



# THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

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Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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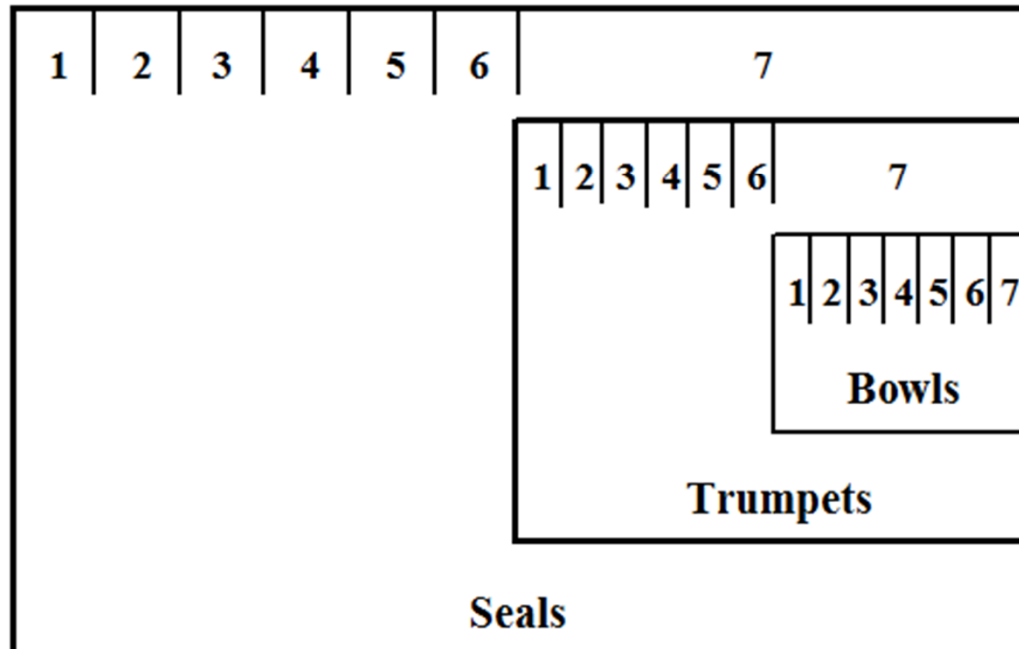
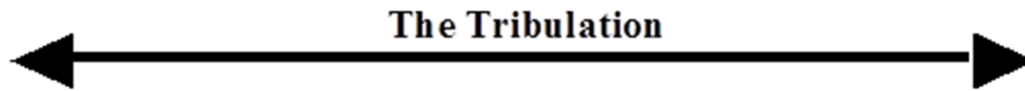
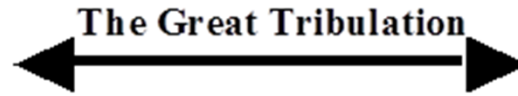
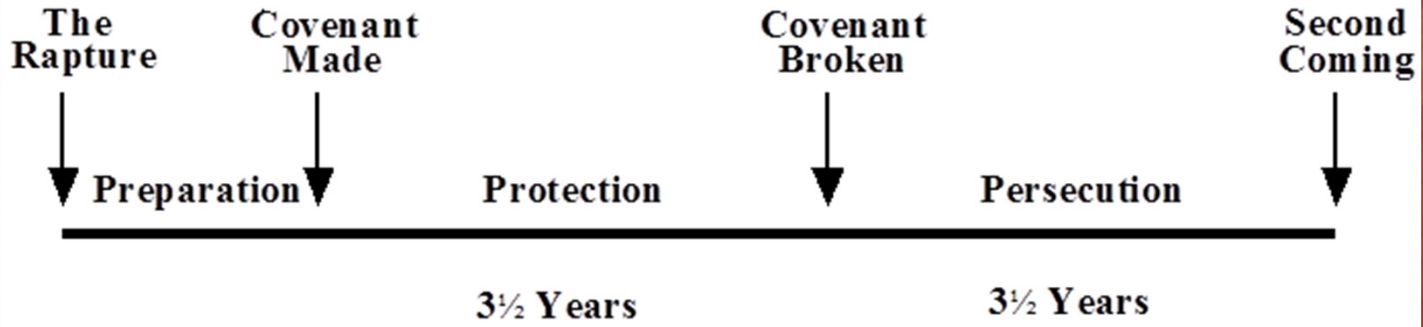
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In chapters 4—20, John described what he saw in heaven and on earth. In chapter seven, there is no mention of the seals, being like a parenthetical portion describing events which happen during the first six seals. We will begin looking at the seventh seal in chapter 8.

## 2. What is Recorded in Parentheses About the Seals, 7:1-17

### a. God's Providential Care for His Own, 7:1-3

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Rev. 20:8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in **the four quarters of the earth**, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom *is* as the sand of the sea.

Isa. 11:12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah **from the four corners of the earth**.

Jer. 49:36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four **quarters** of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

Mt. 24:31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect **from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other**.

## b. God's Personal Claim to His Own, 7:4-12

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Seventh-day Adventists identify themselves as those special people of Revelation called the 144,000.

The following points are from their Revelation Seminars:

**1. The 144,000 are *Spiritual* Israel.**

**2. The 144,000 are Seventh-day Adventists.**

1. They avoid dancing

2. They do not wear jewelry

3. They will not use tobacco

4. They will not use alcohol

5. They do not eat "unclean" meat; rather, Daniel's diet ("fruits, nuts, grains and vegetables") is "the best diet to have under test"

6. They will not use "caffeinated beverages"

7. Must keep "24-hour period known as the Sabbath"

**3. The 144,000 is an end-time group arising after 1844.**

<https://www.amazingfiction.org/144000.shtml>

Gen. 49:16 **Dan shall judge his people, as** one of the tribes of Israel.  
17 **Dan shall be a serpent** by the way, an adder in the path, that biteth the horse heels, so that his rider shall fall backward.

Deut. 33:22 And of Dan he said, **Dan is a lion's whelp**: he shall leap from Bashan.

Lev 24:10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish *woman* and a man of Israel strove together in the camp;  
11 And **the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed**. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, **of the tribe of Dan**:)

Judges 17:1 And there was a man of **mount Ephraim**, whose name was Micah.

2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which **thou cursedst**, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver *is* with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed *be thou* of the LORD, my son.

4 Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, **who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah.**

5 And the **man Micah had an house of gods**, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest.

6 In those days *there was* no king in Israel, **but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.**

7 And there was a young man out of Bethlehemjudah of the family of Judah, who was **a Levite**, and he sojourned there.

10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and **be unto me a father and a priest**, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.



Judges 18:1 In those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days **the tribe of the Danites** sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. ...

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and **be to us a father and a priest**: *is it* better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be **a priest unto a tribe** and a family in Israel? ...

24 And he said, Ye have taken away **my gods which I made**, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee?

2 Kings 10:22 And he said unto him that *was* over the vestry, **Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal**. And he brought them forth vestments.

Job 5:1 Call now, if there be any that will answer thee; and **to which of the saints wilt thou turn?**

Job 15:15 **Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints;** yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.

c. God's Principal Concern for His Own, 7:13-17

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## THE LITERARY STRUCTURE OF CHAPTERS 6—18

### The Seals

FIRST SIX  
(ch. 6)

Supplementary  
Revelation  
(ch. 7)

SEVENTH  
(chs. 8—16)

### The Trumpets

FIRST SIX  
(chs. 8—9)

Supplementary  
Revelation  
(10:1—11:14)

SEVENTH  
(11:15—16:21)

Supplementary  
Revelation  
(chs. 12—15)

### The Bowls

FIRST SIX  
(16:1-16)

SEVENTH  
(16:17-21)

Supplementary  
Revelation  
(chs. 17—18)

## Conclusion

Luke 10:20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but **rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.**

Jn. 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and **they shall never perish**, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and **no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.**

30 I and *my* Father are **one.**