Bible Story Rev: Seven Seal Book

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INTRODUCTION

- A good sensible way to divide the 22 chapter book of Revelation is the introduction, chapters 1 through 3, and then the seven sealed book, chapters 4 through 11.
- Now we're in the second section, chapters 4 through 11, the seven sealed book.

1 The Curtain Drawn: God Upon the Throne

Revelation 4:1; Romans 8:35–39; Genesis 9

- When you read chapter 4, picture yourself in the audience of a great production. The curtain is about to be drawn on the first act.
- When the curtain is drawn, what does John see first of all? He sees Jehovah God in splendor upon the throne.
- The main theme of the book is we as Christians are more than conquerors.
- It reminds us of the wrath of God in punishing the wicked and the righteousness of God in rewarding those who do his will.

2 A Book Sealed Seven Times; the Lamb Alone Worthy

Revelation 5:5; Daniel 7:13–14; 1 Corinthians 15:23–25

- No one in heaven or earth is worthy or able to loose the seals and open the book and tell what is in the record. So John begins to weep.
- On the stage is the Lamb of God, chapter 5, verse 5. He alone is worthy and able and ready to open the seal and tell us what is in the book.
- The Lamb of God was already reigning at the end of the first century.
- He is reigning now and will reign until the last enemy, death, is put under his feet.

3 The Seals Opened: How Long?

Revelation 6:15–17; Revelation 20; Galatians 6:7–8

- These first four seals that John wanted loose so badly spoke of temporary peace, then war, then famine, then death.
- They're crying out, How long will it be until we're delivered and the cause for which we died vindicated?
- John sees these same men no longer under the throne, but on thrones, reigning with Christ, and he says, This is the first resurrection.
- The martyrs had cried how long? They're answered with the sixth seal.
- Truth will reign triumphantly. Error shall be forever put down.

4 God Does His Very Best; They Repented Not

John 4:14; Revelation 9:20–21; Exodus 7

- Evil will not predominate eternally. And though we may lose momentary battles, we'll gain the ultimate victory.
- Chapter 7 shows those who have been redeemed on Mount Zion with the Lamb of God, a great number which no man could tally.
- God does his very best to bring wicked men to their knees in penitence.
- They, hardened in sin, repented not of their evil doings.

5 The Little Book: Sweet to Taste, Bitter to Stomach

Ezekiel 2; Ezekiel 3; Jeremiah 15:16

- An angel comes out and hands you a little book and tells you to eat it up? This same thing happened to Ezekiel in chapters 2 and 3.
- This little book was sweet to John's taste. But as he discovered its contents and portents, it became bitter to the stomach.
- Because it involved the overthrow of those who would compromise with Rome and forsake God.
- It's still a distasteful task to point out error, to rebuke sin, and to read and preach what the Bible says about the overthrow of ungodly men.

6 Measure the Temple of God

Jeremiah 7:4

- The temple of God represented Jehovah's people, Jeremiah 7:4.
- Measure my people and see if they will remain faithful when oppression comes, see if they will compromise with the world.
- The book of Revelation is a very rich study, telling us the hope we have as Christians, challenging us to get the world out of the church and out of our lives.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord. And how the church of the Lord needs to be separate from the world today.**

MY NOTES