

THINGS TO COME | THE SEVENTH SEAL
REVELATION 8:1-5

The Book of Revelation lays out God's plan to make all things right. As we've addressed in the past, things will get worse before they get better. The Apostle John, exiled to the island of Patmos, was given a vision of the future by the Lord Jesus Christ. Will life go on forever with disease, death, suffering, and war, or will God eventually make it right? When John saw Jesus take the scroll in heaven, God's plan would begin to unfold quickly. Jesus opened six seals unleashing, a conqueror, war, famine, disease, death, and cosmic upheaval. There was a break in the action as we saw a people sealed for the work of God on earth, and those whom they led to Jesus in heaven. Now, we see Jesus unfold the seventh seal. There is a calm before the storm, and then the intensity of God's judgment on the world increases. What is contained in the seventh seal and what can we learn from our passage?

1. God is one who both unseals and seals.
2. God precedes a time of intense judgement with a time of silence.
3. The seventh seal leads to additional judgments including the seven trumpets.
4. God receives the prayer of His people, and those prayers are tied to His will.