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This scene of the breaking of the Seven Seals follows after the translation of the Bride, for the elders already have their crowns, (Rev. 4:10). Also this scene comes after the Rapture of the Church. We read of the rapture in type in Rev. 4:1. The Four Beasts or Four Living Creatures which represent "the Body of Christ" or the Church are at the Throne, also.

The Similarities of the First Four Seals

The Opener of the Seals. "The Lamb" vs. 1

In Chapter 5, it was dramatically shown that only the Lamb had the power to take the Book and the power and authority to open the book.

The Seals Opened

John saw something vs. 1.

John saw something before the thunder. Like a flash of lightening before the storm.

He heard something.

He heard - "As it were the noise of thunder".

The Command Given. "Come"

The Command is Not to John. He is there in the Throne.

The Command is A call into Action. A release of Judgment.

The Command is Repeated. In regard to the first four seals.

The Source of the Command.

"One of the Four Beasts". The Elders are involved with things concerning heavenly subjects (ch. 5 & 7) and The living Creatures are directly involved with things that are Earthly.

1 Corinthians 6:2 -- Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?

The Particulars of the Seven Seals

The Number Seven

There are Seven Seals in Number. This is indicative of the COMPLETENESS of this administration.

The Seals are arranged in two distinct groups - first there are four and then there are three. A Worldly number that is followed by the heavenly number. These Seven Seals are a Divine judgment on a wicked world

The First Four Seals are Distinguished by Horses and Horsemen.

Horses are symbolic pictures of the Power of the Almighty.

2 Kings 6:17 -- And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. [Job 39:19-25; Zech. 1:8-10; Zech. 6:2-5]

Four Spirits of the heavens from Zechariah 6:

Zechariah 6:1-8 -- And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. 2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; 3 And in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled and bay horses. 4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? 5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. 7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. 8 Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.