



SAVED TO SERVE
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THE SEVEN SEALS - THE SEVENTH SEAL

1. In this Sabbath School Lesson, we will study the opening of the seventh seal found in the book of Revelation chapter 8.
2. Let us read Revelation 8:1-2. What two things were observed once the seventh seal was opened?

3. Note: Once the seventh seal is opened, God's professed people must diligently study the seven trumpets. We will study the seven trumpets in a future series.
4. What events were connected with the blowing of trumpets in the Bible?
 - a) Leviticus 23:23-27 _____
 - b) 2 Kings 9:13 _____
 - c) Numbers 10:9 _____
 - d) Joshua 6:4, 5 _____
5. Note: The above four events are all connected with the blowing of trumpets. Which one of them would most likely be connected with silence, since when the seventh seal was opened, silence and the blowing of trumpets are brought to view?

6. According to Isaiah 41:1, what is connected with silence? _____
7. What is one reason why there would be silence in heaven? Answer: Jesus moved into the Most Holy Place to begin the work of investigative judgment. To confirm, let us read Habakkuk 2:20 and Zechariah 2:13. Note: The words "HOLY TEMPLE" and the words HOLY HABITATION represent the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary (#6944). Silence, in the context of solemnity and deep interest, for the investigative judgment has begun. To confirm, find the aforementioned number in the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.
8. What date did Jesus enter the Most Holy Place of the heavenly sanctuary to begin the work of investigative judgment? Daniel 8:14

"In like manner the types which relate to the second advent must be fulfilled at the time pointed out in the symbolic service. Under the Mosaic system the cleansing of the sanctuary, or the great Day of Atonement, occurred on the tenth day of the seventh Jewish month (Leviticus 16:29-34), when the high priest, having made an atonement for all Israel, and thus removed their sins from the sanctuary, came forth and blessed the people. So it was believed that Christ, our great High Priest, would appear to purify the earth by the destruction of sin and sinners, and to bless His waiting people with immortality. The tenth day of the seventh month, the great Day of Atonement, the time of the cleansing of the sanctuary, which in the year 1844 fell upon the twenty-second of October, was regarded as the time of the Lord's coming. This was in harmony with the proofs already presented that the 2300 days would terminate in the autumn, and the conclusion seemed irresistible." {GC 399.4}

9. Note: The seventh seal was opened on October 22, 1844. While the seventh seal began on October 22, 1844, it will close at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

"We are now living in the great day of atonement. In the typical service, while the high priest was making the atonement for Israel, all were required to afflict their souls by repentance of sin and humiliation before the Lord, lest they be cut off from among the people. In like manner, all who would have their names retained in the book of life should now, in the few remaining days of their probation, afflict their souls before God by sorrow for sin and true repentance. There must be deep, faithful searching of heart. The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away. There is earnest warfare before all who would subdue the evil tendencies that strive for the mastery. The work of preparation is an individual work. We are not saved in groups. The purity and devotion of one will not offset the want of these qualities in another. Though all nations are to pass in judgment before God, yet He will examine the case of each individual with as close and searching scrutiny as if there were not another being upon the earth. Everyone must be tested and found without spot or wrinkle or any such thing." {GC 489.3}

"Solemn are the scenes connected with the closing work of the atonement. Momentous are the interests involved therein. The judgment is now passing in the sanctuary above. For many years this work has been in progress. Soon—none know how soon—it will pass to the cases of the living. In the awful presence of God our lives are to come up in review. At this time above all others it behooves every soul to heed the Saviour's admonition: "Watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is." Mark 13:33. "If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee." Revelation 3:3." {GC 490.1}

10. What is another reason why there will be silence in heaven? Matthew 25:31; 24:30-31

11. Based on prophetic reckoning, how long is a half an hour time period? Answer: Using the day for a year principle as our foundation and understanding that a Biblical month has 30 days in it, a half an hour period would translate to be 7.5 days. Early Writings page 297, paragraphs 6 & 7 also tell us that it will be a 7 day journey for the redeemed saints to reach heaven. See the quotations below. See also chart on last page.

"Soon we heard the voice of God like many waters, which gave us the day and hour of Jesus' coming."—Page 15. {EW 297.6}

"We all entered the cloud together, and were seven days ascending to the sea of glass, when Jesus brought the crowns, and with his own right hand placed them on our heads."—Page 16. {EW 297.7}

12. Note: As we saw earlier in this lesson, when the seventh seal was opened, there was silence in heaven and seven angels were given seven trumpets. Let us consider some of the instances in the Bible where trumpets were blown and make applications to ourselves in these last days.

13. What other events take place when trumpets are blown? 1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17; Matthew 24:31; Revelation 19:16

14. Note: During the events under the seventh seal, Jesus is crowned King and He returns to gather His elect. Unfortunately, many of God's professed people will be overthrown and lost.

15. When the trumpets were blown, which former prophet of God was overthrown? Numbers 31:6-8 _____

16. What sins led Balaam to fall? 2 Peter 2:15, 16; Joshua 13:22; Micah 5:12; 1 Samuel 15:22, 23

17. What was another Biblical purpose for the blowing of trumpets? Which city fell? Joshua 6:4, 5, 20-25

18. Note: Jericho was known as a city of harlots (Rahab was a harlot).

19. In these last days, which city should we expect to fall that is also called a harlot, and from which the Lord will call out His faithful people according to Bible prophecy? Revelation 17:1-6; Revelation 14:8; Revelation 18:1-4

20. What must be the experience of God's people so that they can cry and shout, mightily with a strong voice to cause the fall of Babylon? Revelation 18:1

21. How can an individual receive God's light and glory? John 1:4; 2 Corinthians 3:18

22. What was another Biblical purpose for the blowing of trumpets? Judges 7:19, 20

23. What does "the sword of the Lord and, of Gideon" represent? Ephesians 6:17

24. What should we do with the sword of the Lord, the word of God? Hebrews 4:12

25. In these last days, what would these three companies of trumpeters represent? Revelation 14:6-12

26. Why else were trumpets blown in scripture? Joel 2:1, 15-17

27. In Revelation 8:3-5, what else was observed once the seventh seal was opened?

28. On which specific day was a censer and incense used by the ancient high priest in the earthly sanctuary? Leviticus 16:12-22, 29, 30

"We are in the great day of atonement, and the sacred work of Christ for the people of God that is going on at the present time in the heavenly sanctuary should be our constant study. We should teach our children what the typical Day of Atonement signified and that it was a special season of great humiliation and confession of sins before God. The antitypical day of atonement is to be of the same character. Everyone who teaches the truth by precept and example will give the trumpet a certain sound. You need ever to cultivate spirituality, because it is not natural for you to be heavenly-minded. The great work is before us of leading the people away from worldly customs and practices, up higher and higher, to spirituality, piety, and earnest work for God. It is your work to proclaim the message of the third angel, to sound the last note of warning to the world. May the Lord bless you with spiritual eyesight. I write this in love, seeing your danger. Please consider these things carefully and prayerfully." {5T 520.1}

29. Who is the fire a symbol of? What must be our experience in order to receive God's blessings? Acts 2:1-4; Matthew 3:8-11

30. Why was Aaron told to use the censer with incense? What application should we make in these last days? Numbers 16:47-50

31. What is another application of Jesus casting fire on the earth, along with the sight of lightning and the sound of voices, thunder, and an earthquake? Revelation 8:5 and Revelation 16:17, 18

32. Meditate on Revelation 22:11. Ask yourself, "how do I want to be declared by Jesus when His work in heaven ends?"

Converting A Biblical Half An Hour Time Period To Prophetic Time

Literal Time	Prophetic Time
1 Day	1 Year (Ezekiel 4:6; Numbers 14:34)
24 Hours (1 Day)	12 Months (1 Year)
<p>To find out how many hours are in 1 month, you would calculate: 24 hours divided by 12 months. $24 \div 12 = 2$ hours</p>	
2 hours	1 Month (30 days) (Genesis 7:11; 8:3-4)
1 Hour	15 days
Half an hour (30 minutes)	7.5 days