The Seven Seals and The Four horsemen of the Apocalypse: Revelation 6-7

# Jesus is worthy to open the seals (Review of Rev. 4-5)

## Jesus is worthy, because he has not played a part in the dismantling of the world: Jesus is without Sin

## Jesus STANDS at the Center of the Throne of Heaven

### Significant that He is Standing, he appears as the Lion and the Lamb

### The power to get things done, is found in the power of sacrificial love

## How is God going to make the world right? How is God’s plan carried out?

# The four Horsemen (Revelation 6:1-8)

### Seal 1 – White Horse, Conqueror bent on Conquest (6:2)

### Seal 2 – Red Horse, War and Violence, taking away peace (6:4)

### Seal 3 – Black Horse, Rider is Injustice (6:5)

### Seal 4 – Pale Horse, Rider is Death and Hades (6:8)

## The Four Horsemen are not a description of coming events, as much as a description of the way things currently are in the world today. Read the Four horsemen as a kaleidoscope of a world broken by a cycle of war, violence, death and despair.

## The revelation of the Four Horsemen is not for fear mongering, but Faith monitoring. How shall we live in a world of cycle violence, death and despair?

# Who are we to be in a world ravaged by four horsemen? How Shall we live? (Seals 5 and 6)

## Seal 5: We are the Children of God, the faithful ones.

### Persecuted for the Word of God & Our Testimony about Jesus (6:9)

### We cry for help, in our broken world: “How Long, Lord?” (6:10)

### We are Faithful, courageous Martyrs of the faith (6:11)

### We keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the central focus of our worship and devotion

## Seal 6: The World is turned upside down, The Sinful are Judged, the Saints are Redeemed

### Stars in the sky fell to earth, sky receded like a scroll – That’s the end of empire language. The sixth seal is the end of the old world.

### People who have lived opposed to God are going into hiding:

#### Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich the mighty, and everyone else, slave and free, hid in caves – “Fall on us and hide us from the wrath of the Lamb!

#### The Children of God are Redeemed – 7:3

#### The Children of God are accounted for: 7:4-9

#### Not one child is missing: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb (7:10)

## These are they how have come out of the great Tribulation:

### They are the ones who worship God

### They are the one who have repented, and lived faithfully

### They are the redeemed, The Lamb is their Shepherd

# The Church prevails

## The enemy may appear to win in the death of Christians

### The horsemen may roam freely, and destructively wreak havoc on God’s creation

### The sacrificial love, the power of the lamb is greater than all the evil, all of the violence and death that the horsemen are unleashing on the world. That is to say:

#### The church may take great comfort in knowing that in a world marked with famine, wars, rumors of wars, hurricanes, tornadoes, typhoons and more, the Lamb is victorious, and our victory is established in him.

#### The church will not be overcome by the powers of the world, for one is seated high above all rulers, powers and authorities of this age and the age to come (Ephesians 1:21). The Church takes heart, in the one who has overcome!

# Live faithfully, not fearfully

## Keep an eye on our Testimony

## Grow in our Worship of the Lamb

## Comfort one another, in Love