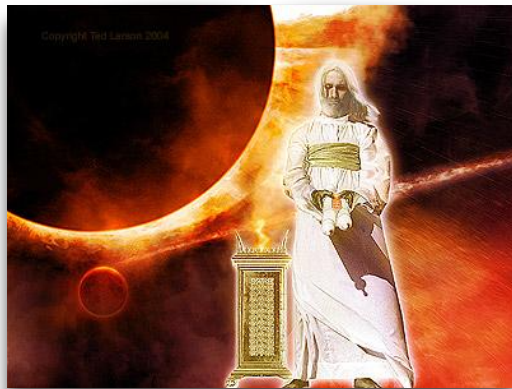
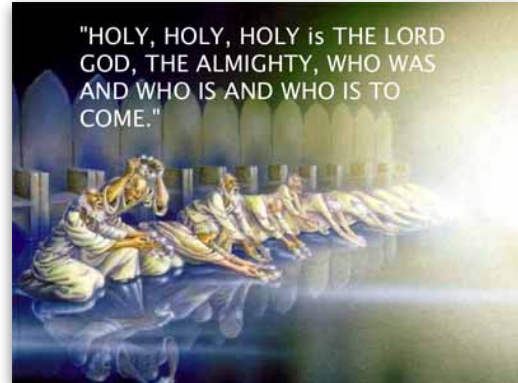


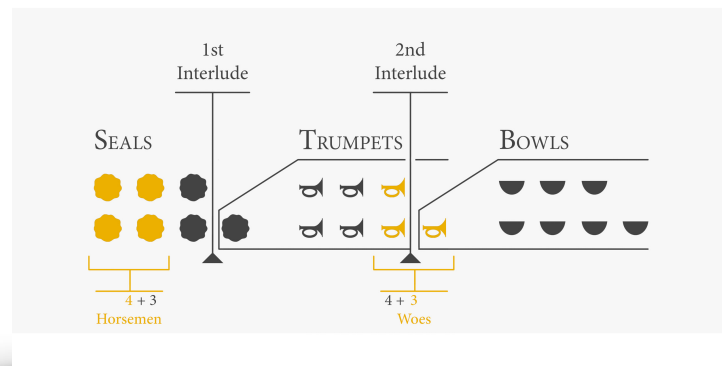
Revelation - Chapter 6 & 7 Summary Judgements Begin & Worship in Heaven

John's incredible visit to the throne room of God continues. John has just witnessed all of God's creation including the 4 living creatures, the 24 elders, a myriad of angels and all created beings in the universe in a mighty chorus of praise to God. Their praises begin with a hymn of creation ending with a hymn of redemption anticipating paradise lost becoming paradise regained.



Jesus, the only One worthy to open the title deed to the Earth and finish the redemption of mankind and the fallen earth, begins to break open the seals of divine wrath that signal the terrible judgements of God on the world at the end of the age, climaxing in the second coming of Jesus.

The seven seals on the title deed of the earth represent specific divine judgments that will be poured out sequentially on the earth. The opening of the seals occurs after the Church is raptured (Rev 3:10) during the Tribulation Period. Severe judgement is coming and God has everything under control. Within the seven seals are also the trumpet and bowl judgements. The seventh of each series opens a new series of judgements more severe than the last.



The Four Horsemen of the the Apocalypse

First Seal: Rider on White Horse - False Peace

He will promise a golden age of peace and prosperity. In gratitude, the world will honor him and elevate him to the position of supreme leadership.

Second Seal: Rider on Red Horse - War

Peace is short lived as world wide war breaks out.

Third Seal: Rider on Black Horse - Famine

Desolation and despair will flood the world as famine and poverty result from world wide war.

Fourth Seal: Rider on Ashen Horse - Death

Death is followed by Hades as God gives them authority to kill one quarter of those living in the earth by sword, famine, pestilence and wild beasts.



Fifth Seal: Divine Judgment for the Martyrs Under the Altar

The Martyrs are slain (or slaughtered) during the Tribulation because of the Word of God & their testimony (Rom 11:25-26). The whole world will be worshipping Antichrist & those who don't will be considered blasphemers, persecuted and killed. Those who come to faith in Christ during the Tribulation period will

face the greatest persecution the world has ever known (Matt 24:21).

Sixth Seal: Terror

A great earthquake shakes the entire globe. The sun is veiled and the moon appears dark red from the putrid air and the heavens rain down meteors. There is no where to hide and all the peoples of the world panic. They acknowledge God's judgments but flee from God in frenzied fear. They will cry out to the rocks and mountains to fall on them; they would rather die than face the wrath of holy God.



As we are given a rest from the judgements in chapter seven, John describes the two groups who will be saved in the Great Tribulation:



The 144,000 Sealed Jews

One group of 144,000 Jews will be sealed symbolizing God's protection and ownership and then given special protection during the remaining divine judgements. They will be the most effective missionaries the world has ever seen. More people, both Jews and Gentiles, will come to know Christ during the Tribulation period than any other period in time. This will fulfill God's promise to His people through the prophets Ezekiel and Zephaniah.

The Great Multitude

The 144,000 are successful in their missionary work as John sees a "great multitude which no one could number, from all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Rev 7:9). These are the ones who receive Jesus as Lord and Savior during the Tribulation Period. No longer under the altar they are standing and have received their vengeance from God and their reward. They are clothed in white robes symbolizing righteousness purchased by the blood of Christ and waving palm branches associated in Scripture with celebration, deliverance and joy.



In this age when Christianity is under siege, it is comforting to be reassured of the ultimate triumph of God's saving grace. The church will be delivered before the Tribulation and great multitudes of people will be saved in the midst of the terrors of divine judgment, both Gentiles and Jews (Rom 11:26).

You too can escape the coming judgment during the Tribulation Period. God says in the Bible that He wants all to be saved. Confess with your mouth that you want Jesus to be your Lord and Savior and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead to die for your sins, you will be saved and spend eternity with God in heaven.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NASB95)