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“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



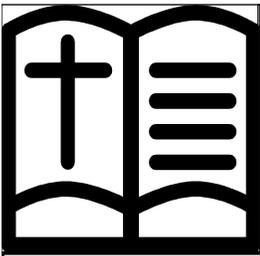
“OPENING THE SCROLL - SEAL 5”

REVELATION 6:1-17

The first 6 seals are happening during the first 3 1/2 years of the 7 year tribulation. There are other events that are happening at the same time but in a different location or scenario

G. Seal Five - Martyrdom - believers wantonly killed because of their faith in Christ

- 1. Believers in Christ during the Tribulation; not the church but members of the Kingdom of God
The Kingdom of God is the reunited angelic, heavenly realm and the human, earthly realm in a cleansed, restored kingdom under the King, the Lord Jesus Christ. Rev 7:9-17*
- 2. The national conversion of Israel promised
 - a. Israel, by the judgment of God is now spread all over the world*
 - b. But God is going to bring them back to the promised land, first for judgment then for restoration Ezek. 26, 36*
 - c. Israel will believe in Jesus as the Messiah*
 - d. The New Covenant will then be fully realized and they will be the restored inhabitants of the everlasting kingdom on earth**
- 3. The gospel of the kingdom is to be preached in all the world. God will again pour out His Spirit on all flesh, especially Israel Joel 2
Events before the great & terrible Day*



4. *The 144,000 sealed Israeli witnesses/ evangelists - God’s plan to preach the gospel includes sealing 144,000 Jewish witnesses to preach it everywhere Rev 7:1-8*
 - a. *The role of the angels in this natural world*
 - b. *There are no tribes of Israel lost to God*
 - c. *The role of angels in sealing God’s witnesses*
 - d. *The result of their preaching Rev 7:9*
5. *The Two Witnesses in Jerusalem Rev 11:3-13*
 - a. *Supernatural beings taking human form*
 - b. *Powerful, convincing witness of God*
 - c. *Killed by the beast and resurrected 3 1/2 days later; Middle of the Tribulation*
6. *But with the gospel preached in power many of those who believe in Christ will die at the hands of those following the beast. Until Christ has reclaimed His position, we are at war with the principalities and powers who use people to conduct their destructive work Seal 1; 13:1ff*
7. *Martyrdom is believers being persecuted and killed for their testimony of faith in Christ*
8. *Here the souls of martyrs are without bodies and are praying for God to avenge them*
 - a. *Under the altar - probably of incense*
 - b. *Praying - God is hearing their prayers*
 - c. *God answers prayer in His time*
 - d. *They are given white robes but told to wait; they are reassured of His answer for vengeance; more martyrs to come*