

In the book of Revelation, chapter 5, we see God seated on His throne, holding a scroll in His right hand that is written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. No one in heaven or on earth was worthy to open the scroll or even look inside it.

This scroll contains all the mysteries of humanity's redemption—from beginning to end—which moved John to tears because no one was worthy to open or read it. But then one appeared who was worthy: the Lord Jesus Christ! Hallelujah! (See Revelation 5 fully)

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### The First Seal

*Revelation 6:1-2 (ESV): "Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, 'Come!' And I looked, and behold, a white horse! Its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer."*

Here we see the four living creatures and the four horses. The living creatures symbolize the power of God given to believers to combat evil and the schemes of the enemy.

- The first creature was like a lion.
- The second, like an ox.
- The third, like a human.
- The fourth, like a flying eagle.

The first seal represents the spirit of the Antichrist emerging in the early Church. 2 Thessalonians 2:3 warns: “Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction.”

The early Church overcame this antichrist spirit through the courage of the lion-spirit—the power of God. This period lasted approximately from AD 53 to 170 in the Church of Ephesus.

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## The Second Seal

*Revelation 6:3-4 (ESV): “When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, ‘Come!’ And another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.”*

Here, the Antichrist changes tactics after failing the first attempt—from deception to violence. During Roman rule and later Church persecutions (AD 354 onwards), millions of Christians were killed for their faith. Yet God left the power of the Holy Spirit, symbolized by the ox, to overcome this assault.

*Romans 8:36: "...as it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.'"*

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### The Third Seal

*Revelation 6:5 (ESV): "When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, 'Come!' And I looked, and behold, a black horse! Its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, 'A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine.'"*

After the bloodshed of Christians, the Antichrist oppressed the Church

through deception and economic control—the “Dark Ages” from roughly 500–1500 AD. Yet God preserved a faithful remnant through wisdom and the work of the Holy Spirit.

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### The Fourth Seal

*Revelation 6:7-8 (ESV): “When he opened the fourth seal, I looked, and behold, a pale horse! Its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed him. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, pestilence, and by wild beasts.”*

This seal shows the combined effect of the first three forces—deception, violence, and oppression—working in the last age of the Church.

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### The Fifth Seal

*Revelation 6:9-11 (ESV): “When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony they had borne. They cried out with a loud voice, ‘O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you*

*will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?'"*

These souls symbolize martyrs—from early Christians to those who suffered under the Holocaust. They receive white robes as a sign of salvation through faithfulness.

*Romans 9:6: "For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel."*

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## The Sixth Seal

*Revelation 6:12-17 (ESV): "When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake; the sun became black as sackcloth, the moon became like blood, and the stars of the sky fell to the earth..."*

This describes the great Day of the Lord (Matthew 24:29-30) at the end of the Tribulation, followed by the rapture of the saints.

*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17: "For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel's call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God..."*

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## The Seventh Seal

*Revelation 8:1 (ESV): "When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour."*

This seal prepares the stage for final judgment and the great rapture. The seventh angel, represented by Jesus Himself (Revelation 10:1-4), delivers the final message to prepare the Church—the Bride—for the rapture.

Shalom!

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