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A SEAL WITH THE KING'S RING CANNOT BE REVOKED

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- **Esther 8:8:** But you may write as you please with regard to the Jews, in the name of the king, and seal it with the king's ring, for an edict written in the name of the king and sealed with the king's ring cannot be revoked."

Here Esther obtained the use of the king's seal to protect her countrymen from the mischief devised by Haman and sealed it with the king's ring, this seal guaranteed the king's word, and the Jews salvation.

GOD HAS PUT HIS SEAL IN OUR HEARTS AS A GUARANTEE

- **2 Corinthians 1:22:** Paul states: God has put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

The seal of God in this context is His Spirit, and His love and grace dwelling in the heart. This seal guarantees His promise and the believers salvation.

SEALED WITH THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT

- **Ephesians 1:13–14:** In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

In this context the seal of God is the Holy Spirit that seals those who have faith in Christ, believe the Gospel and aim to live a godly life, for salvation and eternal life. Being sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, signifies, God's promise concerning salvation and eternal life is guaranteed.

YOU WERE SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD

- **Ephesians 4:30:** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

All the faithful in Christ are sealed for the day of redemption, meaning their salvation is guaranteed.

Grieving the Holy Spirit: in this chapter is in the context of being, deceitful, corrupt, coldhearted, uncaring, stealing, greedy, practicing every kind of impurity, harboring malice, bitterness, anger, and slandering others etc., these and attitudes and practices like them are the things that grieve the Holy Spirit.

Pleasing the Holy Spirit: in contrast to grieving the Holy Spirit, the attitudes, and practices that please the Holy Spirit, are: being truthful, tenderhearted, forgiving, honest, humble, gentle, kind, patient, and walking in a manner worthy of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and doing all one can do to maintain the unity of the Spirit and peace

GOD'S FOUNDATION BEARS THE SEAL: "THE LORD KNOWS WHO ARE HIS

- **2 Timothy 2:19:** But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

This means that two foundation truths of the Christian faith are:

1. The Lord knows those who are his. Many who confess to believe in Christ may fool us, but no one can fool Christ.
2. Living a godly lifestyle.

In this context, being sealed, means, that these two foundational truths, are permanent, and will forever stand as foundational truths of the Christian faith.

SERVANTS OF GOD SEALED ON THEIR FOREHEADS

- **Revelation 7:3:** saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads."

In this context the sealing is not a protection from physical harm since many of the faithful will suffer during the looming calamities, but carries the idea that they are sealed for salvation, it means that no matter how deceptive the antichristian apostasy will be, they will not be deceived during the reign of the antichristian beast nations.

DO NOT SEAL UP THE WORDS OF THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK

- **Revelation 22:10:** And he (an angel) said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.

Here John is told not to seal up the prophetic words of this book, in contrast to the command given to Daniel to shut up his prophetic words and seal them until the time of the end.

- The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now. (Dan. 8:26).
- Shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. (Dan. 12:4).
- Go his way, for the words are shut up and sealed until the time of the end. (Dan. 12:9).

Daniel was told to seal up his vision, because the fulfilment of it was distant, whereas John's prophecy is near, this is because the New Testament is the time of the end and there is no more prophecy to come, all has been told. The difference between the prophetic words of John and of Daniel is that Daniels, belonged to a preliminary opening and introduction to the final state, with various other prophecies to be spoken concerning the end of the age, whereas John's prophecies and visions are final and complete, there is nothing more to be said, everything concerning the end of the age has been spoken and given to us.

The only thing to come now is the reality of its glory to all who have loved the Lamb of God without blemish. No matter how long the Gospel age may continue, it is the last time, there is no other prophecy or Gospel to come, at the end of this age the end of this world as we know it will come, and the New World will begin.

- This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. (Matt. 24:14).

THE FIFTH SEAL, AND ANTICIPATION OF WRATH

- **Revelation 6:9-11:** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. ¹⁰They cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been. (Rev. 6:9-11).

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The fifth seal is an anticipation of God's wrath being poured out, for it pictures those who had been martyred for Christ's name, longing for God to judge and avenge their blood on those who dwell on the earth and being told to rest a little longer.

THE SIXTH SEAL BRINGS WRATH

- **Revelation: 6:12-17:** when he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, ¹³and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. ¹⁴The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. ¹⁵Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, ¹⁶calling to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, ¹⁷for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?" (Rev. 6:12-17).

The sixth seal brings a great earthquake and those dwelling on earth hide themselves from the wrath of the Lamb, because the great day of wrath has come.

THE SEVENTH SEAL BRINGS WRATH

- **Revelation 8:1-6:** when the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. ²Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, ⁴and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. ⁵Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. ⁶Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. (Rev. 8:1-6).

The seventh seal has prayers of the faithful rising-up before God and an angel throwing fire from the altar, resulting in thunder, lightning, and an earthquake, and seven angels are set to blow their seven trumpets.

OVERVIEW: of the seals: these seals signify a great earthquake, and violent storms, and destructive thunder and lightning, being held back (i.e., sealed) for generations, but now being released upon the earth, as the seals are opened.

SEALED BY JESUS NAME

- **2 Corinthians 1:19–22:** For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, whom we proclaimed among you, Silvanus and Timothy and I, was not Yes and No, but in him it is always Yes. ²⁰ For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory. ²¹ And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

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For all the promises of God find their, Yes in Him, this is the wonder God has given those who belong to Christ. The Lord's Spirit and His love in the hearts of the believer is a guarantee of salvation and eternal life, this, is why believers say, "Amen in Jesus name," because all of God's promises concerning salvation and eternal life are in the Lord Jesus Christ, and are guaranteed to all who remain faithful and endure in faith to the end. The seal in this context signifies, God's promise of salvation and eternal life to faithful believers in Christ is guaranteed.

OVERVIEW OF BEING SEALED

From the Scriptures above being sealed in God carries the idea a believer is sealed for salvation by:

- By faith in the name of Jesus, and by the power of the Gospel
- By God's love and grace deep within the heart, and the inward spiritual godly change in the inner most being that visibly manifests these inward changes outwardly by a godly lifestyle, passion, and zeal to witness the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and testify to the Gospel of grace.
- By obedience to the word of God and total surrender to Him.
- By Christ being the highest thought in the mind, and the greatest love in the heart.

- By God's laws being deeply established in the conscience, and His word being so strong within the heart and mind that a believer can never be deceived, no matter how great an apostasy maybe.
- By God's Spirit, and Jesus' love and grace dwelling in the heart
- By God's promise, and the Gospel and message of the cross of Calvary being firmly fixed in the mind and heart.
- By God's love mercy, goodness, grace, and kindness.
- By being fully confident that one is saved by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Gospel, and by God's love and grace, and are made righteous by Christ's righteousness, and not their own self-righteousness.
- By Christ being the supreme passion and thought of their mind, which is outwardly manifested by the fruits of the Spirit.

Jesus said, that those in his Kingdom will be recognized by their fruits (Matt. 7:16) (Matt. 7:20), and John states, "the children of God can know they are known by God and that His love dwells in them, if they have come to keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3-4)

The opening of the seals in the book of Revelation: bring, the final judgements and wrath of God, which results in terror and fear, and great calamities, earthquakes, and disasters on earth.

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As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.