In the foregoing chapter, my primary goal has been to introduce the text of the book of Revelation. By laying this basic foundation, it is my hope to bring the mind of the reader to a place, where it can appreciate the book and the issues contained therein. Evidently its focus centers around the subject matter of the sealed book. Having a comprehension of the issues, one is provided with the conceptual frame of reference, against which it may be judged whether or not David did in fact reveal the Seven Seals. Further, with this improved awareness, one is also better placed to further understand the purpose of Mt. Carmel and the reasons for the events which occurred there.

There have been many commentators on the text of the book of Revelation. Much attention has been given to its form and structure. Also to the language and symbolisms employed in its composition. Inspite of all this attention, the meaning of the book has hitherto remained a mystery. The essential question that needs to be asked of all these interpreters is, by what authority do they speak? Having something of an awareness of the issue in Revelation 5:1-3, we begin to appreciate the significance of this question. First of all, only the Lamb can reveal the book, whoever or whatever he is. Secondly, he does reveal the book. The information contained therein, is shown to His servants. And, then, to know the seals you either a servant of the Lamb, or the Lamb Himself.

The confusion that exist among commentators, regarding the meaning of the book, evidently suggests we are dealing with peoples opinions. The book is not amenable to the carnal human consciousness; what is described as, natural
religion. It is significant that the Apostle John, spoke of things not yet having a bearing in our human sensory-based experiencing. Evidently we would not yet have formed the conceptual tools necessary to comprehend these realities. This has been the heart of the issue of faith. Perhaps also, the reason why the prophet Daniel, recorded that the book would be sealed until the time of the end. (Dan 12:4, 9–10.) The prophet Isaiah, also saw this. (Isa 29: 10–14.) The complexity of the above is further compounded by the fact that, John identifies himself as being in the spirit, when he saw these things. (Rev 1:10–A. 2:1, 2.) What does this mean? Evidently John’s common sense consciousness was unable to cope, with what he saw. In verse 17, John faints.

The Apostle Paul had something to say about being in the spirit:

"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given us of God." (1 Cor 2:12.)

Most definitely we know, the information in the book of Revelation, is given us of God. Paul writes further:

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them for they are spiritually discerned." (1 Cor 2:13.)

Consider also Romans 8:1–8. The above being true, one has to convert to the consciousness of the mind of the Spirit. Without which, comprehending the book of Revelation remains impossible. At least, until the events spoken of, meet their fulfillment. Then they become a matter of common knowledge, the human mind, via the senses, would then have experienced these realities firsthand.

It is largely for the reasons discussed above, why the meaning of the book of Revelation remains a subject of dispute in the religious arena. Further questions may be raised regarding the presence of God, among these church communities, as being distinct from other such groups not openly professing God.

The term Revelation, denotes the unveiling of some truth by God to man. Such
revealed truths are distinguished from 'natural' religion, the content of which being demonstrated by the process of reason. This is the pre-occupation of theological seminaries. There are basically three theories, arising from natural religion, offered as keys to understanding the book of Revelation. After careful analysis of these theories, it will be determined that, none of them have brought us any closer to understanding the meaning of the book of Revelation. Thinking on this subject, in the theological world, is at best speculative. For many the book of Revelation has been altogether abandoned, being regarded as unimportant to our salvation. It's a case of 'just accept Jesus, and forget about.' Their is no escaping the fact that, the book of Revelation and our appreciation of salvation is indispensable. It is comparative to that, of God warning the anti-diluvians before hand of His intentions to destroy the earth with a flood. Those who took heed, became conscious of the way of escape and lived, those who did not perished. Indeed, the prophetic references of Christ' in texts such as Mt 24, makes such comparisons to the days of Noah. The issues of the Seven Seals relate, not to the salvaging of our bodies, but much more importantly, the soul.

Consider the following. In the gospel of Luke, Christ made the following statement:

"...Father forgive them for they know not what they do."  
(Luke 23:34.)

Can you imagine what would have happened to the human race, had not Christ uttered these words! Further, what would have happened, had not the Father accepted them. By accepting Christ's statement, God bound Himself to forgive man, as long as he remained in his ignorance. The Father had previously bound Himself by His own word, when He said to Adam, if you eat of the tree you shall surely die. (Gen 2:15,16.) The flip side of this statement was, if you don't eat of the tree you shall continue to live. Adam did eat of that tree. In so doing he procured to himself and his descendants death. Christ, on the other hand, kept the law, yet he died. The law, which is the word of God, became indebted to Him. In lieu of this debt, Christ requested the forgiveness of
man. Our probation was further extended. It would be wrong to conclude that, this time was allotted to us to do as we please. As a matter of fact, it was for the purpose that man would wise up to the spirit of Christ. In Luke 23: 46, Christ commended His spirit into the hand of the Father. In the book of Revelation, His spirit was to return again to the earth, immediately before His appearing in glory. This was a further effort to communicate itself to man, man having failed of attaining to it himself, in the additional probationary time allotted.

You will recall Christ commended His spirit into the hand of the Father. On his visit to heaven in Rev 4, John saw in the right hand of the one sitting on the throne, a book Sealed within and on the backside, with Seven Seals. The book contained the revelation (knowledge) of Christ, His spirit. (cf Rev 1:1; Luke 23:46.) The Apostle Paul describes Christ as, the author and finisher of our faith. (Heb 12:1.)(2 Peter 1:1.) Christ, being in the flesh, walked the path of righteousness by remaining true and faithful to the will of God. In so doing, he cultured a spirit, giving rise to a mindset of thought perceptions, that he offers to man in place of their own. He inherited from Adam a Fallen mind, and a weak and fearful spirit. The spirit which Christ offers is our salvation. The opening of the Sealed book, reveals the things which must come to pass pertaining to Christ. These are God's judgments about, what he intends to do for his son. To understand these judgments, bringing ones thinking into harmony with them, is to be one with the spirit of Christ and of God. One cannot convert to the spirit and will of God without a knowledge of His will.

We see then that, salvation was not given 2,000 years ago. The early church, like the Patriarchs and Prophets of old, received only the promise of salvation. Salvation was to be given in the last times, at the revelation of Christ.

Consider the following:

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.
To an inheritance incorruptable, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to revealed in the last time.
(I Peter 1:4,5.)

Further:

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the Revelation of Jesus Christ.
(I Pet 1:13.)

The Apostle Paul, having also seen John's experience of going to heaven, brings to view the same thoughts as Peter, note his comment regarding Christ as, the mediator of the new covenant. (Heb 12:24.) This is in reference to John's statement regarding the Lamb, his being the only one accounted worthy to loose the Seals off of the book. The book itself, contains the new covenant, the spirit Christ cultured for us, in place of our own. The prophet Daniel also brings to view this subject of the Sealed book, and it being open in the end of time. (Dan 12:4,8-10.) Those who understand the contents are accounted wise, those who do not, wicked.

So when, Christ's purchase of our salvation required a response on our part. We are required to receive the free gift of His righteousness. This is His spirit, contained in the book Sealed with Seven Seals. The accepting of this knowledge converts our way of thinking to God's.

When the spirit of Christ returned to the earth, identified by the teaching of the Seven Seals, God is no longer bound by Christ statement of Luke 23:34.

Judgement cannot be executed on sin and sinners. It is required that man have a conscious awareness of this spirit, albeit not all men, since the hearing of it and the acceptance of it, is strictly by choice. The few of us at Mt Carmel, who received this spirit made this possible. In the revelation, John records Christ saying He comes as a thief in the night. (Rev 16:15; cf 22:12.) This event of His coming is the subject matter of Rev 10-11:13. It is developed further in Mt 24:43. The thief comes to break up the house of the owner.
Note this is linked to the seven last plagues of Rev 16. Before the owners house could be broken up, the owner had to be bound, note Mark 3:27. In verse 26, Mark indicates the owners house, and who the strong man and the thief are. Satan took possession of this world, by virtue of Adam's sin.

With the Seven Seals now in the earth, both Man and Satan are now bound. This is the cause of the controversy spoken of in Psalms 2, note verses 2 & 3.

When the seventh trumpet, of the seventh seal, sounds the mystery is finished. This world returns back to its rightful owners, God and His Christ.

Being direct recipients of the knowledge of the Seals, when challenged to surrender our position of faith, we were left with no alternative but to defend ourselves. The government over stepped its mark in asking us to surrender our souls to it. The fact that it may not have been aware of the issues, cannot be offered as an excuse. Ignorance no longer constitutes innocence. In truth, the governments action was a late and last ditch effort, to hold on to power.

The deaths of those who died at Mt Carmel merely sealed God's victory. Those of us who remain alive in faith, are an open show of that victory. The Kingdom of God, can now be made manifest in the earth, the next event to shortly come to pass. (Dan 2:44; Isa 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-3; Ezek 36; Zech 8:1-3,20-23; 14: 1-12, 16-19; Mt 5:14.)
In this section, I aim to expand our discussion further by focusing on the Psalms, the subject matter of the First Seal. Before addressing the text itself, it is necessary to clarify what the Psalms are.

There exist this commonly held belief, that the Psalms are songs, written by King David of old and relating to his experience. This is not entirely true. They are in fact the song of the Lamb, spoken of in Rev 15:3. Although sung by King David, they reflect the experience the Lamb goes through, while in the earth fulfilling his fathers will. It was the Holy Spirit who inspired King David, to document them for future generations, in accordance with the judgement and the opening of the seals. Being a man after God's own heart, he was at a place in his experience of appreciating the experience of the Lamb.

Consider what the following commentators had to say, on the subject of the Psalms and their focus. In the gospel of Luke, chapter 24, sometime after Christ's resurrection, he appeared to two disconsolate followers who were journeying to a village called Emmaus. Christ appeared alongside them and began opening to them the scriptures, note verses 26, 27, 31. In verse 44, Christ made the following comment to His disciples, regarding the Psalms:

"And he said unto them, these are the words which I spoke unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the Law of Moses, and in the Prophets, and in the Psalms, concerning me."
King David of old, had the following to say, in connection with the writing of the Psalms:

Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said,... The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. (2 Sam 23:1-3.)

Note also:

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward... (1 Sam 16:23.)

Christ himself had the following to say about David's writing of the Psalms:

And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, how say the scribes that Christ is the son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, the Lord said to my Lord, sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool. David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? (Mk 12:35-37; cf Ps 110; Acts 2:34-36.)

Consider also, what the Apostle Luke had to say in Acts 2:25-35. Quoting from Psalms 2, and 89, the Apostle Paul made the following comments:

For unto which of the angels said he at any time, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he will be to me a son? (Heb 1:5; cf Ps 2:7; 89:26,27.)

Paul also made it unequivocally clear that, the person spoken of in Psalms 45, is Christ, and not King David of old;

But unto the son he sayeth, thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. (Heb 1:8,9.)

This last reference will be of particular importance as we develop the first
Seal. In fact, all the Psalms deal with the subject matter of the first Seal. Primarily, they detail the mind of the Lamb, the one riding the horses in Rev 6:1-8. (cf Mt 10:34-39, with Rev 6:3,4.) Whilst it would give me much pleasure, in pursuing an in depth review of the Psalms, in the interest of brevity, I shall confine my focus to two examples. These both, clearly amplify the true focus of the Psalms.

The first, Psalms 22, deals with the experience of the Lamb at his crucifixion 2,000 years ago. You will recall the utterance Christ made, as he hung on the cross:

And at the ninth hour, Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, E-loi, E-loi lama Sa-bach'tha-ni? Which is, being interpreted, my God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? (Mk 15:35.)

There was much more to this utterance that, remained as unspoken thoughts, in the mind of Christ. Psalms 22, picks up the story:

PSALM 22
To the chief Musician upon Aljeletfa
Shahar, A Psalm of David

MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent.
3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: they trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
6 But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 He trusted on the Lord that he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
17 I may tell all my bones: they look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.
19 But be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword; my darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion's mouth: for thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear the Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him: and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; neither hath he hid his face from him; but when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they shall praise the Lord that seek him: your heart shall live for ever.
27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the Lord: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom is the Lord's: and he is the governor among the nations.
29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul.
30 A seed shall serve him: it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.
31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

Their's a unity of thought in the mind of Christ, revealed here in this Psalm. It helps in affirming the fact that, this Psalm was about the experience of Christ at His crucifixion, 2,000 years ago. King David had written about the intimate details of this event, many centuries before. Note verses 1,7,8, for their correlation to events surrounding the crucifixion. Compare Mark 14:65; 15: 29-32. Consider also Luke 27:27-32. Verse 9, takes us back to his birth, compare Luke 1:26-35. The experience of His being on the cross is given much detailed attention in verses 14-18, the whole Psalm is written from the position of His being on the cross. Compare Mark 15, particularly verse 24. All the Gospels give some commentary on this scene. They give the fuller external picture of what was taking place those tragic days and nights. It is through the witness of these historical narratives that we today, have been able to come to something of an awareness of Christ. A reality long witnessed to by the prophetic writings of the ancients. In the later part of this Psalm, the mood and focus shifts to the future. Verse 28, speaks of the Kingdom of the
Lord and His being the governor among the nations. How does this relate to the Christ of the book of Revelation. As the Psalms and prophets notified the Jews before hand of Christ appearance 2,000 years ago, through the testimony of the spirit, so it is today. The Apostle John in writing the book of Revelation, as instructed by the angel of Christ, sought to make us aware of events concerning the opening of the sealed book. The prophet Daniel had already spoken on the subject of the sealed book. (Dan 12:4, 8-10.) Psalms 22:22, 25, speaks of this congregation Christ is to declare the name of the Lord to. What does this mean? When was this to occur? Is there something about this Revelation we have failed to grasp? Who is the spirit of truth of John 16:13-15? What are those many things that Christ had to say that the disciples could not bear then? When were these things to be revealed? It is a fact of reality that in order to appreciate answers, we must appreciate the questions.

In our second example, Psalms 40, the Spirit through King David introduces us further, to the experience of the Lamb.

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PSALM 40
To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
4 Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.
7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me,
8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.
9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips. O LORD, thou knowest.
10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy
Note verse 1 and 2, the person of this Psalm waited patiently for the Lord. Evidently he dies and is finally brought up out of a horrible pit. What has this got to do with the resurrection? What about that rock? Who sits on the throne in Rev 4? Why does John describe him as a jasper and sardine stone? Did Christ go to heaven after his resurrection? Was His spirit commended into the hand of the Father at His crucifixion? Verse 5, speaks of God’s thoughts towards us, could those thoughts possibly be written in a book? Could that book be sealed with seven seals? In any event, the one spoken of in this Psalm is to come, verse 7. Come from where? He continues;

...in the volume of the book it is written of me,...

Is the seven seals a revelation of Christ? What does the Father give to the Lamb note Rev 1:1. What is Psalm 40:7, really teaching us? In verse 8 and 9, this person has the law of God in his heart, he preaches righteousness to the great congregation. What righteousness and to what congregation? What are God’s judgements, are they not right? Is God not righteous in His judgements? Is His judgements not contained in the book, He gives to the Lamb? Remember the congregation of Psalms 22:22,25. In verse 11, he asks for mercies from God, note verse 12, his iniquities are more than the hairs of his head. I wonder why is that? Most definitely this is not Christ in His glory. It certainly is not Him as He was 2,000 years ago. But what about this Christ? The one in the volume of the book. Why were there two goats offered during the sanctuary service, on the day of atonement? (Lev 16:7–26a) Both were symbols of Christ. Why
did the second of these goats have the iniquities of the people transferred to it? What do these symbols really teach? Who can show us? What did Christ mean in His statement of Mt 24:28? A carcase is a dead body. Well, we know one thing, there's a book sealed with seven seals, and only the Lamb can reveal it.

In the foregoing we attempted to take a brief look at the Psalms. Clearly they contain information pertinent to our knowledge of Christ. The term Christ is a title, the Greek word for the Hebrew 'Messiah' meaning 'anointed one.' There are many references to a David, future to King David of old. Hosea 3:5, speaks of Him. So does Ezek 24, note verses 13 and 25; 37, note verses 24-28. Isa 55: 3,4, identifies Him as the one who brings the covenant. He is brought to view in Jer 23, note verses 5 and 6; 30 note verse 9; 33, note verses 15-17,20,21; He is identified as the King to reign in Jerusalem over both the houses of Judah and Israel. Evidently all the tribes are to be united under His reign. In Psalms 89:20-21, this David is to be made God's firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth.(cf Rev 19:19.) We know the name David means 'beloved.' King David was the eighth son of Jesse, a man after God's own heart.(Acts 13:21,22.) It's hard to find a man, with a heart fashioned after the heart of God. In King David we see a model of Christ. It was largely for this reason he was chosen of heaven to be one to write the deeper truths concerning the experiences of the Lamb. All the above references are prophetic, they were written after King David had died.

Against the above background, the significance of the Psalms and the first seal, can be considered. Principly, the reason the Lamb alone was the only one considered worthy to reveal the book, is because it contains God's thoughts about Him. Since He is the only one who knows God's thoughts, being one with God, who but He can reveal the book, note John 1:18. God had spoken before hand via King David about Christ. David wrote the thoughts about Christ, communicated to him, in the form of Psalms. It should be clear by now, that the sealed book in heaven is the scriptures on earth. In Rev 6:1,2; the code to the first seal is recorded:

And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beast saying, come and see.
And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

The questions arise; what was it that John heard, that sounded like the noise of thunder? Whose the one riding the horse, and what, if anything, does the horse represent? This rider, rides a red, black and pale horse under the second, third and fourth seals. What about that bow! He must have some arrows. Maybe he's intending to fight a war of some sort. Perhaps that's why he goes forth conquering, and to conquer. Note also he's given a crown, kings wear crowns. I wonder who gives him this crown and what kingdom is he to rule over?

In our introduction to the Psalms, Psalms 45, begins the link with the first seal. Consider verse 1, very carefully:

My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Here the questions arise, whose heart is this, inditing a good matter, and what is the matter being indited? Whoever this person is, the matter he's inditing has something to do with a king. As a matter of fact, the king. Further, this person makes things, evidently he is a creator. But what about this king, who is he and why does the one inditing makes things for him. Did the king ask him to or did he do it all by himself? He continues, 'My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.' What does this mean? Could it be he has written the matter concerning the king? Perhaps in a book, what book? You be the judge. In verse 2 and 3, he speaks further:

Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee forever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

Continuing the revelations concerning this king, the maker describes him as fairer than the children of men. Additionally he has grace poured into his lips. What is that! Maybe the king has something to say. In any event, God has blessed him
forever. Maybe the one inditing the good matter, who also makes things, might just be God! It could be He sits on a throne with a book in His right hand. What do you think? You will recall, the rider on the white horse under the first seal, receives a crown. Under the second seal, he's given a great sword. Verse 3, of Psalms 45, brings to view this sword. Note also the kings glory and majesty. In Rev 5:7ff, after the Lamb takes the book, he receives 'power... honour,... and glory,...' note verse 12. In verse 4, the maker has more to say concerning this king:

And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach terrible things.

Wait a moment! Ride prosperously! Ride a what? A motorbike! Maybe it's a horse. Maybe it's a white horse, a red one, a black one and a pale one. What do you think? What about all that truth and meekness and righteousness! Why does his right hand teach him terrible things? What's in his right hand? Could it be a book! Maybe it's those arrows he shoots in the heart of his enemies in verse 5. But how can he shoot arrows without a bow? Must be the one he has in Rev 6:2, note verse 5.

Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.

What has these arrows got to do with Psalms 127:3-5:

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.

As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of the youth.

Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

Why are the children likened unto arrows in the hand of a mighty man? Who is this mighty man? What's he got to do with the mighty man of Psalms 45:3? Further, why are the arrows so sharp in the heart of the kings enemies? It can be
painful to see a baby cry. It's even more painful to see one burned alive, especially when you know your responsible! Why is the man happy who has his quiver full of these children? I guess it's because they speak to his enemies in the gate. It's kind of like what Psalms 8:2, had to say:

"Cut of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger."

Who is this enemy at the gate, the avenger? What gate are we talking about here? Further, what have these children got to do with Isa 53:10? It states the suffering servant shall see his seed, what seed? Did Christ have children 2,000 years ago? What does it mean for his soul to be offered for sin? And why are we saved in Christ? What does Zechariah 13:7, really teach? Who is this man equal with God? The shepherd who gets smitten. What about the sheep who get scattered, and those little ones, God turns his hand upon! Who is this king, the mighty one, who rides horses? Note what Christ had to say about him:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth on earth: I came not to send peace but a sword."
(Mt 10:34; see also verses 35-39.)

In Psalms 45:6, the king is referred to as God. In verse 7, he's anointed above his fellows. Who are his fellows? Are we not all children of God! In verse 9, through the rest of the chapter, the king is to be married, and his children reign as princes throughout the earth. Who is this daughter of verse 10, he gets married to? What's all this got to do with Rev 19:7, and Mt 22:2-13, the marriage supper of the Lamb.

The above represents a brief introduction to the first seal. The following are copies of David Ioresh's last testament before he died on April 19th, at the hands of this government. I believe this to be satisfactory introduction to the seals, for any honest person possessed of understanding, to conclude that, Psalms 45, introduces the first seal. Hitherto, no man has shown otherwise, neither denied its authenticity. The attack on Mt Carmel; the deaths of its residents, has procured to this nation a serious sin! The continued persecution
of those of us still alive, by this government in its effort to cover its sin, only worsens the guilt. We are not dealing with man's inhumanity to man. This was a direct challenge to the government of God. The residents of Mt Carmel stood for truth. Our position was a matter of conscientious obligation. It was this government's persistent arrogance, in refusing to listen, that has placed it in its present predicament. Its reluctance to acknowledge and confess this sin, will be the final cause of this nation's downfall. Babylon has been snared and taken. There is no escape, what has been done, has been done and cannot be made undone. The truth of the Seven Seals is that stone, that smote the image of Daniel 2. The stone with seven eyes of Zech 3:9, and Rev 5:6,7. The ignorance of the ignorant, no longer qualifies as innocence. The time of accountability is now, the Seals have been opened and received in the earth, albeit by just a few.
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Friends,

I offer to you My Wisdom, I offer to you My sealed secrets. How dare you turn away My invitations of mercy. I know your sins and your iniquities. None are hid from Me. When will you ever fear and be wise? Your only Saviour is My Truth, My Truth is the "Seven Seals."

You're not rejecting a man by fighting against David My servant, no, for I have given and revealed My Name to Him. Read Isaiah 45. The Name Koresh is My surname and all men are My sons and the work of My hands.

Who are you fighting against? The law is Mine, the Truth is Mine. Will you be acquitted in My judgment? Will you turn back the punishments of My hand? No!

Be it known unto you, Oh sons of men, My Christ died for man's breaking of My law (not just the Jews). But who will atone for your rejecting of My Spirit? I AM your God and you will bow under my feet.

Do you know My seals? Do you dare call Me a liar? Look and see into My "right Hand." I AM your life and your death. I AM the Spirit of the prophets and the Author of their testimonies. Look and see, you fools, you will not proceed much further. Do you think you have power to stop My will? I have spoken to My prophets regarding "time no longer." My seven thunders are to be revealed (Revelation 10:7). Is it your judgment that time is not now?! Your judgment will not stand. Read Psalm 2. Do you want Me to laugh at your pending torments? Do you want Me to pull the heavens back and show you My anger?! Why not listen to your brother David, and see if he witnesses to the truth of My hand?

I AM your God and I love you for My mercy's sake. I see your evil and pride and yet you fear me not. Do not fear the fear of man - fear Me, for I have you in My snare (Jeremiah 50:22 - 25, Revelation 18).

I will surely show you the meaning of Psalm 18, unless you open your eyes and not your mouth. Fear Me and "the hour of My judgment," for it has come.

Learn from David My seals or, as you have said, bear the consequences. I forewarn you, the Lake Waco area of Old Mount Carmel will be terribly shaken. The waters of the lake will be emptied through the broken dam. The heavens are calling you to judgment.

Please consider these tokens of great concern.

Yaweh Koresh

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April 14, 1993

Hello Dick,

As far as our progress is concerned, here is where we stand: I have related two messages, from God, to the F.B.I.; one of which concerns present danger to people here in Waco.

I was shown a fault line running throughout the Lake Waco area. An angel is standing in charge of this event. Many people, here in Waco, know that we are a good people, and yet, they have shown the same resentful spirit of indifference to our "warnings of love."

I am presently being permitted to document, in structured form, the decoded messages of the Seven Seals. Upon the completion of this task, I will be freed of my "waiting period." I hope to finish this as soon as possible and to stand before man to answer any and all questions regarding my actions.

This written Revelation of the Seven Seals will not be sold, but is to be available to all who wish to know the Truth. The Four Angels of Revelation 7 are here, now ready to punish foolish mankind; but, the writing of these Seals will cause the winds of God's wrath to be held back a little longer.

I have been praying so long for this opportunity; to put the Seals in written form. Speaking the Truth seems to have very little effect on man.

I was shown that as soon as I am given over into the hands of man, I will be made a spectacle of, and people will not be concerned about the truth of God, but just the bizzarriety of me - the flesh (person).

I want the people of this generation to be saved. I am working night and day to complete my final work of the writing out of "these Seals."

I thank my Father, He has finally granted me the chance to do this. It will bring New Light and hope for many and they will not have to deal with me the person.

The earthquake in Waco is something not to be taken lightly. It will probably be "the thing" needed to shake some sense into the people. Remember, Dick, the warning came first and I fear that the F.B.I. is going to suppress this information. It may be left up to you.

I will demand the first manuscript of the Seals be given to you. Many scholars and religious leaders will wish to have copies for examination. I will keep a copy with me. As soon as I can see that people, like Jim Tabor and Phil Arnold have a copy I will come out and then you can do your thing with this Beast.

I hope to keep in touch with you by letter, so please give your address.

We are standing on the threshold of Great events! The Seven Seals, in written form are the most sacred information ever!

David Koresh
April 11, 1593

Friends,

Your young men do not understand. Your fathers, your Mothers and your teachers - those in whom you have trusted, all have failed to show you the secret of My hand. I begin to do My "strange work," "a work you will not believe though it be told you," Isaiah 28.

Ask My servant Moses, he tried to warn you in his song: "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no God with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of My hand. For I lift up My hand to heaven, and say, I live forever." Deuteronomy 32:39 & 40. I have lifted up My hand, for My Word rules heaven and earth. The seals will either save you or destroy you.

Hear My servant Isaiah speak: "Lord, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see, but they shall see and be ashamed for their envy at the people, yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them." Isaiah 26:11.

Jeremiah says of Me: "Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might and they shall know that My name is the Lord." Jeremiah 16:21.

Hear Micah say: "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all of thine enemies shall be cut off." Micah 5:8 & 9.

Hear Habakkuk: "And his brightness was as the light, he had horns coming out of his hand: and there was the hiding of his power." Habakkuk 3:4.

Do I have horns coming out of My hand? Is not the Book in My hand? Is not this a revelation of My Son? Is not My Word - My Son, the Lamb? How many horns does the Lamb have? If he has seven (Revelation 5), then you know who is to teach you My Seven Seals. I warn you, do not hurt My Lamb (Psalm 2). For out of His side will come "bright beams" and there is the "hiding of his power."

Who do you think it is in Revelation 10, that raises his hand to heaven and swears by Me, "that there should be time no longer"?

My hand made heaven and earth, My hand also shall bring it to the end. Read Psalm 50 and learn to be wise. Respect your brother David and those who have learned of Me - from Him.

Your sins are more than you can bear. Show mercy and kindness and you shall receive mercy and kindness.
The Seven Seals are the last prophecy to a lost world, consider it and what it means! You have a chance to learn My Salvation. Do not find yourselves to be fighting against Me.

"Wherefore my brethren ye are also become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Romans 7:4

"And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, come and see. And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." Revelation 6:1 & 2

PSALM 45 (See Attachment A)
REVELATION 19 (See Attachment B)

Please listen, and show mercy and learn of the Marriage of the Lamb.

Why will you be lost?

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Yahweh Koresh

Att.
EDEN TO EDEN

Search forth for the meaning here,
Hidden within these words
'Tis a song that's sung of fallen tears,
Given way for two love birds.

Love birds yet not of feathered creed
Shot down for gambled play,
And caged a far distance betweenst themselves
For the hunter felt it best that way.

"She bird is mine," the hunter said,
'Twas this bird I raised and faithfully fed.'
'Twas he bird who released her from her cage,
Sought her womb in youthful age.

Love birds the name, these birds they call,
Two, plural, love bird, takes two.
'Twas not her womb of which he sought,
And certainly not her youth.

Love birds, the name these birds they call,
Two, plural, love bird, takes two,
It's just that he needed she,
To fly the skies of blue.

And now we see the hunter man,
Robbed without a prey,
The evil which he sought to do,
Caused the birds to pass away.

For loneliness and solitaire,
Is death to every soul.
For birds of God were meant to pair,
The two to complete the whole.

And now we see the final meaning
Of this rhyme and verse:
The pending judgment of the King
Who rules the universe.
For with Adam and his spirit Eve, 
   To share the kingdom fair; 
But when they sinned they lost their crown 
   In exchange for shame to bear.

So Eve travailed and brought forth death, 
   And passed the crown to all; 
For each to learn the lesson here, 
   The kingdom of the fall.

For virgins do not bring forth sons, 
   Until God does reverse, 
The inner meaning of the law, 
   To remove man from the curse.

For in the Christ, we've seen a bride, 
   The water mixed with blood, 
The wife with cloven tongues of fire, 
   Of whom the Christ has loved.

And now He's back to sing His song, 
   The life of every spring, 
And love birds gather, each one with mate, 
   For the marriage of the King
INTRODUCTION

John 18:33-38

[Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and chief priests havedelivered thee unto me. What hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from here. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king, then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end I was born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no faults at all.]

Strange indeed for the judgment of man, for who knows within himself that his judgment be true?

Scripture tells us that Pilate was convicted of the truth in Christ, but failing to take heed thereto, he lost his soul, causing the blood of the innocent to be shed. How many of us since the dawning of time have committed such things? Who was this Jesus? Who was this Saviour that nearly a whole religious nation rejected?

Matthew told us. Mark Luke, and John all recorded their side of the story of which remains unto this day, read and judged of all. Likewise, the Acts, the Book of Romans, Corinthians, Ephesians, Galatians, and such books open for our learning this most unique mystery of judgment and justice undone. But of all the records the most awe inspiring remains to be the most misunderstood, that being the Revelation of Jesus Christ written by the Apostle John to the churches of Asia and left on record that all who follow may ask the question:

"Who is this Christ and what remains to be the mystery of Him?"

In my work to unfold this mystery to you I will not use great techniques of scholarly display nor indepth reasonings of philosophy, no sophisticated, congenial language shall be used, just simple talk and reason.

First of all, the Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass are to be seen just as that: a revelation of Jesus to reveal to men His wishes and His desires for those who make up His church. For the kingdom of God being that of heaven, and not of this world, is to be revealed unto this world by the means He has chosen—the foolishness of preaching. John the Apostle while on the Isle of Patmos received the Lord’s messenger and in obedience placed in written form all that he saw and all that he heard pertaining to the mysteries of Christ. And in good faith the Apostle
stated, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3).

Likewise John was commanded of the angel, "Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter" (Revelation 1:19). Simply, John's record contains the past, present, and future events that revolve around the Revelation of Jesus Christ. John in faithfulness sent his writings to the seven churches in Asia and the will of Christ for these churches is plainly revealed from chapter 2 to chapter 4 of Revelation. Therefore on record, all may read and see how Christ has dealt with His churches of old.

Our subject of interest will be taken up from chapters 4-22, for these passages entail the events that are to be after John's time. For it is written (Revelation 4: entire chapter):

[After this I looked and, behold, a door was opened in heaven; and the first voice that I heard was, as it were, of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up here, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was in the Spirit and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone; and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like an emerald. And round about the throne were four and twenty seats, and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings, and voices; and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. And before the throne there was a sea of glass like crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes in front and behind. And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face like a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him, and they were full of eyes within; and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is, and is to come. And when those beasts give glory and honor and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth forever and ever, the four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth forever and ever and cast their crowns before the throne saying, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.]

John states that "that which must be hereafter"—sometime after his day there will be a God who sits on His throne. There will be a jury of twenty-four elders. God will be declared as "worthy" to receive glory and honour and power," because unto Him and for Him all things were created.

John continues to say (Revelation 5: entire chapter):

[And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose its seals? And no man in
heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look on it. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and read the book, neither to look on it. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose its seven seals. And I beheld and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes which are the seven spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open its seals; for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders, and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature that is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that livest forever and ever.

Very clearly John tells of a judgment in which only one question is asked, “Who is worthy” to open or to reveal a book found in the right hand of God clearly sealed with seven seals. John states, “No man in heaven nor in earth, neither under the earth was able to open the book neither to look thereon.” Then John is pointed to the hope of all men: the Lamb that was slain. Here is a revelation of Christ as our High Priest in heaven. Here His work is revealed: the opening of the mysteries of God. These mysteries of which reveal Christ and His sufficiency to save all whose prayers are directed to God through Him. Likewise Paul the Apostle has stated:

[So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest, but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, today have I begotten thee.]

For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did, by which we draw near unto God...But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore, he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.
For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;

But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God, from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.... For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins... of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, with which he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest.... See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spoke on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.


Clearly then, John is showing us of that very event of which Paul the Apostle so clearly writes. Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant and that New Covenant is contained in the seven seals. If we the church have been so long awaiting that which must be hereafter, why is it that so many of us in Christendom have not even heard of the seven seals?

Why is this Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave to Him such a mystery? The Apostle Peter gives us a clue when he said (1 Peter 1:3,5):

[Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ... who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.]

Truly Christ is our only Saviour, our only Mediator between man and God. Likewise, it is true the opening of the seven seals by Christ is as much or more so important for our salvation as any other former gospels. If this salvation is “ready to be revealed in the last time,” as Peter says, then we should hear another statement from the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 1:13):

[Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ]

So the question remains—What are the seven seals? And the answer remains—a Revelation of Jesus Christ which God gave unto Him to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass. If these things were to have shortly come to pass then surely they must have already been fulfilled, and if so, does that mean we are His servants if we know these things not? Or could it be that the things which must be hereafter pertaining to God’s throne, the judgment, the book, and the Lamb receiving that book are events directed primarily to the last times or the last days? If that’s the case are we in the last days? If so then it must be time for
God's servants to know these things (Psalms 90:12-17; 91:1-4; 11:3-4). The servant of God will find as we continue in our searching of the scriptures that every book of the Bible meets and ends in the book of Revelation. Gems of most sacred truth are to be uncovered, golden promises never before seen are to be brought to view, for when has grace ever been needed more than now in the time of which we live?
CHAPTER 1 
THE FIRST SEAL

Although we, the servants of God, do not live in Asia, we are none the less to be beneficiaries of their counsels; and they likewise, not being alive today are no doubt to be a part of the grace which we are to receive.

Revelation 6:1-2. Here in our Heavenly Zion we see the Lamb loose the first seal. This preview of God’s revelation of His Son is to be of our utmost interest, for not only will it more clearly reveal the nature of Christ, but it will likewise unfold more clearly the Divine nature of God who is the Author of this revelation.

Now let’s turn to Psalms 45

Verse 1: “My (God’s) heart is inditing a good matter: I (God) speak of the things which I (the Creator of all things) have made touching the King (Christ), my (God’s) tongue is the pen of a ready writer.” Here we see God not only creates all things by His Word but in His wisdom, He has chosen some things to be written that by the power of His word He may bring to pass in His own time. Here we see God by His written Word foretelling his determined purpose for His Son, Christ.

Verse 2: “Thou art fairer than the children of men, grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee forever, Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.” Clearly in the Revelation Christ is fairer than the fairest. Those who receive the seals receive the grace found therein. Christ is capable of destroying his enemies for His majesty truly is great in heaven, for it is witnessed that all angels bow before him. What is it that Christ shall ride but the white horse because the book given to Him is the truth and He shall ride prosperously.

Verse 5: “Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king’s enemies whereby the people fall under thee.” Here we see the meaning of the bow of which the first seal speaks. Let us pray that none of us refuse “Him that speaks from heaven” and the Spirit of Truth that is now speaking from heaven for it is likewise written in verse 6:

“Thy throne O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God (Christ), thy God (Father), hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad. Kings’s daughters were among thy honourable women: upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir, Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear; forget also thine own people, thy father’s house; so shall the King (Christ) greatly desire thy beauty; for he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.”

How can any man deny that the first seal is a preview into the event spoken of by the 45th
Psalm? How important is this insight? How important is it to God, or to Christ, or to the church? While on earth Christ spoke many parables regarding His kingdom and his bride. Let's hear one and see if we cannot more clearly understand the importance of these things.

Matthew 22:1-14:

[And Jesus answered and spoke unto them again by parables, and said, The Kingdom of heaven is like a certain king, who made a marriage for his son, and sent forth servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding; and they would not come. Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them who are bidden, Behold I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready, come unto the marriage. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise; and the remnant took his servants, and treated them shamefully, and slew them. But when the king heard of it, he was angry; and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then said he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they who were bidden were not worthy. Go, therefore, into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good; and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding garment. And he saith unto him, Friend how camest thou in here not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.]

Notice that in this parable of Matthew, Christ clearly teaches that those with indifferent attitudes who would not come to the Marriage Supper were to be slain. Their disinterest offended the King who we know is God. So, likewise, today if we disregard the truth of the first seal we really disregard Christ, who opened it and in so doing we disregard God who gave it. This indifference most surely will place one's salvation in jeopardy.

Matthew 21:42:

[Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner; this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?]

In this passage we see Christ pointing his hearers to the Rock (His God). We know in Revelation 4 God is pictured as one who appears to be as jasper and sardine stone. This one is the same stone to which Christ referred to. So again we are reminded that what the Father gives to Christ is a revelation of Jesus Christ that God gives to Him to show unto his servants.

Was it really David who wrote the Psalms or was it God who spoke through David? Was it really the prophets who wrote their books or was it God who spoke through the prophets? If it was God, we must conclude God claims the book as His and we should more earnestly take it as God's Word.
We find now in Revelation 19 a verification of the events we have just read.


"And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power unto the Lord our God; For true and righteous are his judgment; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand." And again they said, "Alleluia!" And her smoke rose up for ever and ever! And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne saying, "Amen! Alleluia!" And a voice came out of the throne, saying, "Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him both small and great!" And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying "Alleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." And he said unto me, "Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he saith unto me, "Thus are the true saying of God!" And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, "See thou do it not! I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren, that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse, and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns, and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood and his name is called The Word of God.

Notice how in verse 9 it says, "Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said unto me, "These are the true saying of God!" Being the true saying of God, the first seal of Revelation 6:1-2 must be true according to the saying of God in Psalms 45. And how can we be blessed if we know nothing about the Marriage Supper of the Lamb nor what it entails?

Isaiah 33:17:

[Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off.]

Are we starting to see the King a little more clearly? And how about that heavenly land very far off?

Isaiah 55:3-4:

[Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have
Has not David truly witnessed on behalf of God by God’s own power this beautiful marriage of which all are called to receive the knowledge of.

Isaiah 61:8-10:

[For I, the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed whom the LORD hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels.]

We should surely at this moment realize the importance of learning more thoroughly the meaning of Christ according to the seals lest we be found without “the wedding garment” of God’s judgment, for if we receive this enlightenment, this grace which comes from heaven, we shall surely be partakers of the marriage of the Lamb for we are the guests who will “Hearken and consider.”

Jeremiah 23:5,6,7,8,18,19,20:

[Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name, whereby he shall be called, THE LORD IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The Lord liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, but the LORD liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries to which I had driven them, and they shall dwell in their own land....For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? Who hath marked his word, and heard it? Behold; a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind; it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. Then the anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart; in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.]

This beautiful prophecy, the Desire of Ages, entails of Christ the Lord our Righteousness and also warns us of the latter days should we be found not standing in the counsel of the Lord. If we, the church of God, stand in the counsel of Christ, especially in the light of the seven seals, shall we not be a part of that beautiful bride spoken of in Jeremiah 33?

Jeremiah 33:14-16:
[Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name of which she shall be called, THE LORD, OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.]

She, the city, she, the saints, those who are clothed with the righteousness of Christ and His Word, for it is also promised in verse 17, “David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.” For Christ remains a King “forever.” (Psalm 45:6)

Ezekiel 37:24-25 Daniel 12:1:

[And David, my servant, shall be king over them, and they all shall have one shepherd; they shall also walk in mine judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob, my servant, in which your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell in it, even they, and their children, and their children's children forever; and my servant, David shall be their prince forever.]

[And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people, and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time; and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.]

If we are to be found written in the book, surely we should be found in the first seal for there Christ is revealed, shall not we also be revealed as one who “hearkens and considers” for is not He “our Lord” and shall not we “worship” him “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

In Hosea 2:14 we read, “Therefore, behold I will allure her [and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly unto her]” The Christian Church being scattered from Jerusalem went throughout all nations. Being amongst the Gentiles, the gospel was to impart unto the Gentiles the riches of God’s mercy.

Verse 15: “And I will [give her her vineyards from thence, and the Valley of Achor for a door of hope; and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.’” Here it is promised that once the unfaithful ones as Achan are taken from amongst God’s people we will definitely have a deliverance and all the prophets agree.

Verse 16: [And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi, and shalt call me no more Baali.] If we are to call God by such an endearing term, we are to know Him a little better and what better [way] to know him than in the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Verse 17: [For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.] All false teachers and false prophets are to be forgotten for
there is one God, and one Lamb and one seven seal truth.

Verse 18: [And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.] Just as Isaiah 11 has promised, so Hosea also promises, peace for those who are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Verses 19 and 20: [And I will betroth thee unto me forever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know the LORD.] So again, here we see the importance of this opportunity of learning these seven seals and the complete entailment of what that includes.

Verse 21: [And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth.] Are we not a part of this event by faith? Is not heaven in total unity to the receiving of these seals from God? Is not God's word supreme in heaven? And it being the Word which reveals Christ now is the time like never before to pray that we may be worthy to understand these things more clearly.

Verse 22 and 23: [And the earth shall hear the corn and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel. And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them who were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.] We will not go at this point into the in depth meaning of the book of Hosea in every particular for our primary subject at this point is the first seal and the Marriage is that subject. This should inspire us to look into the meaning of Hosea 3:5 "Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD, their God, and David, their king, and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Joel 2:15,16: [Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that nurse at the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.] Yes, the bride is definitely to be revealed for we know that Christ is in the Heavenly Sanctuary anticipating His Marriage of which God has spoken. Should we not eagerly ourselves be ready to accept this truth and come out of our closet and be revealed to the world as those who love Christ in truth and in righteousness.

Amos 9:11,14,15: [In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches of it; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old ... And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink their wine; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD, thy God.]

Obadiah 21: [And saviors shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Ebaau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.]
SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION
Free Spirit; The Mystery of the Seven Seals

The highest expression of God is a free Spirit;
Neither bound by the fears of death,
Or possessed by the lust of life.
Unmoved by the actions of man;
Being above them all.

The destruction of this Spirit results from a transgression
of the Laws of Commandments protecting her.
But rather than give her up
We suffer the destruction of the body by those who,
through counterfeiting the Law,
Seek to plunder us.

Being unreservedly, and wholeheartedly devoted to you
She is inestimably more valuable than Life in the body.
Mt. Carmel was my marriage to her.
She is the truth of the Seven Seals.

Death and imprisonment are unworthy offerings
in defense of her.
Our Father has said 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay.'
On these words we rest,
Waiting patiently to fly away.

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On the subject matter of David Koresh's conduct, a topic so highly misunderstood and misrepresented in the media. There are significant and delicate truths relative to the salvation process giving rise to such actions. In his letter to the FBI prior to his death, he offered to address these questions. This offer was rejected, evidently people want to believe what they want to believe, then so be it! Nevertheless, consider the following.

God instructed the prophet Isaiah to walk naked and barefoot three years; why? (Isa 20:1-3.) He instructed Hosea the priest, to marry two prostitutes; why? Evidently prostitutes are notably responsive to the call of God, you may recall Rahab and Mary Magdalene. (Hosea 1:1; 3:1.) The prophet Ezekiel was instructed to gather grains to make his bread. In the process mix it with "shit." Having done so, he was commanded to eat this and drink water in measure, before the people. God also killed his wife and instructed him not to mourn; why? (Ezek 4: 9-17; 24:15-18.) The apostle Paul, describes these and such actions as, the foolishness of God, chosen to confound and bring to nought the mighty. Ways and means he employs in His mysterious workings, to nurture faith in the sincere, and to capture the insincere in his own craftiness. (1 Cor 1:19-28; Ps 58:3-5; Ezek 12:2ff; 14:1-11; Jer 17:9; Isa 48.) Consider Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, chapter 2:1-12, note particularly verses 7, 8-12. People have this weired and often unconscious notion they can deceive God. At the revelation of the mystery of God, it will be seen that, God is a bigger serpent than Satan! note Gen 3:22. Under the third seal, the balances of deceit are in His hand. (Hos 12:7.) No one really escapes with anything, we all ultimately reap what we sow, unless there be one willing to take our place!

Having an awareness that, the basic understanding, of even the existence of the seven seals, let alone their meaning and significance, is for the most part sadly lacking. To enter discussion into matters of detail regarding David's actions serves little purpose. Without sounding paternalistic and arrogant, the response of the Media and the public, clearly indicates a level of spiritual maturity, insufficient to appreciate the importance and significance of these
matters. In its principle, salvation is a reversal of the spiritual rape, performed by Satan on Eve. The fact that he deceived her, constituted a raping of her mind. Mankind consequently, fell from that mental plane of existence enjoyed by Adam and Eve. Their eyes became opened and they were no longer virgins. They now knew sin! The differences in the reversal process are basically twofold. The element of choice, and the fact that, God has to now work with a fallen mind. In this fallen mental state, mankind has lost the mental perception, of his pre-sin condition. God cannot automatically return him to that state, without his exercising his choice. An image of this reversal process, received via a faith perception of the reality, takes place on the carnal plane. This allows the demonstration on this plane of existence, of the exercise of ones choice to return to the pre-sin state of consciousness. We are here dealing with the science of salvation. There are laws governing the spirit, as there are laws of physics. The requirements of these laws, also have to be met. Without a conscious awareness of them, their manifestation by the Spirit, in and upon those she works through, are not comprehended. This is what the Apostle John spoke about in his gospel. (John 1:1-18.)

Whilst not everyone is required to go through our experience at Mt Carmel, everyone is required to give a response of approval or disapproval. Such responses represents an indication of ones choice, either for or against, God's salvation. Ultimately it will be seen, that everyone consciously chose their eternal destiny, be it desirable or undesirable. I believe it pays, to be properly informed of spiritual reality.

David's action and conduct, in harmony with scriptures, facilitated the evidence of the union between the divine and the human. You will recall the Genesis account of the pre-sin union, between God and Man. It was subsequently broken by Satan. This union is reflected in marriage, between man and woman. In the children that result, we see the man and woman joined into one. I realise that today, parents rarely remain faithful to their marriage covenant. Nevertheless, the children remain as natural evidence of that union. This cannot be replaced by a lifeless certificate of marriage. The marriage covenant has been deemed so
important by God; for the stability of the universe, of which the family is an image, He has given birth to the concept of children. They were to be a living and perpetual reminder of that covenant. With all the joy they bring, by their childish foolishness, coupled to the responsibility, they afford us, as parents, they kept alive before our face, our covenant promises. The whole of creation, Adam and Eve being the principle focus, is evidence of the union of God and His Spirit. (note Gen 1:26; cf Prov 8; Rom 1:19-21.)

Finally, the 16th century reformer Martin Luther, introduced the truth: righteousness by faith. At the time, righteousness by works was the prevailing thought shaping theological thinking. The truth of righteousness by faith, was so pervasive in scripture it could not be overturned. Consequently, the prevailing theological thinking, which gave rise to the then socio-political and economic status quo, was overturned. A new order of things emerged, and as continued onto today. It is significant to note that, societies are shaped by ideology. Ideologies have their roots in one's perceptions of God. Where God is perceived as non-existent, men do as they please, because they see themselves as answerable to none, but themselves. It is ironic that such thinking, leads men into being gods over their fellow men! Nevertheless, where God is perceived as existing, men act according to their perception of Him. History has shown that, perceptions of God and His requirements, are subject to change and development. The reformation is a case in point. The subject matter of the Seven Seals and the issues they introduce, are destined to have a profound impact on the existing theological thinking. Their are equally profound consequences for the present socio-political and economic status quo.