



Vision 2 – Part 2: The Scroll and The 144,000

Rev 6 – 8:5

The Seven Seals

Four horses

1. Zech 1:8-10 – I saw in the night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse! He was standing among the myrtle trees in the glen, and behind him were red, sorrel, and white horses. 9 Then I said, ‘What are these, my lord?’ The angel who talked with me said to me, ‘I will show you what they are.’ 10 So the man who was standing among the myrtle trees answered, ‘These are they whom the Lord has sent to patrol the earth.’
2. Zech 6:1-8 – Again I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze. 2 The first chariot had red horses, the second black horses, 3 the third white horses, and the fourth chariot dappled horses—all of them strong. 4 Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these, my lord?” 5 And the angel answered and said to me, “These are going out to the four winds of heaven, after presenting themselves before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The chariot with the black horses goes toward the north country, the white ones go after them, and the dappled ones go toward the south country.” 7 When the strong horses came out, they were impatient to go and patrol the earth. And he said, “Go, patrol the earth.” So they patrolled the earth. 8 Then he cried to me, “Behold, those who go toward the north country have set my Spirit at rest in the north country.”

First Seal: The White Horse – Christ and the proclamation of the gospel

Rev 6:2

1. White (Rev 1:18; Rev 1:14; 3:4, 5, 18; 4:4; 6:11; 7:9, 13, 14; 19:14)
2. White horse (Rev 19:11)
3. Given a crown
 - a. Matt 28:18 – And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”
 - b. Heb 1:8 – But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.”
 - c. Rev 14:14 – Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.
 - d. Zech 6:11 – Take from them silver and gold, and make a crown, and set it on the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.
4. Conquering, and to conquer (Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 26, 3:5, 12, 21; 5:5; 12:11; 15:2; 17:14; 21:7)
 - a. John 16:33 – I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.
 - b. Ps 45:3-6 – Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! 4 In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds! 5 Your arrows are



- sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; the peoples fall under you. 6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;
- c. Heb 1:8 – But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.
 - d. Matt 28:18-20 – And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
5. This rider is certainly not the antichrist.

Second Seal: The Red Horse – Religious persecution

Rev 6:4

1. Take peace from the earth.
Matt 10:34-39 – Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.
2. People should slay one another – The Greek word for *slay* (and its various forms) is only applied to believers in Revelation or in John's other writings (Rev 5:6, 9, 12; 6:9; 13:8; 18:24; 1 John 3:12). Literally means slaughter or murder. (Hendriksen, 1967)
3. Given a great sword – Greek word (*machaira*) is a sacrificial knife, not a war sword as in Rev 1:16; 2:12, 16; 6:8; 19:15, 21. (Matt 10:34; Rev 13:10, 14 uses *machaira*). War is seen in the fourth seal. Same word is used in Eph 6:17 for the sword of the Spirit.
4. Wherever the rider on the white horse – the Christ – makes His appearance, the rider on the red horse follows. (See Matt 5:10, 11; Luke 21:12; Acts 4:1; 5:17, etc.) The rider on the red horse does not refer to one definite person. He does not belong to one particular age. No century is without its rider upon the red horse: the world is always persecuting the Church. Christ always brings the sword. Peace is taken from the earth (Matt 10:34). (Hendriksen, 1967)

Third Seal: The Black Horse – Economic persecution

Rev 6:6

1. Denarius is a days wages.
Matt 20:2 – After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
2. Wheat, barley – food of poor
3. Oil, wine – food of rich
4. Famine is mentioned in the fourth seal.
5. Remember the poverty of the church at Smyrna.
6. Rev 13:17a – so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark



Fourth Seal: The Pale Horse – Natural and Man Made Tragedies

Rev 6:8

1. Authority over a fourth of the earth. Note that this is a portion of the earth, not all of the earth. Implies that at any point you can find these things on the earth but not over the whole earth. Cannot apply to a worldwide great tribulation.
2. Kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth. Note that the word *kill* is used instead of *slay* (as in Rev 6:4).
 - a. Ez 5:11-12 – Therefore, as I live, declares the Lord God, surely, because you have defiled my sanctuary with all your detestable things and with all your abominations, therefore I will withdraw. My eye will not spare, and I will have no pity. 12 A third part of you shall die of pestilence and be consumed with famine in your midst; a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and a third part I will scatter to all the winds and will unsheathe the sword after them.
 - b. Ez 14:21 – For thus says the Lord God: How much more when I send upon Jerusalem my four disastrous acts of judgment, sword, famine, wild beasts, and pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast!
 - c. Jer 21:6-9 – And I will strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great pestilence. 7 Afterward, declares the Lord, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants and the people in this city who survive the pestilence, sword, and famine into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their lives. He shall strike them down with the edge of the sword. He shall not pity them or spare them or have compassion.’ 8 “And to this people you shall say: “Thus says the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 9 He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out and surrenders to the Chaldeans who are besieging you shall live and shall have his life as a prize of war.
 - d. Luke 21:10-13 – Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. 13 This will be your opportunity to bear witness.
3. Sword – Greek word (*rhomphaia*) is a long war sword. Same word is used in the Greek translation of Ez 14:21. (Rev 1:16; 2:12, 16; 19:15, 21)
4. Wild beasts
 - a. 2 Kings 17:24-27 – And the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cuthah, Avva, Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the people of Israel. And they took possession of Samaria and lived in its cities. 25 And at the beginning of their dwelling there, they did not fear the Lord. Therefore the Lord sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 So the king of Assyria was told, “The nations that you have carried away and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the law of the god of the land. Therefore he has sent lions among them, and behold, they are killing them, because they do not know the law of the god of the land.” 27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, “Send there one of the priests whom you carried away from there, and let him go and dwell there and teach them the law of the god of the land.”



- b. Lev 26:22 – And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

Fifth Seal: The Patience of the Saints

Rev 6:9

1. Under the altar the souls of those who had been (Lev 4:7; 17:11)
2. Slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne (Rev 1:2, 9; 12:11, 17; 19:10; 20:4)

Rev 6:10

1. O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood
 - a. Luke 18:7 – And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?
 - b. Ps 79:10 – Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?” Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants be known among the nations before our eyes!
2. Sovereign Lord
Acts 4:23-31 – When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. 24 And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, 25 who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, “‘Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? 26 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed’— 27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. 29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
3. Those who dwell on the earth (Rev 6:15; 8:13; 11:10; 13:3, 8, 12, 14; 17:2, 8)

Sixth Seal: The Day of the Lord

Rev 6:12-14 – Lists six parts of God’s creation: earth, sun, moon, stars, sky, and “every mountain and island.” (Ez 38:19; Joel 2:10, 31; Is 13:10; 34:4)

1. 2 Pet 3:10-12 – But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. 11 Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!
2. Matt 24:29-31 – Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the



clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Rev 6:12 – There was a great earthquake (Rev 11:13; 16:18)

1. Ex 19:18 – Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the Lord had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly.
2. Judges 5:4-5 – Lord, when you went out from Seir, when you marched from the region of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water. 5 The mountains quaked before the Lord, even Sinai before the Lord, the God of Israel.
3. Ps 99:1 – The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
4. Is 13:13 – Therefore I will make the heavens tremble, and the earth will be shaken out of its place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.
5. Heb 12:25-29 – See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” 27 This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

Rev 6:15 – lists six classes of human society facing judgment: kings, great ones, generals, the rich, the powerful, and “every slave and free person.”

1. Rev 19:17-18 – Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, “Come, gather for the great supper of God, 18 to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great.”
2. Is 2:19 – And people shall enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the splendor of his majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.
3. Luke 23:28-30 – But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Rev 6:16 – Wrath of the Lamb (Rev 17:14) here and “their wrath” in verse 17.

Rev 6:17

1. Great day of their wrath has come
 - a. Is 13:9 – Behold, the day of the Lord comes, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to make the land a desolation and to destroy its sinners from it.
 - b. Joel 2:28-32 – “And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. 29 Even on the male and female



servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. 30 “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. 31 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes. 32 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

- c. Zeph 1:14-16 – The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.
2. And who can stand? Chapter 7 answers this question.
 - a. Ps 76:7 – But you, you are to be feared! Who can stand before you when once your anger is roused?
 - b. Mal 3:2 – But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
 - c. Luke 21:36 – But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.

Interlude: The Sealed Multitude

Rev 7:1 – Four corners

1. Is 11:12 – He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
2. Ez 7:1-2 – The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “And you, O son of man, thus says the Lord God to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land.

Rev 7:3

1. Until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads
 - a. Ez 9:3-6 – Now the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub on which it rested to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writing case at his waist. 4 And the Lord said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” 5 And to the others he said in my hearing, “Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity. 6 Kill old men outright, young men and maidens, little children and women, but touch no one on whom is the mark. And begin at my sanctuary.” So they began with the elders who were before the house.
 - b. Rom 12:2 – Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - c. 2 Cor 10:5 – We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ
2. Seal
 - a. Signifies protection
John 10:28 – I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.



- b. Signifies ownership
 - i. 2 Cor 1:21-22 – And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, 22 and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.
 - ii. Eph 1:13-14 – In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.
 - iii. John 6:27 – Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.
- c. Signifies relationship
 - Rom 8:16 – The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God
- d. The symbolic character of John’s visions shows that we should not expect this seal to appear as a visible mark on believers’ physical foreheads. Rather, just as true circumcision is more than skin deep, reaching to the heart (Rom 2:28-29; 4:11), so also the seal of ownership that marks us as “God’s own possession” is the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13-14). (Johnson, 2001)

Rev 7:4 – 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. Twelve tribes times 12 apostles times 10 times 10 times 10 signifies the complete body of believers. Note that John **hears** the number 144,000.

- 1. Rev 21:12-14 – It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—13 on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. 14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
- 2. Rom 11:25-27 – Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, “The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob”; 27 “and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins.”
- 3. 2 Tim 2:19 – But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: “The Lord knows those who are his,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.”

Rev 7:5-8 – Who are the 144,000?

- 1. The listing of the tribes is not a listing of Israel.
 - a. Judah is listed as firstborn instead of Reuben (Gen 35:23). Jesus is from the tribe of Judah.
 - b. Reuben is always listed first (Ex 1:1-3). Reuben lost his rights as firstborn to Joseph (1 Chr 5:1-2)
 - c. Dan is omitted.
 - d. Joseph is included and Ephraim is excluded.
 - e. Levi is included. (Dt 10:9-10)
 - f. After Judah and Reuben (both sons of Leah) the sons of the concubines (Bilhah and Zilpah) are listed before the sons of Leah and Rachel. The mixing up of the patriarchal names is designed to show that physical privileges and standings have ended. (Kistemaker, 2001)
 - g. The names listed have meaning.



- i. Judah = praise
 - ii. Reuben = see a son
 - iii. Gad = multitude
 - iv. Asher = happy
 - v. Naphtali = struggle
 - vi. Manasseh = forgetting
 - vii. Simeon = hearing
 - viii. Levi = joined
 - ix. Issachar = reward
 - x. Zebulun = honor
 - xi. Joseph = may he add
 - xii. Benjamin = son of my right hand
2. The sealing of the 144,000 is the same as the promise Jesus made to the conquerors in Philadelphia (Rev 3:12).
 3. In chapter 14 the 144,000 are identified as those “purchased” from the earth as first fruits to God and the Lamb (Rev 14:3-4). By his blood the Lamb “purchased” for God people from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation (Rev 5:9).
 4. The 144,000 are those “who have not been defiled with women” (Rev 14:4). This is symbolic of the church’s spiritual purity.

Rev 7:9 – John hears 144,000, God’s perfect church, but when he looks he sees a great multitude. Many people will be saved.

1. From every nation, tribe, people and language
 - a. Rev 5:9 – And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,
 - b. Matt 24:14 – And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.
2. White robes (Rev 3:4, 5; 6:11)
3. Palm branches
John 12:13 – So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!”

Rev 7:10 – Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb! This great multitude gives God all the credit for salvation.

1. Rev 19:1 – After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God.”
2. Ps 3:8 – Salvation belongs to the Lord; your blessing be on your people!

Rev 7:12 – Another sevenfold tribute to God

Rev 7:14

1. Have come (NIV) – literally “the ones who are coming” as the ESV has.
2. These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. The whole period from Christ’s first and second coming is considered great tribulation. There is a final period of tribulation for the church that is coming.
 - a. John 16:33 – I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.



- b. 2 Thes 1:5-6 – This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—6 since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you
 - c. Heb 11:35-40 – Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. 36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—38 of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. 39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.
3. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb
- a. Ex 19:10-11 – the Lord said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments 11 and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the Lord will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people.”
 - b. Is 1:18 – Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
 - c. Eph 5:25-27 – Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.
 - d. 1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Rev 7:15

1. They are before the throne of God and serve him (Rev 22:3)
2. In his temple – Greek *naos*, this is not the whole temple, but only the Holy of Holies.
 - a. Eph 2:19-22 – So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
 - b. 1 Cor 3:16-17 – Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.
3. Will shelter them with his presence
 - a. Lev 26:11-12 – I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.
 - b. Ez 37:24-28 – “My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. 25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever. 26 I will make a covenant of peace



with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore. 27 My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 Then the nations will know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”

- c. Rev 21:2-3 – And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

Rev 7:16

Is 49:8-13 – Thus says the Lord: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, 9 saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; 10 they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. 11 And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.” 13 Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Rev 7:17

1. Lamb...will be their shepherd
 - a. 2 Sam 5:1-2 – Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the Lord said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’”
 - b. Ez 34:23 – And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd.
 - c. John 10:11 – I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.
 - d. 1 Pet 2:25 – For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
 - e. 1 Pet 5:1-4 – So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: 2 shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; 3 not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.
2. He will guide them to springs of living water (Is 49:10; Ez 47:1-12)
 - a. John 4:10-14 – Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.” 11 The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” 13 Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be



thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

- b. John 7:37-39 – On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.
3. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes
 - a. Is 25:8 – He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.
 - b. Rev 21:4 – He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Correlation between chapter 7 and chapters 21 and 22. (Kistemaker, 2001)

Picture	References
The seal on the forehead	Rev 7:3 and 22:4
The twelve tribes of Israel	Rev 7:4-8 and 21:12
The nations	Rev 7:9 and 21:24, 26
The throne of God	Rev 7:9, 15 and 22:1, 3
The service rendered	Rev 7:15 and 22:3
The temple	Rev 7:15 and 21:22
The dwelling of God	Rev 7:15 and 21:3
Thirst and springs of living water	Rev 7:16-17 and 21:6
The wiping of tears	Rev 7:17 and 21:4

Seventh Seal: Silence in Heaven

The seventh seal introduces the seven trumpets.

Rev 8:1 – Silence in heaven

1. Hab 2:18-20 – “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! 19 Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. 20 But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”
2. Zeph 1:7 – Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests.
3. Zech 2:13 – Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Rev 8:2 – Seven trumpets were given to them.

1. Ez 33:1-7 – The word of the Lord came to me: 2 “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, 3 and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and



blows the trumpet and warns the people, 4 then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. 6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.

2. Joel 2:1 – Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near

Rev 8:3 – He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints

1. Rom 8:26-27 – Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
2. Ps 141:1-2 – O Lord, I call upon you; hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to you! 2 Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

Rev 8:5

1. Filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth.
 - a. Luke 12:49-51 – I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.
 - b. Lev 16:11-13 – Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself. 12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, and two handfuls of sweet incense beaten small, and he shall bring it inside the veil 13 and put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is over the testimony, so that he does not die.
2. There were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake
 - a. Rev 4:5 – From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God
 - b. Rev 11:19 – Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.
 - c. Rev 16:18 – And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake.
 - d. Ex 19:16 – On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled.