

We will now begin our seventh lecture on Revelation. Today we will begin with Revelation 6:9.

/Read 6:9. /When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

/It shows here the scene of the fifth seal being opened. /The seals are continuing to be opened here in chapter 6. /Here in verse 9, the fifth seal is opened.

/Here, the prayers of the martyrs appear. /They are souls that have been slain because of the Word of God and the testimony they had maintained. /These are believers who have been martyred in the midst of tribulations.

/They are believers who died testifying about Jesus. /They are souls who were martyred while obeying the Word of God. /Martyrs are of glorious stature.

/Martyrs are seated on the most glorious seats of special status in God's kingdom. /Martyrs trade their lives for God's Word. /2 Corinthians 5:4 /Martyrs love Jesus more than their physical lives.

/This is to be deeply moved by Jesus' love and follow the Lord by being led by His love. /Everyone born in this world dies.

/However, there is an eternal reward to those who die by faith. /Here, the souls of the martyrs under the altar appeal to God.

/Read verse 10. /They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?"

/They are appealing before God who is the Sovereign Lord of the heavens and the earth. /These are not prayers of martyrs asking God to avenge the enemy. /They are anticipating God's justice to appear equally and quickly.

/They are praying for God's justice to be quickly achieved. /They are praying for the evil forces of this world to be judged before God.

/They are praying for God's justice to be established and for God's love to appear. /They are also appealing to God to save the believers with his love. /Genesis 4:10

/Read verse 11. /Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

/Jesus clothes them with white robes. /God clothes believers in these white robes when they carry out justice. /This signifies the holiness of believers. /19:8

/This also means that believers have been forgiven of their sins through faith in Jesus Christ, and have been clothed in righteousness. /The righteousness of having been martyred is acknowledged before God. /We believers are saved solely by believing in Jesus.

/Also, we who have received salvation must carry out holiness. /We must put our lives on the line for the Lord and remain loyal to Him. /This is what it means to wear white robes. /Next, it states that they were told to wait until the numbers were full.

/Martyrs have tickets. /Only those who have been preordained to be martyred are martyred. /We are not martyred because we want to. /Only those who have been preordained by God can be martyred.

/However, no one knows who will be martyred. /Therefore, it is important that we remain faithful until the end. /We must have faith that is willing to be martyred for Jesus, since we are already destined to die once.

/Read verse 12. /I watched as he opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red,

/Here, the sixth seal appears. /The sixth seal is a great and dreadful day. /It is the Day of Judgment. /It is the day of Jesus' Second Coming. /At that time, there is said to be a great earthquake.

/Many earthquakes actually occur near the end of times. /This earthquake also symbolizes riots. /Many disturbances occur. /Order is disturbed and destroyed.

/Also, it is said that the sun will turn black. /The "sun" symbolizes the truth. /Matthew 24:29 /The sun turns black like sackcloth made of hair. /It becomes as black as sackcloth made of goat hair. /This is similar to a black blanket.

/It is also similar to a black sack. /This means that the truth will grow darker in the end. /The "moon" symbolizes the church. /The moon reflects the light it receives from the sun.

/The church must also reflect the light it receives from Jesus onto this dark world. /The moon turning blood red represents the loss of life. /This means that the church will lose its vitality.

/That is why this world will become more and more filled with sin. /8:12. /Therefore, our church must reflect the light of the truth onto this dark world.

/Read verse 13. /and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when

shaken by a strong wind.

/Natural disasters of the sky occur. /The stars of the sky fell. /The sky's stars could actually fall in the end. /Also, the "stars" represent pastors and wise believers. /Daniel 12:3

/This means that pastors and believers will receive tribulations in the end. /There are many different persecutions and tribulations.

/Read verse 14. /The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place.

/The sky will recede like a scroll and roll up. /This means that great forces like the sky will be destroyed in an instant. /Mountains and islands will also be removed. /These solid forces will all be overturned.

/Great forces and organizations will also be destroyed. /In the end, the existing order will be destroyed, /and there will be great changes. /Hebrews 1:11, 12 /2 Peter 3:12 /Psalm 46:1-3

/Read verses 15-17. /Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"

/Jesus will come again. /He will judge this world. /He will save us believers. /However, those who do not believe will be destroyed. /Kings, royalty, generals, and the wealthy will be destroyed in fear.

/They will all be frightened. /Luke 23:30 /Isaiah 2:10, 19 /They will be so frightened that they will call to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us." /This is because the great day of wrath will have come. /This is because God judges this world.

/The things of this world will be eliminated in just a day. /Revelation 18:8 /When the Lord passes judgment, the things of this world will simply fall in a day. /All people will be discouraged and weep.

/Even then, there will be no one to rescue them. /How could anyone stop God's wrath? /No one can stand before God. /Only those who are in the Lord by faith receive salvation.

/During Jesus' Second Coming, believers will transform into spiritual bodies and rise in the air. /Then this sinful world will receive judgment.

/In verse 6 it says, "do not damage the oil and the wine," in the midst of great tribulations. /In

verse 6, it says not to damage the oil and the wine. /This means that believers who prepare their faith well will receive salvation. /This "olive oil" is the soul that grew by truth and inspiration.

/"Wine" symbolizes God's grace. /God gives blessings to those who live in his grace.

/We will continue the lecture with Revelation chapter 7.

/The title of chapter 7 is, "The Sealed." /First, the four angels. /Verse 1. /Second, the angel from the east. /Verses 2-3. /Third, the twelve sealed tribes. /Verses 4-8.

/Fourth, praises of the great multitude saved by God. /Verses 9-14. /Fifth, eternal life and bliss. /Verses 15-17.

/Here, it speaks of putting seals on the foreheads of the servants of God. /Also, the chosen believers go to heaven and experience eternal bliss.

/Read 7:1. /After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree.

/The "four corners of the earth" represent all directions: north, south, east, and west. /It symbolizes the lands of this world. /The "wind" symbolizes tribulations and war. /Jeremiah 51:1-2 /This also refers to the hardships of the world.

/God sent these four angels and commanded them to hold back the winds. /God will use his angels to prevent a great war. /However, a great war will break out if these angels release the winds.

/The angels will release the winds when it is God's planned time. /Then, a war will occur. /The war occurs in 9:14, 15. /Likewise, a war is God's tool for judgment.

/Today, God temporarily holds on to the winds. /In 8:1, there is silence for about half an hour. /A great wind is destined to blow someday.

/Read verse 2. /Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea:

/Read verse 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."

/Another angel appeared with the seal of the living God. /The seal is a stamp. /The letters

engraved on it are the words of God. /Also, the one who stamps the seals is the Holy Spirit.

/In John 3:33, it states, "the seal of the word of God." /In Ephesians 1:13, it states, "a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." /The Holy Spirit uses the Word to tightly stamp a seal on the hearts of chosen believers like us.

/Then, our hearts begin to believe in Jesus. /The Word becomes life. /It becomes character. /The seal also refers to God's ownership. /God guarantees the seals. /2 Corinthians 1:22

/Also, to put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of God refers to evangelism. /It says here, "coming up from the east." /The "east" (where the sun rises) is the direction of God.

/In Ezekiel 44:1, the gate facing east is the gate the Lord enters. /Ezekiel 43:1-2 /Also, the direction of the rising sun is where God's truth appears.

/It is a place where the works of salvation are active. /It is a place where evangelism fares well. /God remains close and provides company in these places.

/There are some people who say that this place where the sun rises is Korea. /Others say it is Japan. /Others say it is China. /These are all false.

/Anywhere in the world where God's truth appears is the place where the sun rises. /This place where the works of the gospel spreads is where the sun rises. /Therefore, there is an east region everywhere in the world.

/In verse 3 it says, "a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." /Why does God silence the wind? /Why does he hold on to the wind? /This is to place a seal on the foreheads of his chosen people.

/This is because people who need to believe have not yet believed. /That is why we must diligently spread the gospel to these people in this time of quietness.

/That is why when the numbers of those who are sealed are filled up, a great wind will blow. /Therefore, we must diligently evangelize.

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

/The first work of the sealed is to spread the gospel to those who do not believe and have them believe in Jesus. /This is to save lives. /Second, it is to nurture those who already believe with the Word of God.

/It is to spread the truth. /It is to build the truth. /Faith grows. /Matthew 13:23 /The Bible

states that there were 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel who were sealed.

/The children of Israel do not refer to Jews today. /They refer to all believers across the world who believe in Jesus and have received salvation.

/All believers across the world who believe in Jesus are in the number, 144,000. /Romans 2:28-29 /It states that a person who is a Jew inwardly is a real Jew. /Galatians 3:7 /6:16

/One hundred and forty-four thousand is a symbolic number. /It sums up all people of the past who received salvation, /and all of those who will believe in Jesus.

/One hundred and forty-four thousand is twelve times twelve, times a thousand. /It is twelve times twelve, times a thousand. /The number “twelve” here is the number of salvation. /A “thousand” means many. /Psalm 84:10 /2 Peter 3:8

/One hundred and forty-four thousand represents every person who has received salvation from creation to the end. /It says in verse 9 that there was a great multitude that no one could count. /This refers to the one hundred and forty-four thousand. /This refers to all believers.

/Read verses 5-8. /From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

/Here, the tribe of Dan is missing. /However, the tribe of Manasseh is included. /The tribe of Dan is referred to as a snake in Genesis 49:17. /This symbolizes the antichrist. /That is why the tribe of Dan is missing here.

/Also, the tribe of Judah appears first among the twelve tribes. /This is because Christ came from the tribe of Judah. /Therefore, this speaks of those who will receive salvation.

/Thus, one hundred and forty-four thousand is a symbolic number. /Cults falsely claim that literally only one hundred and forty-four thousand will receive salvation. /Then what is the meaning behind the division of the number into twelve tribes as in the passage?

/Heaven does not have tribes. /This refers to the differences in perceptions of the truth of people while dwelling in this world. /The truth perceived by Presbyterians is different, and the truth perceived by Methodists is different.

/Of course, both Presbyterians and Methodists go to heaven. /However, their perceived truths are different. /We Presbyterians believe in predestination and election.

/Read verse 9. / After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

/Here, the "great multitude" refers to the one hundred and forty-four thousand. /It states that no one could count. /This is God's predestined number. /We do not know exactly how many it refers to. /It symbolizes all believers who have received salvation.

/It states here that they were wearing white robes. /These are people who have been washed by the blood of Christ. /It states in verse 14 that they washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. /Therefore, they symbolize believers who believe in Jesus and have had their sins washed away.

/These people hold palm branches in their hands and give praise before God's throne and the Lamb in a loud voice. /The "palm branches" represent joy and victory. /John 12:13

/Believers who have received salvation rejoice and give praise before the throne of God.

/Read verse 10. /And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

/The salvation of believers originated from God. /Humans cannot attain salvation on their own. /We are completely depraved and entirely incapable. /We receive salvation solely by God's love and grace.

/We receive salvation through the merit of the blood of Jesus Christ. /Therefore, all believers who have received salvation must praise God.

/Verses 11-12. /All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

/All the angels worshiped before God. /They praised God who destroyed the authority of the devil and saved believers. /They gave glory to God. /Hebrews 12:22 /"Amen" means achievement.

/The devil may interfere with the works of salvation, but salvation is always achieved. /God destroys the devil's authority. /In addition, God assuredly saves believers. /That is why all the angels praise God forever and ever.

/Verses 13-14. /Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes--who are they, and

where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

/One among the twenty-four elders asked. /One elder asked John. /"These in white robes - who are they, and where did they come from?" /Verse 9.

/Those in "white robes" came out of great tribulation. /These are people who received forgiveness of their sins through the Lamb who became a sin offering. /They are people who received forgiveness of their sins through the blood of Jesus.

/Also, it states that these people have come out of great tribulation. /It is difficult for believers who believe in Jesus and have received salvation to keep their faith in this world. /Many tribulations come to believers who attempt to keep their faith.

/Thus, believers who keep their faith amidst many tribulations will be sanctified. /2 Timothy 3:12 /2 Corinthians 4:17 /Believers are confronted with many tribulations while trying to keep their faith. /However, there is great glory in heaven. /Romans 8:18 /1 Peter 1:7 /1 Peter 4:13

/It states that they washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. /First, it is foundational to repent when believing in Jesus. /Sins are washed away through Jesus' merit.

/Second, it is to repent for the sins that are committed daily. /This is repeated repentance. /John 13:10 /We believers must also repent every day. /Romans 13:14 /Revelation 22:14 /Revelation 3:4 /Revelation 16:15

/Read verse 15. /Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them.

/We believers have received salvation and now enjoy bliss. /Believers go to heaven and receive God's comfort. /There, we will praise God. /We will worship God before his throne.

/We serve God day and night. /We serve God eternally. /We worship in spirit and in truth. /Our spirits are renewed day by day and we praise God. /We sing a new song.

/It states that a tent is built. /This is the tent of God's grace. /God protects his people. /The Lord shelters them with His wings of love. /Underneath them, it is peaceful and secure. /Matthew 23:37

/This is because God protects his people. /In this world, it is similar to our Lord guiding us with a pillar of cloud and a pillar of fire.



/Read verse 16. /Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat.

/Verse 17. /For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

/We will not thirst when we go to heaven. /There, the sun or heat will not cause harm. /Jesus becomes the Shepherd. /He guides us to springs of living water. /He wipes all our tears away.

/There is always satisfaction and an abundance of grace. /There are many tribulations in this world. /There are also many persecutions. /However, there are no tribulations when we go to heaven. /Our Jesus becomes our Shepherd and watches over us and protects us.

/The Lord feeds us the pasture of life. /He provides living water. /Our hearts are satisfied. /22:1 /Isaiah 55:1 /John 4:14 /There, we are always happy and comfortable, /and we are always satisfied. /Psalm 121:6

/It states that God wiped away every tear from their eyes. /This means that God comforts his people. /He comforts us for all the tears we shed for the Lord.

/The Lord comforts us for our persecutions and tears shed for the church. /If we have gone through many hardships for the Lord, the comfort in heaven will be just as great.

/The Lord provides limitless comfort. /2 Corinthians 1:5 /2 Timothy 1:4 /Acts 20:31 /In heaven, living water flows like a river. /Life overflows. /Also, twelve kinds of fruit of the tree of life grow at the side of the river of the living water.

/However, if you look in Luke 16, there is not a single drop of water in hell. /This is Luke 16:24. /There is much suffering in hell because there is not a single drop of water. /However, in heaven, living water flows like a river.

/We must also keep our faith with this hope. /There are no tears there. /There are no hospitals in heaven. /There is no pain or illnesses. /There is no death. /There is no pain. /There is no sorrow. /There is no suffering.

/There is true happiness and joy and eternal life in the Lord. /Therefore, we must have this kind of hope. /We must serve the Lord with faith while living in this world.

/Here we will conclude our seventh lecture on Revelation. /We will conclude our seventh lecture on Revelation. /Thank you.