

Series: The End Begins
Sealed But Not Shaken – Part 4

Main Text: Revelation 6:1–8; 7:1–4

Revelation 6:1–8 – The Four Horsemen

1 I watched as the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!”

2 I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

3 When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!”

4 Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make people kill each other. To him was given a large sword.

5 When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand.

6 Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “Two pounds of wheat for a day’s wages, and six pounds of barley for a day’s wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

7 When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!”

8 I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

Revelation 7:1–4 – The Seal of God

1 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds...

2 Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God.

3 “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”

4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

Quick Symbol Moment: What’s Happening Here?

Revelation 6 can feel like a scene from a movie: horses, seals, thunder, and chaos. But remember: **these symbols aren’t meant to scare you—they’re meant to prepare you.** They represent spiritual realities behind physical events. So let’s quickly decode three of the most common ones in today’s passage.”

- *The Seals – Symbolize divine authority and timing*

Jesus—the Lamb—breaks each seal to **unveil God’s redemptive plan**. Nothing happens until He allows it.

- *The Four Horsemen – Symbolize worldly turmoil*

These represent conquest, war, famine, and death. But they don’t ride **without limits**—they serve God’s purpose in the story of redemption.

- *The Seal of God – Symbolizes protection, identity, and ownership*

In chapter 7, the servants of God are sealed—**not to escape the world, but to endure it with hope**.

The breaking of the seals reveals that even in chaos, **God is still in control**. Revelation doesn’t show us a God reacting—it shows a **God ruling**. And those who belong to Him are **sealed, seen, and secure**.

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- **Chapter 6:** The Lamb opens the first four seals—each one unleashes a rider (warfare, famine, death).
- **Chapter 7:** Just before the next wave of judgment, God pauses the chaos and **seals His servants** with protection.

“Do not harm the land... until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.”
– *Revelation 7:3*

Three things to Remember:

1. The Seals Reveal More Than They Destroy

- The breaking of the seals isn’t about fear—it’s about **revelation**.
- These events may seem chaotic, but they unfold under **God’s authority**.

“When it feels like the world is falling apart, it may actually be falling into place.”

2. God Doesn’t Lose Control—He Fulfills His Plan

- The enemy wants us to think that pain means God is absent.
- But in Revelation, **even the shaking is part of the story**.

“God is not reacting—He’s revealing. He’s not panicked—He’s **positioning** us for what’s next.”

3. *Those Who Are Sealed Will Stand*

- Before judgment continues, **God marks His people.**
- The seal is not a symbol of escape—it's a mark of endurance.

"The shaking may hit everyone, but the seal rests on the faithful."

"Do not harm... until we seal the servants of our God." – Revelation 7:3

Closing:

Are you sealed or just surviving?

You don't have to live in fear of what's next.

If you belong to Jesus, **the storm around you isn't stronger than the seal on you.**

Don't just watch the headlines—**stand on His promise.**

Response Moment / Altar Call:

"Today, you can be marked by more than anxiety—you can be marked by grace.

The same God who seals His servants in Revelation still secures hearts today.

Come to the One who's not just writing the story—but **sealing the ending.**"