**These Perilous Times**

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**Introduction to Revelation**

**Part XI**

**The Seven Seals-The Seventh Seal**

A. The Lamb opens the seventh seal: “When He opened the seventh there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.” Revelation 8:1. The events portrayed in the sixth seal (Rev (6:12-7:1-17) culminate just prior to Christ’s return. Regarding ½ hour, using the day/year principle when interpreting Bible-time prophecies (Numb. 14:34; Ezek. 4:6) ½ hour equals 7 ½ days or 1/48th of a year. The reason there is silence in heaven during the *seventh seal* is because there is no one in heaven. Jesus and his angels are escorting the saved saints to heaven to reign with Him for 1000 years (Matt. 25:31-34; Rev. 20:1-6).

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

We are now living in the probationary period known as the “*sealing time.*” By God’s grace, He is holding back the four winds of strife until the servants of God are “sealed” in their foreheads (have made a choice Rev. 7:1-3).

B. An official seal is a mark of authority and has to do with legal matters and must comprise three distinct components that make it official-Example-The sitting President’s seal:

1. The Lawgivers name: Joe Biden.

2. The Lawgivers title: President.

3. The territory over which the Lawgiver governs: The United States of America and its Territories.

Can we find an “official seal” in God’s law, let’s notice the fourth Commandment (See Exodus 20:8-11).

1. The Lawgiver’s name: The Lord thy God.

2. The Lawgiver’s title: Creator/Made

3. Territory over which He governs: Heaven and earth. Right in the heart of God’s law we find His “Seal.”

C. E. G. White. Early Writings, p. 43. “Satan is now using every device in this *sealing time* to keep the minds of God’s people from the present truth and cause them to waver. I saw a covering that God was drawing over His people to protect them in the time of trouble; and every soul that was decided on the truth and was pure in heart was to be covered with the covering of the Almighty.” The most important concept concerning Christ’s Second Coming is to understand, *tomorrow is not promised*.

 (“… *behold* ***now******is the accepted time***, behold ***now is the day of******Salvation***.” II Corinthians 6:2; see also Patriarch’s and Prophets, p. 307; SDA Bible Commentary, Vol. 4, p. 1161).