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The seven seals of Revelation chapters five and six give us the specialized knowledge and wisdom we must have *sealed into our foreheads* (i.e., our minds) in order to successfully navigate our way through the time of Satan's great deception, when he comes to this earth in his role as the spurious messiah -- the false Christ -- and begins to rule over the world from Jerusalem.

In other words, the seven seals are *not* composed of actions taking place in the here and now. Instead, the seven seals are prophetic descriptions of future events. They're composed of the *knowledge* of the specific events we need to understand *before the fact*, so we can make it through Satan's great deception with our faith and spiritual well-being intact.

In short, the seven seals reveal the *game plan*, so to speak -- knowledge and hidden wisdom that God's faithful servants need to know *in advance* about the events of the end. This is quite unlike the seven trumpets and the seven vials of the book of Revelation, which prophetically describe the game plan *in action*, as it happens, blow-by-blow.

As you'll see in this study, the specialized knowledge contained in the seven seals of Revelation had at one time been sealed up for a very long time -- essentially from the time of Daniel the prophet "unto the time of the end."

But in this *final generation* of the fig tree, which began in 1948 with the rebirth of the nation of Israel in the Middle East, that sealed up knowledge has been graciously *unsealed* and *opened* to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Therefore, since there's quite literally *no way* to overcome Satan's deception in these end days without an intimate knowledge of the seven seals and their hidden wisdom, and since our Lord and Savior has released this knowledge and wisdom to us for our own spiritual well-being in this final generation, it's our most profound *duty* to mine the rich veins of knowledge and wisdom that flow through God's Word in order to obtain the precious knowledge He's so graciously released to us.

With those thoughts in mind, let's start digging...

What's a Seal?

In days of old, written documents were generally in the form of papyrus scrolls.

If the information written in a scroll was deemed to be secret, or if the scroll was to be kept in storage for a long period of time, it could be rolled up and sealed with one or more wax seals to prevent others from reading the information, and to protect the scroll itself.

The wax seals were typically placed across the opening of the scroll, lengthwise, so that the scroll couldn't be unrolled and read without the seals being removed. When the scroll was delivered to the individual meant to read it, the wax seals could then be inspected to make sure the information contained within was still intact. Then the wax seals could be carefully removed so the scroll could be unrolled and read.

When the Sealing Took Place

In the great book of Daniel, chapters 10-12, the prophet Daniel was given a highly detailed vision from God about the events that will occur in the end days leading up to Christ's arrival. That vision was later explained to him, in part, by the archangel Gabriel.

But Daniel, who was notorious for writing down the things revealed to him, was ordered by Gabriel not to publish or otherwise distribute the words, but instead, to *seal them up in a scroll* and put them away "to the time of the end" (Daniel 12:4).

Let's take a quick look at the relevant nine verses in Daniel chapter 12 and see what we might learn about the sealing of the scroll containing the account of Daniel's vision of the end days:

Dan 12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered [i.e., rescued] every one that shall be found written in the book.

The phrase “that time” is referring to the *end times*, meaning the final generation before the end of this flesh earth age, culminating in Christ’s Second Advent and the institution of the Millennium teaching period.

Michael is the archangel of God’s People true Israel. The event described above takes place in the final days of this flesh earth age, when Michael and his angels stand up against Satan and his angels during that great war in heaven described in Revelation 12:7-9. Here’s what the prophetic Scripture says in those verses:

“And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.” (Revelation 12:7-9)

At the very end of that war, Satan and his fallen angels will get booted out of heaven by Michael and his angels, and sent to this earth. In other words, the heavenly warfare spills over onto the earth at that point. And, as Daniel 12:1 told us, that warfare ushers in “*...a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time.*”

Yes, at that time, astonishing events unlike any that have ever transpired on this earth will begin coming to pass. I’m speaking, of course, of the great tribulation (Matthew 24:21), which is also known as “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7).

What’s more, as Daniel 12:1 tells us, it will be at that specific time that God’s faithful servants will be “delivered,” which is to say, they’ll be *rescued* from Satan’s grasp after being betrayed to Satan by well-meaning friends and family members who will fervently, albeit unwittingly, believe him to be the Messiah of God (Mark 13:9-13).

Indeed, God’s elect will stand trial “before rulers and kings” (Mark 13:9) for refusing to bow to Satan in his role as the false Christ. And during those great trials our heavenly Father Himself will speak through the mouths of His servants, bowling the world over with the truth (Mark 13:11; Luke 21:15).

Let’s keep moving through these first nine verses of Daniel 12, so we can see when the events of the end are sealed up. As it’s written:

Dan 12:2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Every individual who’s ever lived and died on this earth will be awoken at that time, which is to say, they’ll be *abruptly jarred awake* to the truth. It will be abundantly obvious to them.

And those who are found to have been seeking, embracing and faithfully defending God’s Word against Satan’s deception will gain everlasting life. But those who cavalierly rejected the truth will garner for themselves “shame and everlasting contempt.”

In other words, short of repentance during the Millennium teaching period, they'll be sentenced to die in the lake of fire, along with the devil himself, as documented in Revelation 20:10-15.

Dan 12:3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

The wise are those who understand and embrace God's Word of truth, and reject the vain religious traditions of man being taught in the churches today. They, like *you* today, seek out the wisdom hidden within God's Word, including knowledge of the seven seals, and they share that knowledge with others. For their faithfulness to God's Word, they'll be granted eternal life.

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and SEAL THE BOOK, even to the time of the end**; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

The word "book," in the above verse, means "a scroll of writing." In other words, a message written within a scroll.

During Daniel's time, the knowledge of the events of the end days was "shut up" (i.e., kept secret) and sealed. It was not yet time for that precious knowledge to be understood. But at the "time of the end" -- which is to say, during the final generation of this flesh age in which we now live -- the knowledge would be *unsealed* -- i.e., released to God's faithful servants in order to spiritually strengthen them.

It's that knowledge we'll be looking at throughout the course of this study. For the sake of time, let's skip down to verse eight in order to further verify that the unsealing of that precious knowledge does not take place until "the time of the end":

Dan 12:8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, **what shall be the end of these things?**

Daniel wanted to know *when* and *how* it would all end. He didn't fully understand the vision that had been given to him, nor the explanation of that vision from Gabriel.

Dan 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: **for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.**

So for a second time Daniel was told by the archangel Gabriel that the knowledge of the key events of the end of this age were "closed up and sealed till the time of the end."

That's *our* time, beloved. It's the time of the final generation of this flesh earth age, which began with the planting of the fig tree in 1948, which is to say, the re-establishment of the nation of Israel in the holy land.

In a moment, when we go to the great book of Revelation, we'll see a "book" (i.e., scroll) in heaven which had been sealed with seven seals. And we'll learn that out of all of God's faithful

servants in heaven, none of them *except for one person* had been found worthy to open the scroll and release the knowledge contained therein. And that one person, quite naturally, is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ Opens the Seals

With all of that as background, let's now examine, one-by-one, each of the seven seals being opened by our Lord and Savior on that heavenly scroll. And as each seal is opened by Him, let's also examine Christ's corresponding words in Mark chapter 13, which, as you'll see, brings further clarity and insight to the knowledge contained within the seals.

You see, in Mark 13 the disciples Peter, James, John and Andrew asked the Lord privately the very same questions Daniel had asked the archangel Gabriel. The disciples inquired of Him, "...when shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?"

In other words, they wanted to know when the end would come, and what Christians should look for as signs of the end. And Christ answered them by teaching them the seven seals, in brief, without telling them that's what they were learning.

Bear with me and you'll see what I mean as we first jump into Revelation chapter 5 and watch the seals being opened by our Lord and Savior. As it's written:

Rev 5:1 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, **sealed with seven seals.**

Again, the word "book" should have been translated "scroll of writing," or simply "scroll."

Seven is the Biblical number of spiritual completion. In other words, the scroll was *completely sealed*. As we learned from Daniel chapter 12, the understanding of the events contained within the seven seals simply wasn't made available to flesh men. It was sealed up from us until this final generation, i.e., "the time of the end."

Rev 5:2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

God had promised Daniel that the knowledge of the end would be unsealed. But who could possibly open those seals and release that knowledge?

Rev 5:3 And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

Rev 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

We're simply not worthy, beloved. None of us. We're all sinners. But there's One Who is indeed worthy, for He was sinless. And He willingly gave His life in payment for the sins of God's children. The knowledge of the end times is *His* to release to His faithful servants in the final days of this flesh earth age.

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

Christ Jesus is the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is the root (i.e., descendent offspring) of King David. And He has prevailed (which is to say, He was victorious over death), making Him, and Him *alone*, worthy to open the book and remove the seven seals, so that the crucial knowledge they contain regarding the events of the end could be released to God's faithful servants in this final generation.

Rev 5:6 And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Christ is the Lamb of God.

The "elders," as we'll see in verse 8 below, are 24 in number. In other words, they represent the 12 apostles and the 12 fathers of the tribes of Israel. They're our elders in the faith.

Next we see the seven horns on the Lamb. As noted earlier, the number seven in Biblical numerics represents *completeness*. And throughout the Scripture, horns have almost always represented *power*. So this is symbolic of the Lamb having *complete power*. He's our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the physical manifestation of God Almighty.

Finally, we see here the "seven eyes" which are the "seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth." Symbolically speaking, these are Christ's seven thousand faithful Zadok (Romans 11:4-5) in the final generation -- His just and faithful servants who faithfully stood by Him in the world that was at Satan's rebellion, and who continue to faithfully stand with Him on this earth in the final generation. These servants will not bow a knee to Satan (Romans 11:4) during Satan's reign as the false messiah. It's for the sake of the Zadok, as well as the 144,000 elect of Revelation 7, that the seals of knowledge are being opened by our Lord and Savior.

Rev 5:7 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Note that your prayers are considered precious by our Lord and Savior. They're even saved in golden vials, under the protection of the elders of God's People. And Christ considers them to

be like the sweet-smelling perfume of fine incense. Pray often, beloved. He saves every one of your prayers, so precious they are to Him.

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Only Christ Jesus was found worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof. Why? It's because He, as our kinsman redeemer, paid the price for the sins of all mankind.

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

That's right. For our faith in Him, and our service to Him, we'll reign on this earth as kings and priests under our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Lord of lords and King of kings. What a blessed reward!

Rev 5:11 And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;

Rev 5:12 Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Uncountable numbers of angels around God's throne now begin to sing to the Lamb, as the seals are about to be opened.

In verse 12 above, we see the seven spiritual gifts of Jesus Christ. If you'd like to share in those precious gifts, you must join with *Him* – the Living Word of God – and shun the vain religious traditions of man. When you're "one" with Him in spirit, these seven spiritual gifts are *yours* too, for they come directly from the Holy Spirit. But only He can give them to you, as a reward for your faithful works.

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

Rev 5:14 And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

And there we have it. Though no man was found worthy to open the seven seals to release the precious knowledge contained within the book, the Lamb of God, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, was found worthy to open those seals and release that precious and most vital knowledge to us in the final days of this flesh earth age.

Let's keep moving right into the next chapter to see what happens as the seals are opened, one-by-one. As you read and absorb the knowledge that's imparted as the seals are opened, it's important to understand that the symbolic events described in each seal are *not* in chronological order. Instead, they're given in their *order of their importance*. In other words, the events you need to understand the *most* are given *first*.

The First Seal: The Deception of the Antichrist

With that firmly in mind, let's get started learning the vital and profound knowledge hidden within each seal, as the Lord unseals them:

Rev 6:1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, **as it were the noise of thunder**, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see.

Rev 6:2 And I saw, and **behold a white horse**: and he that sat on him **had a bow**; and **a crown** was given unto him: **and he went forth conquering, and to conquer**.

Thunder is an after-effect of lightening. In other words, in nature, first you see the lightening, and only *afterwards* do you hear the thunder.

In Luke 10:18, Christ said to the apostles, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." So, Satan himself is the "lightning," symbolically speaking. But his physical arrival is *thunderous* in nature. It will shake the whole world when he shows up in Jerusalem, heals the deadly wound of Revelation 13:3-4 at the Temple Mount, and seats himself on that mount, claiming to be God (II Thessalonians 2:4).

It's important to understand that in Revelation 19:11-12 we're told that when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ arrives to this earth for His second advent, He comes riding on a great white horse. This is symbolic, of course, of His great vehicle, which in II Kings 2:12 the prophet Elisha called "the chariot of Israel and the horsemen thereof." It's that same, large, circular vehicle which the prophet Ezekiel saw, as described in Ezekiel chapter one, and which in Ezekiel 1:26-28 we learn carried not only God Himself, but His throne too. (If this information is new to you, see the detailed Bible study, [The Church and the Vehicles of God](#).)

But we're told in Revelation 19:11-12 that instead of having a *single* crown on His head, as the rider in Revelation 6:2 has, when our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ arrives "on His head were *many* crowns." This too is symbolic. It simply means that Jesus Christ is King over *all* nations. He is not just King over Israel. He is the King of *all* of the nations of the earth, and *all* of the earth's people. Therefore, He has *many* crowns.

So in the above verse, which describes the very first seal of knowledge, we see a *fake* Christ coming onto the scene, on a great white horse. This rider has only *one* crown on his head. So it's *not* our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It's the false messiah, arriving to conquer the people of this earth *through deception*. He comes to this earth *first*, before Christ's Second Advent (II

Thessalonians 2:1-4), in imitation of the arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That's how he "deceives the whole world."

And that's why, in Mark 13 where Christ gave His disciples a much shorter, parallel account of these seven seals, His very first of seven warning signs was, "*Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many*" (Mark 13:5-6).

Yes, Christ's first and most important warning in the parallel account of these seven seals of knowledge in Mark 13 was about deception. Satan and a great many of his fallen angels will be here on this earth at that soon-coming time, ushering in the false Kingdom wedding, and wooing unwitting Christians to join in.

You'll note in Revelation 6:2 above that the rider on the white horse also has a "bow." This is often falsely depicted, in paintings and in church tradition, as a hunter's bow. But that's not what it is, at all. When you examine the word "bow" in the original Greek, you'll see that it's a bow of *fabric*.

Indeed, in the original Greek, the word used is *toxon* (see Strong's #G-5115), which means a very simple or cheap form of fabric.

We know from Revelation 4:3 that there's a bright emerald *rainbow* around Christ's throne, which is symbolic of eternal life. But this bow held by the single-crowned rider on the white horse is just simple fabric – a cheap imitation of the real thing.

It's symbolic of the *fabric of lies* Satan bring with him, to deceive the people into worshipping him as "God." Spiritually speaking, He wants to clothe us all in that fabric of lies, thereby robbing us of our protective Gospel Armor (Ephesians 6) and of our white wedding garments which give us the right to sit at the "marriage supper of the Lamb" (Revelation 19:7-8).

You can even think of it, spiritually, as the fabric of lies he uses to produce the phony wedding garments for those who unwittingly embrace him, erroneously thinking he's Jesus, and rush off to attend his false "kingdom wedding."

It's unfortunate that the great majority of the Christian churches today teach that "Jesus can come at any moment now," when the Scriptures in II Thessalonians 2:1-4 clearly state that He *cannot* come until after the arrival of the "son of perdition" (II Thessalonians 2:3), which is to say, Satan in his role as the false messiah who arrives to this earth claiming to be God.

In teaching the "Jesus can come at any moment now" doctrine, these Christian ministers unwittingly set up their congregations to worship the first supernatural being who arrives to this earth claiming to be God Almighty Jesus Christ! And that supernatural being is this single-crowned rider on the white horse with the fake "bow."

So in this first sign mentioned by Christ Jesus in Mark 13, we can see the first seal of knowledge of Revelation chapter 6 more fully explained. It's representative of the deception of the

antichrist, which begins with “many” Christian preachers falling away from the truth, teaching the lie of the “Jesus can come at any moment now” doctrine, thereby leading entire congregations astray.

When Satan arrives to this earth in his role as the false messiah, with his coterie of fallen angels, the deceived multitudes of Christianity will heartily worship him, in ignorance, erroneously believing him to be our Lord and Savior. And they’ll have their preachers to thank for it.

In summary, the very *first* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the first and most important thing you need to understand regarding the final events of these end days -- is that the deception of the antichrist takes place first, *before* Christ’s Second Advent. Satan arrives to this earth on a great white horse (i.e., flying vehicle), in *imitation* of the true Messiah of God, with the goal of deceiving as many of God’s children as possible into worshiping him, instead of Christ Jesus.

The Second Seal: The Great Red Warhorse

Now that we see the first seal is the knowledge that the antichrist arrives to this earth *first*, in imitation of Jesus Christ, let’s move on to the second seal of knowledge:

Rev 6:3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see.

Rev 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

Is it not interesting that this great war horse is described as being *red* in color? Communism has always been directly linked to the color red, and in this final generation it’s been communism that has caused, directly or indirectly, more wars, and has cost more lives than any other political system or institution in existence.

For example, the Jewish Bolshevich communists caused the murders of many tens of millions of Russian Christians when they seized power from the Romanovs, who were the Christian rulers of Russia at that time, and who were directly related to the British Davidic royalty.

Soviet leader Stalin later murdered tens of millions more of his own people in order to seize and consolidate that communistic power. And millions more were murdered as Eastern Europe slowly fell under communist domination during the so-called Cold War.

Similarly, millions more innocent people were slaughtered under Chairman Mao in China as communism was ushered in there, in the late 1940’s and 1950’s. And millions more died as Tibet and other nations fell, one by one, under Chinese communist rule.

What’s more, it was Russian and Chinese arms that were used to cause the deaths of tens of thousands of our troops during the Korean conflict. It was Russian and Chinese arms that killed

over 55,000 of our troops in Vietnam. Even today it is primarily Russian and Chinese arms that are being used against our troops in the Middle East, as we continue to prosecute the so-called “global War on Terrorism.”

We also tend to forget about the communist insurgent strongholds throughout Central and South America, through which pro-communist bias is instilled in the populations of various countries there, resulting in warfare between the insurgents and the various national governments. This is ongoing, to this day, and to various degrees (think: communist Venezuela, once the jewel of South America, today a communist hellhole).

So while we may see different faces in the news, it’s the same “red” players always operating from behind the scenes, and causing the death and destruction across this old world.

And so it is that the great red war horse is still on the march in this final generation. And on a cursory level, that’s what this second seal is all about: physical warfare, in the final generation, caused by that great red war horse. Even after two world wars – which were supposed to have been the “wars to end all wars” -- it would be that old red war horse that would continue “to take peace from the earth” in this final generation.

But don’t miss the *hidden* meaning in this very important seal. We’ve learned in the very first seal that the false Christ will come to this earth, in imitation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

We know from the great book of Daniel and other parts of the Scriptures that when the false Christ arrives, imitating Jesus Christ, he will usher in a *false peace*. In other words, as long as you see military warfare taking place on this earth, antichrist’s arrival has not yet taken place. That’s the secret of this second seal.

As St. Paul taught in I Thessalonians chapter five, it will only be during a time of apparent “peace and safety” on earth that the end will come.

1Th 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; **then** sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

How does this time of peace and safety come into being? The false Christ himself – that old serpent, the devil, also known as the dragon -- ushers it in at his arrival, as part of his deception. After all, who can argue against world peace?

As we learn in the Revelation chapter 13, “*And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Rev. 13:4).*

While God’s elect will be doing some dragon-kicking from a *spiritual* perspective, there will be no one able to make war against that old dragon Satan from a *physical* perspective. The time of physical warfare will be over at his arrival. From that point forward, the warfare is strictly *spiritual* until the battles of Hamon-gog and Armageddon take place at Christ’s Second Advent.

Those two wars -- Hamon-gog and Armageddon -- will be the culmination of the wrath of God on His enemies at Christ's Second Advent. They're representative of the "sudden destruction" that "cometh upon them" as Satan's time of false peace is brought by God to a screeching halt.

Indeed, throughout the great book of Daniel, we learn that the false Christ himself -- Satan in his role as the antichrist -- ushers in a false peace as part of his grand deception. For example:

Dan 8:25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

Dan 11:21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

Dan 11:24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time

Yes, the tactic the false Christ will employ to spiritually "destroy (i.e., deceive) many" will be to usher in *peace* upon the earth. The people will think he's Jesus, the Prince of Peace. And they'll be ever so grateful to him, however unwittingly, for putting an end to the chronic state of physical warfare on this earth.

Indeed, in the parallel account of the seven seals in Mark chapter 13, Christ Jesus taught this very same "seal of warfare." Let's take a quick look at what He said:

Mar 13:7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.

Since the planting of the fig tree in 1948, which began the countdown for this final generation, our nation alone has participated in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, the Grenada invasion, the Panama invasion, the war in Bosnia under President Clinton, the original Gulf War under President George Bush Sr., the second Gulf War under President George Bush, Jr., and the continuation of the so-called "global war on terrorism" under subsequent presidents to this very day.

And of course, we also have many "rumors of wars." Today, the media is rampant with speculation over whether or not we will go to war with Iran over the nuclear issue...or with Syria over the terrorism issue...or with Lebanon, in order to help eliminate the Hezbollah terrorists stationed there...or even with North Korea, in order to stop the growing nuclear threat that tiny bastion of communism now represents. What's more, *rumors of war* with China and Russia abound, and are growing, even now.

So we see this second seal in full bloom today, as this final generation enters its last days. But as we've learned, as long as you see wars (and hear rumors of wars) "the end shall not yet be."

Why?

Again, it's because when Satan arrives to heal the deadly wound, all of the *physical* wars end, and he ushers in that great time of false peace we looked at a moment ago. Only after Satan's arrival to this earth can the countdown to our Lord and Savior's Second Advent begin. But as long as you're hearing of wars and rumors of wars, and Satan has not arrived in his role as the false Prince of Peace to heal the deadly wound and usher in his false world peace system, then the end is not yet.

In summary, the *second* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the second most important thing you need to understand regarding this final generation which started in 1948 -- is that ongoing physical warfare will *precede* Satan's arrival to this earth, at which time he'll usher in his false peace on the earth, in imitation of the arrival of our Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. *That* will be the great false peace that will deceive many, leading to Christ's Second Advent and the *final* two battles, Hamon-gog and Armageddon, which Christ Himself will conduct against Satan and his crew.

The Third Seal: The Spiritual Famine of the End Days

Now that we've discovered the second seal is the knowledge that there will be chronic warfare involving communism all of the way to the end, until Satan arrives to usher in his false peace, let's move on to the *third* seal of knowledge:

Rev 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had **a pair of balances in his hand.**

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; **and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.**

Food, measured out in portions, is always symbolic of *famine*. We know from chapter eight of the great book of Amos that the famine of the end days is a *spiritual* famine, not a famine for food or drink. As it's written there:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it." (Amos 8:11-12)

As the prophet Hosea foretold in Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Yes, the famine of the end days is a famine for the knowledge of God's Word – the hearing of the Words of the Lord. God's children are more Biblically ignorant today than they were even in the dark ages.

And the irony is this: Today there's a Bible in almost every household. And the Bible is still the best-selling book of all times. Yet with rare exception, His children are vastly ignorant of its *contents*.

And as our heavenly Father has stated in the great book of Isaiah:

*“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, **and their fear [i.e., reverence] toward me is taught by the precept of men**: Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.” (Isa 29:13-14).*

God's children tend to mouth “praise the Lord” all of the time. But it's a false reverence, because they ignorantly allow the “precepts of men” -- the religious traditions of man taught in the churches -- to take precedence over the Word of God.

And so today, we have the vast majority of Christians believing that “Jesus can come any minute now,” when the Word of God clearly states that the false Christ comes *first*, in imitation of Jesus Christ.

In other words, by listening to man's vain traditions in place of God's Word, God's children have succumbed to deception. In their spiritually famished state, they have allowed themselves to be set up -- largely by their preachers who no longer teach God's Word but instead teach church tradition -- to worship the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth claiming to be “Jesus.”

So we see that our heavenly Father announced long ago that there would be a state of spiritual famine upon the land -- a famine for the Word of God, the Bread of Life.

But it's extremely important that you don't miss the latter part of Revelation 6:6 above, in which our heavenly Father gives a direct order to the rider of the black horse of famine. Did you catch it? He told the rider of that horse, “***and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.***”

In the Greek manuscripts, the word “oil” is translated from the word *elaion* (G-1637), which means *olive oil*. In other words, it's the anointing oil of our People, symbolic of the power of the Holy Spirit to elevate us to a higher level of understanding through our studies of God's Word. And the wine, of course, is symbolic of Christ's shed blood, and our communion with Christ, which brings about forgiveness of our sins.

What God has said, essentially, is this: “See that you don't hurt my anointed ones who stand firm in Christ's shed blood.” This rider of the black horse of famine is ordered by God to make sure

that the spiritual famine of the end days has *no effect* on God's faithful servants, which is to say, His elect.

After all, these very seals of knowledge are being opened up by Christ Jesus so that *you* can absorb the information contained within them *into your mind* and have it sealed there permanently by the Holy Spirit. In that way, you'll understand what's about to come upon this old earth, and you'll be able to stand firmly against the antichrist when he arrives. Thanks to God's command in that third seal, the famine for God's Word of truth has no effect on you.

It's important to note that in Revelation 12:12, we learn that God's faithful servants who stand against the antichrist throughout his brief reign on this earth, overcome Satan "...*by the blood of the Lamb*, and by the word of their testimony..."

And Revelation 7:14 states that one of the chief characteristics of those who come through great tribulation is that they have "*washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*"

In other words, symbolically speaking, these are God's faithful anointed servants who stand firmly with the true Christ, the Lamb of God who shed His precious blood for the sins of the world. These faithful ones will not bow to the first supernatural being that sets foot on this earth, for they know he is the fake. They have the knowledge of God's Word sealed firmly into their foreheads, and they know that the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth is Satan himself, pretending to be God Almighty Jesus Christ.

In short, our heavenly Father has ordered the rider of this great black horse of spiritual famine *to leave his faithful overcomers alone*. They are not to be caught up in the famine for God's Word. We have a job to do when Satan arrives, and thus the great famine of the end days has no effect on us, as long as we do our part, which is to say, study and absorb our Father's Word daily. Over time, as we prove ourselves faithful in our studies, that crucial knowledge is sealed firmly into our minds for our own protection and help.

In Mark chapter 13, Christ taught this very same "seal of famine." Let's take a quick look at what He had to say there:

Mar 13:8 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be **famines and troubles**: these are **the beginnings of sorrows**.

Yes, in the end days we would certainly see nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, in *warfare*, as the pressure to join the nascent one-world system mounts on nations that don't want to join.

But be sure to check out the word "against" in the above verse, in your Strong's Concordance (i.e., Strong's G-1909). It's the Greek word *epi*, and it can mean "to be against," as in warfare. But it can also mean "to be along side," as in a growing relationship.

We certainly see that growing relationship among nations today, so frequently referred to as the New World Order. Chronic warfare on one end of the spectrum, as nations are gradually forced into the one-world system. And the *coming together* of nations on the other end of the spectrum, as nations gradually (and sometimes begrudgingly) line up side-by-side with each other.

Christ also tells us above that in the end days we would experience “earthquakes in diverse places,” which we most certainly have seen, on a global basis, with some 20,000 earthquakes per year now being detected, which is approximately 55 earthquakes *per day*.

Finally, Christ also warns that there will be “famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.”

As we’ve seen above when we took a quick look at Amos 8:11-12, the famine of the end days is a famine for the truth of God’s Word -- the Bread of Life -- and *not* a famine for physical bread and water. We also learned that because the churches have succumbed to teaching the traditions of man in place of the Word of God, even the multitudes of Christians on this earth are overtaken by this great spiritual famine. And, of course, we’ve learned that our heavenly Father is quite disappointed in His children for turning to the *precepts of men* (i.e., traditions of men) instead of listening directly to His Word.

Along with the spiritual famine of the end days, Christ also warned of “troubles” in the Mark 13:8 above. This is translated from the Greek word *tarache* (see Strong’s G-5016) which means a “disturbance” such as caused by a roiling of water, and strongly implies *sedition* -- rebellion against authority.

In other words, we see in these “troubles” the beginnings of that great falling away (apostasy) from the truth, which leads God’s children to turn away from God’s Word and unwittingly embrace the false Christ.

It’s only natural that after a famine for the hearing of God’s Word takes place, it would ultimately result in a spiritual sedition, or breaking away from God himself. After all, if you don’t really *know* God’s Word, you can easily be led into spiritual rebellion against Him when someone directs you to that “Jesus who can come at any moment now” instead of to the true Christ, and tells you that he’s the One you’ve been waiting for all along.

It’s important to note that Christ also stated in Mark 13:8 above that “these are the beginnings of sorrows.” The word “sorrows” is translated from the Greek word *odin*, which simply means “birth pangs” or the pains of giving birth (See Strong’s G-5604.)

In other words, when you see kingdom rising alongside kingdom, earthquakes in diverse places, and the spiritual famine of the end days leading to a troubling falling away from the truth, then you know that the birth pangs leading up to the very end have started.

And, of course, once birth pangs begin, there’s no turning back. The birth will come to completion. The antichrist will soon arrive, and then afterwards, our Lord and Savior Jesus

Christ will return, and usher in His great wrath upon His enemies. At that point, this flesh earth age will be over. And the millennium teaching period, followed by the new (eternal) age, will unfold.

The question is, will *you* be a part of that new eternal age that Christ Jesus ushers in at His arrival? Understanding these seals will give you the spiritual knowledge you need in order to overcome Satan's great deception and stand firm in God's Word during that soon-coming time of Jacob's Trouble.

In summary, the *third* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the third most important thing you need to understand regarding the final events of the end days -- is that the time period leading up to Satan's arrival will be a time of great spiritual famine, unlike any other. People will "run to and fro" (i.e., back and forth between churches) to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. Why? It's because the churches are no longer teaching God's Word. They now teach the traditions of man in place of God's Word, such as the false doctrine that "Jesus can come at any moment now." And thus, there's now a famine in the land for true spiritual wisdom, and God's children are being set up, largely by their pastors, to worship the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth, which is the false Christ. However, God's elect, who love His Word and study it daily, are protected from this famine, both now, and as the famine accelerates in intensity leading up to Satan's arrival.

The Fourth Seal: The Rider on the Pale Horse of Death and Hell

Now that we've seen the third seal of knowledge being representative of the famine for God's Word in the final days of this flesh age (which makes it easy for Satan to work his great deception when he arrives), let's take a look at the fourth seal of knowledge:

Rev 6:7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see.

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

You'll remember that the first seal of knowledge revealed Satan arriving to this earth on a white horse, in imitation of Christ Jesus Second Advent, to pull off his great deception. But this seal -- the *fourth* seal of knowledge -- reveals what he'll be *doing* when he gets here.

Note in verse 8 above that his very name is "Death," i.e., "his name that sat on him was Death." Yes, Satan is indeed the Angel of Death.

And be sure to note that "Hell followed with him." Certainly, those who unwittingly worship Satan when he arrives to this old earth in his role as the false messiah put their very souls at risk of being cast into the lake of fire come the judgment time.

Thankfully, our heavenly Father is not out to fry His children in hell, but instead, to *save* them. And because of that, He's provided the millennium teaching period – that one thousand year period which takes place after Satan's deception, during which God's elect will teach His deceived and wayward children how to discern the difference between the holy and the profane, and help God's children learn how to judge matters of controversy according to *God's* judgments rather than the vain traditions of man (Ezekiel 44:23-24).

You'll also note in verse 8 above that power “over the fourth part of the earth” was given unto this horse and his rider – which is Satan himself in his role as the false Christ. The “fourth part of the earth” means *the four parts of the earth*; in other words, he has power over the *whole earth* when he arrives, not just some small portion. It will be a one-world system, with its headquarters in Jerusalem, where he'll set up shop on that Temple Mount.

We also see in verse 8 above that the power he utilizes is the power to “kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.” Of course, this is *spiritual*. Satan seeks to “slay” God's children, *spiritually*, with his great sword of deception, and with the spiritual hunger induced because he has taken the true Bread of Life from them and substituted his own false doctrine in its place.

All of this leads to the spiritual death that comes from melding your soul with Satan's spirit of sugary-sweet falsehood and deception rather than with the Spirit of Truth -- the Holy Spirit of God.

Satan further “slays” the people of this earth, *spiritually*, using “the beasts of the earth,” which are symbolic of those deceptive children of the serpent, the sons of Cain who “say they are Jews, but are not and do lie,” whom he sired through mother Eve so very long ago in the garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15). If you're unfamiliar with this teaching, see the Bible study, [A Strange Thing: Mystery in the Garden](#).

In the parallel account of the seven seals in Mark chapter 13, Christ Jesus taught this very same seal to His disciples. Let's see what He had to say:

Mar 13:14 But when ye shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not**, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:

Satan, in his role as the false messiah, which is to say the antichrist, is that “abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet” in Daniel 9:27. He arrives to this earth after being booted out of heaven, and ends up “standing where he ought not,” which is to say, in Jerusalem, in imitation of Christ's Second Advent.

This is why Christ stated, “...then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains.” Geographically speaking, Jerusalem is located in the region of Judea, in the Middle East land of Israel. And once that abominable one, the antichrist arrives there, our heavenly Father begins readying Himself to destroy that area in the battle know as Armageddon.

Indeed, this is what Christ Jesus alludes to in Mark 13:2, when He's standing next to the temple in Jerusalem with His disciples and says to them, "*Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*" In fact, what Christ says in the original Greek is that the whole area will be pulverized to sand.

Yes, a great cleansing is coming, only a short time after the antichrist arrives to Jerusalem. And you should not be found in Jerusalem at that time, worshipping the false Christ.

Frankly, the wise will have long since spiritually disassociated themselves from that geographical area of the world anyway, knowing in advance that it's the Kenites -- those sons of Cain who are the very children of Satan -- who run the show there, and who, even now, work to usher in the arrival of their father the devil (John 8:44).

How are *you* doing in this matter? Are you spiritually attached to those folks who "say they are Jews, but are not, and do lie" (Revelation 2:9 and 3:9), who run the show in Jerusalem today, and who masquerade as "God's chosen people"?

Or do you know the difference between the "good wheat" of the kingdom, and the poisonous "tares," which Christ Jesus explained in the parable of the tares in Mt. 13:24-30 and 13:36-43? (If you're unfamiliar with this topic, see the Bible study, [Christ's Enemies Are Your Enemies.](#))

Mar 13:15 And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:

Mar 13:16 And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.

If you were actually living in Jerusalem/Judea at this soon-coming time, you wouldn't need to pull a moving wagon up to your house to remove your goods. They aren't going to do you any good, anyway. After all, as St. Paul teaches in 1 Corinthians 15:51-52, when Christ Jesus arrives, we're all going to be changed into our new spiritual bodies "in the twinkling of an eye."

The physical goods of this flesh earth age will not be transferable into the new spiritual dimension we enter into at that time. All you can take with you are your "wedding garments" (Rev. 19:7-9), which are symbolic of your righteous acts on Christ's behalf. In other words, the only thing that comes with you is your *track record*.

Mar 13:17 But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!

Childbirth is a beautiful thing. And it's given to us, by God (Genesis 1:22). So this refers not to flesh childbirth, but instead to the *spiritual* impregnation which takes place when antichrist arrives, and those who should be Christ's bride find themselves in bed, so to speak, with the wrong "messiah." Don't be one of those who are spiritually seduced into bowing before the false messiah, or spiritually impregnated by his lies!

Mar 13:18 And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.

Winter, of course, is the harshest season of the year. It's the worst time to have to flee an area. In a sense, winter symbolizes that great time of darkness of Satanic deception. Spiritually speaking, as one of God's faithful servants, you should be physically and spiritually disassociated from that geographic area long before the antichrist arrives to usher in his time of "winter" darkness.

Unfortunately, most Christians today are under the illusion that those Christ-hating counterfeit Jews who run the show in Jerusalem are "God's chosen people," when in reality they are those who Christ warned so sternly about in Revelation 2:10 and 3:10, which is to say, those who "say they are Jews, and are not but do lie...and are of the synagogue of Satan" (Rev. 2:10/3:10).

Indeed, many Christians have unwittingly yoked themselves, spiritually, to the false Jews in that Middle East land of Israel, even though, by their very nature, they hate, loathe and despise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and make no bones about their hatred of Him.

And because so many Christians have spiritually yoked themselves to those false Jews, believing them to be "God's chosen," these Christians will find it extremely difficult to understand why they should "flee" from Judea at that time, meaning to disassociate themselves from the region and its inhabitants.

They've been taught by their preachers the erroneous and unbiblical tradition that Jesus can come "at any moment now," and that the messiah the "Jews" await, is the same Messiah as ours.

In short, they'll think Satan is Jesus Christ when he arrives to that specific geographic area. And fleeing will be the last thing on their mind. Indeed, they'll be flocking to Jerusalem in droves to worship at Satan's feet, in complete and ignorant disobedience to Christ's warning above.

Mar 13:19 For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.

And so it shall be – a time of great *spiritual* affliction during which the hearts and minds of many will be tested, and only those who know and love their Father's Word will remain spiritual virgins, un-seduced by the false Christ who comes to deceive the whole world.

In summary, the *fourth* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the fourth most important thing you need to understand regarding the final events of the end days -- is that when Satan arrives in his role as the false Christ, his job is to bring as many of God's children as possible straight to the brink of hell with him, through deception. That's why he's referred to, in this seal, as "Death," and it's why "Hell follows with him."

Satan knows he cannot defeat our heavenly father. But he can try to *hurt* Him, by working to draw as many of God's children as possible away from God, and to himself instead. His goal in "deceiving the whole world" (Revelation 12:9) is to force our heavenly Father to have to condemn as many of His children as possible to the lake of fire. But don't you fall for it. Within

these seals, your Lord and Savior has already forewarned you how it will all come to pass, so you'll be amply ready to handle Satan's deception.

Perhaps now it's a bit more clear why Daniel 12:1, which we read earlier, says, "*...and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*" It's that time of Jacob's trouble, the great tribulation in which the temptation to worship Satan as the "Christ" of God will be so thick you could cut it with a knife.

But make sure *you're* found written in the Book of Life. You do so by *showing* your love for your heavenly Father, i.e., by studying His Word each day, and by learning from that study how to fulfill your destiny and take your stand against the false Christ when he arrives. And by helping others come to the truth also, by planting seeds of truth as you learn.

The Fifth Seal: The Martyrs of Christ

Now that we've learned that the fourth seal reveals Satan's ability to slay people spiritually, through deception, when he arrives, let's take a look at the *fifth* seal of knowledge and learn what it reveals:

Rev 6:9 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:

Rev 6:10 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?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, **until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

The knowledge from this fifth seal parallels Christ's warning to His disciples in Mark chapter 13:

Mar 13:12 Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.

Mar 13:13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Over the course of the six thousand years that have transpired since the time of Adam, many of God's servants have been slain "for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held." Going all of the way back to righteous Abel, who was slain by his evil brother Cain, and coming all of the way forward to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was slain by the descendents of Cain when they had Christ delivered up to the Roman governor and hung from that cross at Calvary.

Even afterwards, many more have been martyred (i.e., murdered) for the Word of God, including St. Peter, St. Paul, St. James and numerous others. Indeed, since the time of Christ there have been more faithful martyrs for God's Word than we can count. These have all earned their place in heaven where they dwell, symbolically speaking, under the very altar of God, awaiting His final vengeance on His enemies.

And in this fifth seal, God's faithful martyrs in heaven ask our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ how much longer it will be before He takes vengeance upon His earthly enemies. And our Lord tells them that He will not take His vengeance upon His enemies *until the final martyrdoms are finished*. In other words, there are yet more deaths to come, and Christ's Second Advent will not come to pass until those final martyrdoms indeed take place.

Yet, in seeming contradiction to this, it's written in Revelation chapter 9 that Satan and his followers are not allowed to kill men when they arrive, but only to "torment" them with deception. What's more, Luke chapter 21 tells us that during the deception of the antichrist, "not a hair of your head shall perish."

So if Satan is only allowed to torment with deception, and not one hair of our heads will be harmed at that time, *why* does the fifth seal tell us that Christ Jesus will not return to this earth to take vengeance upon His enemies until the remaining martyrs for the Word of God are killed?

Those who are skilled in the knowledge of God's Word know the answer: For as it's written in chapter eleven of the great book of Revelation, just three and a half days *before* Christ's Second Advent, God's two faithful witnesses will indeed be killed, at Satan's behest, in the streets of Jerusalem.

Yes, that's the point at which Satan oversteps God's hard-and-fast bounds by taking those two precious lives. Those are the only two beings who are *physically* killed by Satan during his great deception (with one more martyred saint being possible in Revelation 2:14).

Let's see what God's Word has to say about the death of His two faithful witnesses:

Rev 11:3 And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

They'll offer their testimony to the world, just as God's elect will be called upon to do.

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth.

You can read more about these two olive trees and two candlesticks in Zechariah chapter four, verses one through fourteen. The bottom line is that they're God's two faithful witnesses, and they'll be here on this earth to testify during the time of the deception of the antichrist.

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

That “fire” is the Word of God. Things are going to get a little hot at that time, because these two faithful witnesses will be letting loose on Satan, telling the world what a fake he is. They won’t let up on him. And they won’t take any guff from anyone who tries to come against them. You can count on them to deliver the pure truth of the Word of God. And it’s sure going to burn those who prefer to be wallowing at the feet of antichrist because they think he’s “Jesus” come to rapture them away.

Rev 11:6 These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.

In the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah prayed to have the rain stopped in his day, and it was stopped for three and a half years. And earlier, it was Moses who turned the waters of Egypt to blood, and smote the earth with plagues. So, many Bible scholars today believe these two faithful witnesses will be Moses and Elijah.

Rev 11:7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Satan literally kills them. He *martyrs* (murders) them. And that’s precisely where he oversteps his bounds. He disobeys the direct order from God given in the Third Seal, to “hurt not the oil and the wine.”

Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

Where was Christ crucified? It was not in America. Not in Rome. Nor was it in any other place within western Christendom. It was in Jerusalem. And *that’s* exactly where these two faithful witnesses will be martyred by Satan. Don’t let anyone ever tell you differently.

Rev 11:9 And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves.

The people of the earth will be disdainfully watching these dead bodies for three and a half days.

Rev 11:10 And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.

The people of the earth will not like the heat of raw truth these two faithful witnesses dish out. They will prefer, instead, to believe the lies, flatteries and false promises heaped upon them by

Satan in his role as the false Christ. So they'll actually *celebrate* the deaths of God's two faithful witnesses. But what happens after that?

Rev 11:11 And after three days and an half the Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them.

In the original Greek language, this is *a paralyzing fear* (see Bullinger side notes on this verse in your Companion Bible) which falls upon the people of the earth, who, when they see God's two faithful witnesses rise from the street, will finally begin to realize that they've been royally deceived.

This paralyzing fear begins here, and as we shall see shortly, it continues through to Christ's Second Advent at Revelation 6:16-17, where it's written that as Christ finally arrives, the kings of the earth, and all of the people of the earth will hide in the caves and pray for the rocks to fall upon them, because they know the wrath of God is about to strike

Rev 11:12 And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them.

God literally raises these two witnesses from the dead, in the sight of all of the people. No wonder they'll be filled with a paralyzing fear at that time. And then, after those two faithful witnesses are killed, and rise again three and a half days later, it's time for Christ's arrival to this earth. It's time for His Second Advent to take place, and for His vengeance upon His enemies to begin. As it's further written:

Rev 11:13 And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Rev 11:14 The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Rev 11:16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Rev 11:18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

Rev 11:19 And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

In summary, the *fifth* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the fifth most important thing you need to understand regarding the final events of the end days -- is that Christ's Second Advent does not take place, and His vengeance upon His enemies is not unleashed, until *after* you see the two faithful witnesses killed in streets of Jerusalem, by Satan. Once those two faithful witnesses (martyrs) are killed, you can count three and a half days, and they'll be raised from the dead. And then, our Lord and Savior will arrive to this earth to take vengeance on Satan and his followers.

The Sixth Seal: The Signs of Christ's Second Advent

Now that we've documented the fact that the fifth seal is the key to knowing when Christ's Second Advent takes place -- i.e., three and one-half days after you see God's two faithful witnesses are killed by Satan in Jerusalem -- let's move on to the *sixth* seal of knowledge:

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Rev 6:17 For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

And there you have it. These are the *final signs* of the end of this flesh earth age, as well as of this present heaven age. These are the signs of Christ's Second Advent, which will shake both heaven and earth, and all of their inhabitants, to their very cores.

And the *only* ones left standing through that great shaking will be Christ's faithful servants, which is to say, those followers of Christ who have been sealed in their foreheads with the truth of God's Word, and who -- in patient anticipation of the arrival of the Lord -- have faithfully

withstood Satan's deception throughout his short time on this earth as the false messiah. All of the rest will fall during that great shaking, like "untimely figs...shaken of a mighty wind."

As we learned in the fifth seal, only three and a half days after Satan kills God's two witnesses in Jerusalem, Christ's long-awaited vengeance is finally triggered. And that's when the powers in *both* heaven and earth will indeed be shaken. The great signs in the sky which portend Christ's Second Advent will take place. And Satan and his followers will be brought down from their high perches -- both in heaven and on earth -- with a resounding thud. Their pomp and glory will be over. As it's confirmed for us in Second Peter chapter 3:

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

At that very point, this flesh earth age will be over. We'll all have been "changed in the twinkling of an eye" into our new spiritual bodies (1 Corinthians 15:52). Christ's wrath will have struck. Satan will be thrown into the pit (Revelation 20:1-3). His seven thousand fallen angels who arrived with him to this earth will have been destroyed by Christ Jesus (Revelation 11:13). The millennium teaching period will begin. And after the teaching period is over, Satan will be destroyed in the lake of fire at the great white throne judgment of God. And then, the third and final age -- the *eternal* age -- will finally be ushered in (Revelation 21:1-8).

In the parallel account of the seven seals in Mark chapter 13, Christ Jesus taught this very same seal to His disciples, regarding the signs of His Second Advent. And in that teaching from the Lord, we see that the events of this seal take place "after that tribulation," meaning after the antichrist has worked his deception upon this earth. Let's see what the Lord had to say:

Mar 13:24 But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,

Mar 13:25 And, the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.

Mar 13:26 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

Mar 13:27 And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

Yes, this is the point the elect will be gathered together to the Lord, in Jerusalem, as one body. Likewise, in the great book of Luke, this same seal of Christ's Second Advent is taught by Jesus Christ to His disciples, and I think it's important to take a look at it for a third witness to how everything ends for this flesh age:

Luk 21:25 And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring;

Luk 21:26 Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: **for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.**

Luk 21:27 And **then** shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luk 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, **then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.**

In summary, the *sixth* seal of knowledge -- i.e., the sixth most important thing you need to understand regarding the final events of the end days -- is that once Satan has worked his deception on this old earth, and has killed the two witnesses in Jerusalem, great and unmistakable signs will presage the Lord's imminent arrival.

The dark, Satanic powers -- both earthly and heavenly alike -- will be thoroughly shaken (i.e., toppled) at that time. And what is the purpose of this great shaking? As St. Paul once explained, in his letter to the Hebrews, it's to get rid of anything and *everything* that does not have the right to stand on that spiritual Rock we know as Christ Jesus. As it's written:

Heb 12:26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, **Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.**

Heb 12:27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, **that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.**

If you're on the Rock we know as Jesus Christ, you're going to do well when this great shaking strikes. But if you're not on the Rock, you're going to wish you had been, because you'll be among those crying out to the mountains and rocks, "*Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb.*"

There will be no more flesh bodies at that point. No more "new world order." No more fallen angels, instituting Satan's policies on this earth. No more false kingdom of heaven on earth, operating under the false Christ. No more "Mystery, Babylon." No more of the evil underpinnings Satan uses to control the world. All of that will be destroyed -- or perhaps better stated, *cleansed* -- in the great shaking. And after the cleansing, a spiritual *restoration* begins, starting with the Millennium teaching period.

When Does This Sealing Take Place?

In the final generation of this flesh age (i.e., "the time of the end") these six seals have been removed from the scroll by Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. And the knowledge within them has now been released...to *you*.

But there's still yet *one* seal to go – the seventh -- and we'll take a good look at it in just a moment. But first, let's learn *when* all of this sealing actually takes place.

So far in this study, we've seen that Christ has removed six of the seven seals, and has released the knowledge therein. Now, let's return to the great book of Revelation and move straight into chapter seven in order to see when that knowledge is sealed into our minds, in the first place.

Rev 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

Rev 7:2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

Rev 7:3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

The four winds, which we know from Daniel chapter 7 usher in Satan's arrival to this earth, are not released *until the servants of God are fully sealed in their foreheads with the knowledge of God*, which is to say, the knowledge they need to *overcome* Satan and his great deception when it finally takes place.

In other words, as we've seen previously, Satan's grand deception cannot and *will not* take place until after God's faithful servants have been sealed in their minds with the knowledge needed to make it through the deception *spiritually unscathed*.

Rev 7:4 And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Rev 7:5 Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:6 Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephthalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:7 Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

Rev 7:8 Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

And thus, God's faithful servants are sealed in their foreheads with the knowledge of the seven seals. In other words, they're taught what God's Word says about the events that transpire *before, during* and *after* Satan's arrival. And until this sealing process is completed, those four angels cannot release the four winds which usher in Satan and his great deception to this earth.

Rev 7:9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

Rev 7:10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

As you can see above, this takes place *after* the servants of God have been sealed in their foreheads with the knowledge of God. This great multitude of people, of all races and tongues, are clearly faithful to our Lord and Savior.

Rev 7:11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

Rev 7:12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

These are the seven powers of Christ. They can be *yours too*, if you're "one" with Him, which is to say, if you're a faithful working part of His many-membered elect body.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

The elder asks "Who are all of these people arrayed in white robes? And where did they come from?"

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

These faithful multitudes are those who have come out of great tribulation. In other words, upon hearing the truth of God's Word from the two witnesses, and from God's elect, during Satan's short reign on this earth, they "washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." They became overcomers, standing firm in the blood of the Lamb, and rejecting Satan's lies.

Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

God dwells with them, because they *earned it* for their faithfulness to His Word. The question is, will *you* do the same? You will, *if* you keep God's Word sealed firmly into your mind through regular study.

Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And those are His promises to *us*, too, beloved. Remain faithful, even in great tribulation, and you'll receive the eternal blessings of our heavenly Father.

Let's keep moving, right on into chapter eight, where we find the *seventh and final* seal of God being opened...

The Seventh Seal:

The "Silence in Heaven" and Preparation for the Seven Trumpets

We learned previously that the *sixth* seal is the knowledge of the signs in the sky of Christ's imminent arrival, and the unleashing of His subsequent wrath and vengeance upon His enemies.

We also learned that the events described in the sixth seal take place three and a half days after Satan has God's two faithful witnesses killed in the streets of Jerusalem. The powers in both heaven and earth will be thoroughly shaken at that time, as Christ Jesus makes His way to this earth with His heavenly army. And only those found standing firmly on the Rock will be able to withstand that great shaking which culminates the end of this flesh age.

Let's now take a look at the *seventh and final* seal of knowledge, which I call the "prayerful hush before the storm," and see what more we can learn:

Rev 8:1 And when he had opened the seventh seal, **there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.**

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 8:3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, **having a golden censer**; and there was given unto him **much incense**, that he should offer it **with the prayers of all saints** upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And **the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.**

Rev 8:5 And the angel took the censer, **and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth**: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

In the Jewish temple of old, the sound of musical instruments, singing and other activities resounded during the offering of the sacrifices, which occupied the first part of the temple service.

But, at the offering of the incense, which followed the sacrifices, a *solemn silence* was observed for about *one-half hour*. The people knelt and prayed *quietly* outside the temple -- in hushed reverence -- while the priest inside the temple offered up the incense to God. Thus the prayers were intimately connected with silent reverence, and with the rising incense.

Here we see a similar scene in heaven. First, there's silence in heaven "about the space of half an hour." Then, seven angels are handed seven trumpets, meaning that with the unsealing of the knowledge of the end days being completed by Jesus Christ, and with the knowledge once hidden by those seals being transferred into the minds of God's faithful servants on this earth, it's now time for the *action* to begin. In wartime, the sound of trumpets always signal that action is about to commence.

But *before* the trumpets begin to sound and the action begins, we see "much incense" being offered with "the prayers of all saints" at the golden altar before the throne of God. That's when the silence takes place. Not *after* the trumpets begin to sound and the action begins (meaning, not after Satan is cast out of heaven to work his great deception on earth). But just *beforehand*.

I urge you to re-read the above verses, carefully, and thoughtfully. The silence in heaven -- a reverent hush -- is in preparation for the seven trumpets to begin to sound, one trump at a time. The trumpets start the action leading up to Satan and his fallen angels being booted out of heaven by Michael, at the fifth and sixth trumpets.

But, since not a single one of the trumpets have begun to sound at this point in the Scriptures, that "silence in heaven" has absolutely *nothing* to do with Satan's time on this earth. I know many readers of this study have been taught differently, by other teachers. So was I. But if you stick with the Scriptures, you'll see clearly that this silence in heaven for one-half hour has nothing to do with Satan and his angels being cast out to the earth, or with the "hour of temptation" (Revelation 3:10) which is the time-frame for Satan's deceptive activities on this earth.

So the silence in heaven begins, and that incense, along with those multitudinous silent prayers of the saints, ascends before God. And once the incense and prayers have ascended before God, that same golden censer in the hand of the angel is re-filled "with fire of the altar." And that fire is "cast into the earth," which *sets the stage* for the seven trumpets to begin to blow, one after the other.

The fire of God's altar, of course, is symbolic of *truth*. You might even call it concentrated truth. It's a *warming* and *protective* fire for those who love Him, because He and His Word of Truth are one and the same. But it's a *punishing* fire for those who do not love Him and His Word. It's a fire that convicts them of their gross sinfulness, faithlessness and idolatry.

Essentially, this final seal simply means that the great plan of God for the very end of this final generation is about to be unleashed. The events of the end that we've learned of in the first six seals are about to begin taking place. The seven trumpets are about to begin to blow, one at a time, signaling the fact that the events leading up to Satan and his fallen angels being kicked out of heaven to this earth (Rev. 12:7-10) are about to transpire. And all of the events we've learned

about as Christ unsealed the seven seals will now begin to take place. But it's all *preceded* by a hushed reverence, for "about the space of half an hour," as the prayers of "all saints" rise silently with the incense from the golden censor.

Again, I must emphasize, this "silence in heaven about the space of one half hour" does not, and *cannot*, take place anytime after Satan is kicked out of heaven. It is not part of the "hour of temptation" which is Satan's time on this earth. It takes place *before* the action begins...before the trumpets begin to sound. It's a reverent hush, which takes place simultaneously as the collected prayers of "all saints" ascend before our heavenly Father with the incense.

In short, those prayers (think: "*How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?*") are about to be answered, as Father allows the final events we've been studying to begin playing out, once His faithful servants on this earth have been sealed with the knowledge that's been revealed to us as Christ removed the seven seals from Daniel's book/scroll.

In Conclusion

In this study, we've now learned that the seven seals of Revelation give us the knowledge we must have sealed into our foreheads (i.e., our minds) in order to successfully navigate our way through Satan's coming time of deception.

And we see that while this knowledge had long been sealed up, essentially from Daniel's time "unto the time of the end," our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has indeed opened those seals of knowledge in these final days of this flesh earth age, and has released that knowledge to us so we can make it through Satan's deception unscathed, spiritually speaking.

So let's take just a quick minute to briefly review the knowledge revealed through the removal of all seven seals by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

Seal of Knowledge #1: The Rider on the White Horse -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that the deception of the antichrist takes place first, *before* Christ's Second Advent. Satan arrives to this earth on a great white horse, in imitation of the true Messiah of God, with the goal of deceiving as many of God's children as possible into worshiping him, instead of Christ Jesus.

Seal of Knowledge #2: The Rider on the Great Red Warhorse -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that *warfare* between the communistic East and the Christian West (and their proxies) will figure prominently on this earth right up to the time of Satan's arrival, at which point he, as the false Christ, will usher in a time of peace, in imitation of the arrival of our Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. That will be the great false peace that will deceive many as they begin to proclaim "*Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?*" (Revelation 13:4).

Seal of Knowledge #3: The Rider on the Black Horse of Famine -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that the time period leading up to Satan's arrival will be a time of great spiritual famine, unlike any other. People will "run to and fro" (i.e., back and forth between churches) to seek the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it. Why? It's because the churches are no longer teaching God's Word. They now teach the traditions of man in place of God's Word, such as the false doctrine that "Jesus can come at any moment now." And thus, there's now a famine in the land for true spiritual wisdom, and God's children are being set up to worship the first supernatural being who sets foot on this earth, which is the false Christ. However, God's elect, who love His Word and study it daily, are protected from this famine. They're sealed in their foreheads with the knowledge of the seven seals well *before* the false Christ arrives to work his deception upon the people of this earth.

Seal of Knowledge #4: The Rider on the Pale Horse of Death and Hell -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that Satan's job is to bring as many of God's children as possible – the populace of the entire earth – straight to the brink of hell with him. He knows he can't, by any means, defeat our heavenly Father. But he can try to *hurt* Him, by working to draw as many of God's children as possible away from the truth and to himself, instead. Satan's goal in "deceiving the whole world" (Revelation 12:9) is to force our heavenly Father to have to condemn as many of His children as possible to the lake of fire. But don't *you* fall for it. Within these seals, your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ -- the Lamb of God -- has already foretold you how it will all come to pass, so you'll be amply ready to handle Satan's deception.

Seal of Knowledge #5: The Martyrs Under the Altar of God -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that Christ's Second Advent does not take place, and His vengeance upon His enemies is not unleashed, until *after* you see the two faithful witnesses killed in streets of Jerusalem, by Satan. Once those two faithful witnesses (martyrs) are killed, you can count three and a half days, and they'll be raised from the dead. And then, our Lord and Savior will arrive to this earth to take Satan and his followers down.

Seal of Knowledge #6: Signs on Earth and in the Sky -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that once the time of Christ's wrath arrives, this present earth and heaven age will be over. The powers on earth and in heaven will be thoroughly shaken at that time. There will be no more flesh bodies (for "all will be changed in the twinkling of an eye" -- 1 Corinthians 15:52). No more "new world order." No more false kingdom of heaven on earth under the false Christ and his fallen angels. All of that will be destroyed, or perhaps better stated, *shaken* and *cleansed away*. And after the cleansing, a spiritual *restoration* begins, starting in the Millennium.

Seal of Knowledge #7: Silence in Heaven -- Through the information revealed in this seal we learn that just *before* Satan is kicked out of heaven and arrives to this earth to pull off his great deception, a *reverent silence* in heaven takes place as the prayers of "all saints" ascend, with much incense, before our heavenly Father's and His throne. Those prayers are about to be answered, as seven angels are given the seven trumpets which will

be blown, one at a time, to signal the start of the action leading up to Satan's expulsion from heaven to this earth (Revelation 12:7-10) and ultimately to Christ's wrath on His enemies at His Second Advent.

And today, we've humbly partaken of the profound knowledge that was once hidden within those seven seals, bringing it into our minds and asking our heavenly Father, in the name of Christ Jesus, to seal it there, as promised in Revelation chapter 7.

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