

## Revelation 6: Seals of Judgment: *Who will be able to stand?*

- Seals—construction, thread, wax, and cygnet impression.
- Logical progression in vv. 1-8
- 1<sup>st</sup> Seal—White Horse—Christ: symbol: conquering power (c.f. 19:11-13)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Seal—Red Horse—symbol: war and bloodshed
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Seal—Black Horse—symbol: famine.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Seal—Green Horse—symbol: devastation, pestilence.
  
- 5<sup>th</sup> Seal—Martyrs for the sake of Christ; white robe; Avenge the Blood.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Seal—Cosmic catastrophes—social upheaval; divine judgment.

## Revelation 7: 1-17: An Interlude

### **Verses 1-3: God's Sovereignty**

- Four Winds: Protection for his servants: angel—rising in the east (Ezek 43:2) prominence being restored to the house of God.
- Those who can withstand the day of God's wrath (6:17) are those whom God empowers (7:2-3).

### **Verses 4-8: The Redeemed**

- 144,000—perhaps a census figure (Num. 1:3, 18, 20; 26:2, 4; 1 Chron. 27:23) c.f. Rev. 14:4
- Drafting 12 equal contingents from tribes or regions (Num 1:20-47; 31:4-6)
- Battalions of 1,000 were standard units—Josephus *War* 2.578
- End time Army preparing for a Spiritual Battle—Rev. 9:16
- Who? Jews? Gentiles? All Believers? (Romans 11:25-27)
- All Believers (1:1, 2:20, 6:11, 10:7, 11:18, 19:2, 5,10; 22:3,6,9).

### **Verses 9-17: The Multitude**

- Huge Multitude—“No one could Count” (v. 9)—Promise of the Patriarchs
- White robes and palm branches
- **The True Hero—the Conquering General: Jesus!**
- **WWII-death of many to bring about victory: Kingdom of God: it was the death of the King that assured the VICTORY!**