

# The Seal of the Lamb

## Revelation Series – Week 6

**Bible Texts:** Revelation 6:12–17; Revelation 7:1–9

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### 1. Unmistakable Signs of His Return

Pastor Mike emphasized that the return of Christ will be marked by visible, cosmic signs. The sixth seal in Revelation 6 speaks of earthquakes, darkened skies, and heavenly bodies falling—a cataclysmic event that no one will miss. This aligns with Jesus' own words and Paul's writings that His return will not be a secret but rather a dramatic and global moment.

*Reflection Question:* Are you living each day with the expectation that Christ could return at any moment?

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### 2. God's Judgment Will Be Comprehensive

When Christ returns, His judgment will reach everyone, regardless of status, wealth, or power. From kings to slaves, all will face the same reckoning. Those who rejected Christ will seek to hide, but none can escape the wrath of the Lamb. Yet believers are reminded to leave vengeance to God, for He alone judges perfectly.

*Reflection Question:* How does knowing that God will bring justice free you from needing to seek your own?

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### 3. Who Can Stand?

The question posed at the end of chapter 6, 'Who can stand?' is answered in chapter 7. Those who are sealed by God will stand. Pastor Mike described this seal as the Holy Spirit, given to all believers. This sealing signifies ownership, protection, and security in Christ. Even in tribulation, we are safe from God's wrath because Jesus bore it for us on the cross.

*Reflection Question:* What does it mean to you personally that the Holy Spirit seals you?

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### 4. The 144,000 and the Great Multitude

Pastor Mike explained that while some interpret the 144,000 literally, he finds the symbolic interpretation more persuasive—that it represents the full number of God's redeemed people. Like other visions in Revelation, what John hears and what he sees give two angles of the same truth. The 144,000 symbolizes the Church, sealed and ready to stand through tribulation.

*Reflection Question:* Do you find comfort knowing you are part of a global, victorious body of believers? Why or why not?

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### 5. Living with Hope, Not Fear

The message of Revelation is one of hope: Jesus is coming back, things may get worse, but God wins. Believers are called to stay faithful. We are sealed, protected, and destined to reign with Christ. We are not called to fear the future, but to trust the One who holds it. As members of God's army, we live not for this world, but for the eternal kingdom that is coming.

*Reflection Question:* How does the message of Revelation inspire you to live differently today?

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