

# Understanding Revelation and the End Times

Week 6

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## The Seven Seals

There are 3 sets of seven where judgement comes on the world. The seals, trumpets and bowls. There is progression in the level of intensity of each as to how much is affected: quarter, third and total destruction. You will notice that the trumpets and bowls mirror the Exodus plagues and only affect the pagans and have a message of repentance. The seals, however, affect everyone.

The 4 Horseman (First 4 Seals)

**Seal 1:** White Horse

**Seal 2:** Red Horse

**Seal 3:** Black Horse

**Seal 4:** Pale (Greenish) Horse

**Seal 5:** Back in Heaven / Souls Under the Altar

**Seal 6:** Total Destruction/Judgement

- Notice the 7 aspects of Creation mentioned: earthquake (the ground itself), sun, moon, stars, heavens (sky), mountain, island
- Notice the 7 people groups: kings, princes, generals, rich, mighty, slave and free
  - 7 is a number of totality or perfection
- 144,000
  - Ethnic Israel? If so, where is Dan? This isn't a list of the 12 tribes or the 12 sons...
  - Church? People of God?
- Great Tribulation
  - *Thlipsis* in Greek
    - Used 5 times in Revelation: 1:9, 2:9, 2:10, 2:22 and 7:14
    - NIV only translates it "tribulation" here in 7:14. The ESV translates it "tribulation" every time.

**Seal 7:** Silence/Interlude to Trumpets