PILLARS OF FIRE: (V2) AND HE HAD IN HIS HAND A LITTLE BOOK OPEN: AND HE SET HIS RIGHT FOOT UPON THE SEA, AND HIS LEFT FOOT ON THE EARTH." With this now compare verses 5 and 6: (v5)"AND THE ANGEL WHICH I SAW STAND UPON THE SEA AND UPON THE EARTH LIFTED UP HIS HAND TO HEAVEN, (v6) AND SWARE BY HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER AND EVER, WHO CREATED HEAVEN, AND THE THINGS THAT THEREIN ARE, AND THE EARTH, AND THE THING THAT THEREIN ARE, AND THE SEA, AND THE THINGS WHICH ARE THEREIN, THAT THERE SHOULD BE TIME NO LONGER:"

Already the prophet has set the opening of the Little Book at the time of the end. Now at this point the angel from heaven with the Little Book open in his hands, has declared that time of salvation is no longer; at the time of the opening of the Little Book. When the prophet had taken the Little Book from the angel and ate it, we see that the angel had already declared that time was no longer; thus the fifth seal revealed the beginning of the judgment of God on earth, of which God had shown to the Prophet John that, "thou must prophesy again".

The "Spirit of Prophecy" shall be given to two (2) more men as is seen in Revelation 11<sup>th</sup> chapter. (NOTE: "...AND THEY SHALL PROPHESY OF THE JUDGMENT OF PLAGUES AS THEY COME ON THE EARTH.") This is not of *salvation*, for it is closed. Thus, the knowledge of the contents of the Little Book is not given (having to do with the seals) until the "Doors of Mercy" are closed. And even then, it is given only to the saints, for the angel said to the Prophet Daniel, "THE WISE WOULD UNDERSTAND, BUT THE WICKED SHALL DO WICKEDLY AND NONE OF THEM SHALL UNDERSTAND."

These things will never be understood by the false system of religion; thus, under the fifth seal the heavenly court is opened in which all earth was on trial for the deeds done in this life. Again let us notice the heavenly court in which we were on trial from our records (*Daniel 7:9-10* [see appendix]). This was exactly what was done when the fifth seal was opened. Verses 9, 10 and 11 of Revelation 6<sup>th</sup> chapter will make this clear [see appendix]. Now notice what the saints said and the answer given to them closely, as we compare with other scriptures. Then notice Revelation 8:3-4[see appendix]. This is the great atonement that took place in the judgment. If you notice verse three closely, it will tell you that the offering of incense was made for the prayers of all saints of all time. Now that the apostle tells us all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, verse 9 of Revelation 6<sup>th</sup> chapter tells us that the souls of the slain of the Lord were seen under the altar. What the prophet saw here were our records, which the angels made on our lives (so perfectly done) of all we have done, or said and of our suffering; even where we were born is recorded and stands as "US" before the judgment throne of God (Job16:19 and I John 5:7 [see appendix]). (Note: There are many other scriptures at our command on this point.)

It is clear that the saints do not stand **in person** before God in the judgment in heaven, but all is judged from their records. Every prayer of ours is recorded on records when we ask of God for salvation; and in the judgment our records were processed in the smoke of the censer to make them pure and acceptable unto God. And at the same time, our prayers become voices unto God and it was at this same point that the saints who were slain in the Dark Ages raised their voices in judgment against the Beast. That is what the fifth seal opens: the judgment, in which time the prayers of both the "quick (living) and the dead" are heard and processed (at the same time). All rewards are made out (at the same time) and applied to each record that stands before God.

Now at this point, I will show you the duties of the 24 Elders in our behalf *(Revelation 5:8 [see appendix])*. Now back to the souls under the altar (verse 10 of Revelation 6). This shows that the saints ask for divine judgment – against the Catholic Church – of which it will get under this seal. But as for the atonement in heaven, we ask you to compare this with the earthly work done under the Levitical system to be able to gain more knowledge of the heavenly atonement. This was called, "The Day of Judgment".