

Kevin Tregenza: Opening the Seals - Part 3 (12/5/18)

Today's Question will be: Am I Sealed?

Revelation 6:17 - The question of the previous chapter was: 'Who will be able to stand?'

Revelation 7:1 - "After these things..." - this is referring to the first six seals.

Revelation 7:1 - The 4 Angels are powerful because they are holding back all the strife globally.

- 4 Corners = the entirety of the earth
- 4 Winds = trouble/strife

Revelation 7:2,3

- Living God - Is He living in your life?
- Loud voice = Important message
- Sealed = Set apart
- Servants = These people are described as God's servants. They are those who have chosen Him as their master
- In the forehead - "in," not "on"

Revelation 7:4 - 144,000 = the sealed

Revelation 14:1

- Lamb = Jesus
- 144,000 = sealed with Father's name in foreheads

What is the seal?

"What is the seal of the living God, which is placed in the foreheads of His people? It is a mark which angels, but not human eyes, can read; for the destroying angel must see this mark of redemption." Bible Commentaries, Volume 4, pg 1161

(Ezekiel 9)

The seal is God's character "written" in our frontal lobe (decision centre) - see Jeremiah 31:33 & Hebrews 8:10.

- Exodus 33:18,19 - Glory = name
- Exodus 34:5-7 - Name = character profile

How do we receive God's character?

1. By beholding we become changed.
2. Submission to God - as He "writes" His character into our story.

Isaiah 8:16,20 - Seal the law and the testimony upon the disciple of Jesus

John 3:31-33 - Testimony

Revelation 12:17 - Law & Testimony

Exodus 20:8-11 - The fourth commandment has all of the marks of a seal. See below:

1. **Name:** Lord your God
2. **Title:** Creator
3. **Territory:** Heaven & Earth

How do we receive the seal of God?

Ephesians 1:12,13 - Sealed by the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 4:30 - Sealed by the Holy Spirit

2 Corinthians 1:21,22 - Sealed by the Holy Spirit

Another side of the sealing:

John 10:27-29 - Sealed = United in a relationship

2 Timothy 2:19 - "Known"

When do we prepare for the seal?

"Now is the time to prepare. The seal of God will never be placed upon the forehead of an impure man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of the ambitious, world-loving man or woman. It will never be placed upon the forehead of men or women of false tongues or deceitful hearts. All who receive the seal must be without spot before God—candidates for heaven." Ellen White, Testimonies Volume 5, pg 216

1 John 1:7 - 'The blood of Christ cleanses us from sin.'

"Just as soon as the people of God are sealed in their foreheads—it is not any seal or mark that can be seen, but a settling into the truth, both intellectually and spiritually, so they cannot be moved—just as soon as God's people are sealed and prepared for the shaking, it will come. Indeed, it has begun already; the judgments of God are now upon the land to give us warning, that we may know what is coming." Ellen White, MS 173, 1902

Appeal:

Am I sealed? Am I settled into the truth to the point that you are immovably firm? Ask God, through the Holy Spirit, to create this in your experience.