## **SEVEN WAX SEALS**

# What is our lens? How will we proceed in our interpretation of Revelation?

- Judgements are released
- Four Horsemen of the apocalypse
- The Martyrs
- The Lamb as destructive and vengeful
- Call to repent

### **FIRST SEAL (6:1-2)**

The Lamb who is worthy to open the Seals is seen by John. John hears a voice "like thunder"

One of the four living beings said come, GOD did not speak. He sent His "being" He said "come" not "come and see" like before which indicates that it is now time for these things to begin to take place.

Ezekiel 1 and Ezekiel 10 in apocolyptic literature they are called "Chariot Bearers"

See Zechariah 6:1-6, Rev. 14:2, Rev. 19:6-11

#### 6:2 The rider is given a crown-

Within the prophetic community, it is an epidemic to say, "this is it or this is that" which is why most Futurist have been very wrong and turned many away from prophecy. This is one reason many have turned to teachings that "flatten" the text and claim that the events of Revelation have already taken place.

The rider of the First Seal speaks not of Christ but the AntiChrist
The white horse went out as a conqueror in order to conquer
He is wearing a wreath or laurel wreath of vegetation. The Greek word: στέφανος
(stephanos)

Transliteration: stephanos
Phonetic Spelling: (stef'-an-os)

Definition: that which surrounds, a crown Usage: a crown, garland, honor, glory.

4735 stéphanos – properly, a wreath (garland), awarded to a victor in the ancient athletic games (like the Greek Olympics); the crown of victory

#### **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:**

The rider is not wearing a kings crown. (versus 1238 /diádēma, "a royal crown"). [4735 (stéphanos) is used of a plaited wreath ("crown"), like the one made of thorns placed on the head of Christ at His trial (Mt 27:29, Mk 15:17; Jn 19:2,5).]

### O Daniel 9 prophecy of 70 weeks

If you detach the Seals from the 70 weeks, everything becomes very subjective, "I think it is this and I think it is that" which is why our interpretation MUST be rooted in OT biblical framework AND through the lens of the Feasts of Israel having not been completely fulfilled yet.

Although Christ rides a white horse in Revelation 19:11-13, He does not begin the Tribulation, but He ends it.

## (Six things that will be accomplished)

Daniel 9:24

Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your Holy City

- 1. To bring the rebellion to an end
- 2. To put a stop to sin
- 3. To atone for iniquity
- 4. To bring in everlasting righteousness
- 5. To seal up vision and prophecy
- 6. To anoint the most holy place

#### NOTE:

The first five seals deal with the earth - worldwide judgements on the Earth and in the church The last two seals deal with heaven - things in the spirit realm

Daniel 9 begins with a covenant that kicks off the beginning of the seven year Tribulation.