

THE SEVENTH SEAL OF INCREDIBLY BAD NEWS

Studies in the Revelation

Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy,
and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE SEVENTH SEAL?

First Key Word(s): Silence

When (who) the Lamb broke (what) the seventh seal, there was (1) silence
(where) in heaven for (how long) about half an hour.

Revelation 8:1

Seal One: False Christ (white horse) – Revelation 6:1-2

Seal Two: War (red horse) – Revelation 6:3-4

Seal Three: Famine (black horse) – Revelation 6:5-6

Seal Four: Death (pale/ashen horse) – Revelation 6:7-8

Seal Five: Martyrs – Revelation 6:9-11

Seal Six: Terror (Day of the Lord) – Revelation 6:12-17

Second Key Word(s): Trumpet Sounds

And I saw (what) the seven angels who stand (where) before God, and
seven (what) trumpets were given to them. Revelation 8:2

Cherubim – Genesis 3:4

Seraphim – Isaiah 6:2

Archangels – 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Jude 9

Thrones, dominions, rulers, authorities – Colossians 1:16

Powers – Ephesians 6:12

Presence angels – Luke 1:19 (Gabriel); Revelation 8:2

Third Key Word(s): Incense, Prayers of the Saints

Another angel came and stood at (what) the altar, holding (what) a golden censer; and much (what) incense was given to him, so that he might add it to (what) the prayers of all the saints on (where) the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.

Revelation 8:3-4

Bowls of Incense:

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are (what) the prayers of the saints.

Revelation 8:5

The Prayers of the Saints:

When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been would be completed also.

Revelation 6:9-11

Final Key Word(s): Thunder, lightning and earthquake

Then the angel took (what) the censer and filled it with (what) the fire of the altar, and (what) threw it to the earth; and there followed (1) peals of thunder and (2) sounds and flashes of lightning and (3) an earthquake.

Revelation 8:5

Primary Point

The prayers of the saints in Revelation 6 now become the judgment and wrath of Revelation 8.

"Allow both (wheat and tares) to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to (what) burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Matthew 13:30

"The Son of Man will send forth (who) His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them (where) into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Matthew 13:41-42

For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when (what) the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with (who) His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of (what) eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed— for our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10