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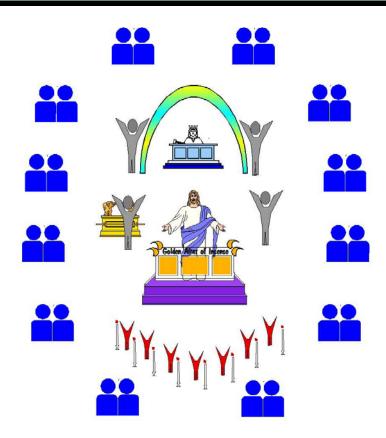
WHO, WHAT, WHY, WHEN



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## WHO is Present in the Courtroom?



#### THOSE ATTENDING

The Father: (Dan 7:9) The Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head was like the pure wool. (Rev 4:2) a throne was set in heaven and *one* sat on the throne.

Millions of angels: (Dan 7:10) (Rev 5:11) Thousand thousands ministered unto him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

**Jesus**: (Dan 7:13) One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven and came to the Ancient of days and they brought him near before him.

<u>Twenty-Four Elders:</u> (Rev 4:4) And round about the throne were four and twenty seats and upon the seats I saw 24 elders sittings, clothed in white rainment and they had on their heads crowns of gold.

Four Beasts: (Rev 4:6) Four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

John the Revelator: (Rev 4:2) ...come up hither and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

**A Strong Angel:** (Rev 5:2) ..proclaiming with a loud voice "Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals?

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### WHAT is this event and WHY

One has to realize that this event must be of utmost importance. Actually it is THE most important event in the history of the earth with exception of the Crucifixion. This is a special **SPECIAL** service in heaven. A mighty angel called a great convocation to order, and billions of angels took their seat. The angels sat around the 24 thrones of the elders, and the elders sat around the exalted throne of the Father. The four beasts (Holy Spirit (Ezek 1)), and the Son were present.. What could possibly be this important?

The Father has, in His right hand, the Book of Life, sealed with seven seals. (Dan 7:10, Rev 5:1)

The contents of the Book are so important that no one is worthy to open the Book of Life. (Rev5:3,4) The Book of Life was written at the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8,17:8)

This service in heaven is the coronation of Jesus as High Priest and Sovereign God. (Rev 5:5)

Jesus is the only one in the universe who is found worthy to open the book of life. (Rev 5:5) Jesus removes the Book of Life from the right hand of the Father (Rev 5:7)

Jesus now receives all power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory and blessing. (Rev 5:12,13) Jesus begins to open the book sealed with seven seals (Rev 6:1)

It was obvious the Father did not want anyone to see what He had written in this book until the appropriate time because the book was perfectly sealed with seven seals. The presence of seven seals, instead of one seal, reflected the supreme importance of the contents of this book. Very few people on Earth know about the book, but only the Father knew what was written in the book. (Exodus 32:32; Psalms 139:16-19; Luke 10:20)

Since this convocation was obviously a special event, we recognized the time had come to begin the process of exposing the contents of this book. Now, the Father was willing to allow His secrets to be revealed, but only by someone qualified to break the seals and open the book!

The Father Himself was involved in a very serious dispute! His honesty and integrity had been widely slandered by the highest angel of creation. (Ezekiel 28:14-19) His righteous administration of the Universe had been charged with corruption. If no one could be found worthy to open the Book of Life and reveal its contents, then the Father could not be vindicated from the evil allegations that Lucifer had made against Him long ago. To be cleared of wrong doing by those who loved Him was not enough. The

Father had a plan to eliminate all doubts about His character and government and the Book of Life was at

The Greek for "devil" is "the accuser". Rev 12:10 confirms the devil is, in fact, the accuser. It is heart-breaking to think that someone would actually misrepresent the Father. After all, He is the Source of life and all blessings.

Here is the problem: The Father is infinite in every way. He does so many wonderful things simultaneously that created beings cannot immediately understand all that He is doing. Therefore, if a false charge was made against Him, the charge could appear to be true for a long time. It takes time to comprehend and appreciate what the Father is doing and if accusations are skillfully made, created beings might be convinced that God is dishonest and manipulative. In fact, it could take thousands of years for finite creatures to appreciate His excellent wisdom and grand purposes. Unfortunately, this is exactly what happened. Lucifer led one-third of Heaven's angels to rebel against the Father. The angels who remained faithful to God have lived by faith ever since, just like human beings are required to do until the seventh seal is opened.

So, this was it! His wisdom, knowledge, powers of omnipotence, omniscience and omnipresence that make Him God and set Him above the rest of His creation, are the very elements that make Him vulnerable to suspicion and distrust. God foreknew the rise of sin – both in Heaven and on Earth and He wrote down the choices and actions of everyone before they came to pass. In the end, when the contents of the Book of Life are exposed, four complex matters will be resolved:

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4:11 Thou art
worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory
and honour and
power: for thou
hast created all
things, and for thy
pleasure they are
and were created.

the center of that plan.

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1. God has omniscience. Even though He knows everything and has all power, He does not manipulate His creatures.

- 2. God did not use His foreknowledge to avert a crisis. He did not prevent sin from happening. Instead, He deals with His creatures based on fairness, love and kindness not His foreknowledge.
- 3. God is righteous, therefore He is not manipulative. He grants every creature the power of choice. We are not forced to obey Him. (The ugly presence of sin proves this point to be true.)
- 4. God's laws are righteous and perfect not because He says so, but because it will be shown that His laws are good for a universe. The truth about God and His Creation will be shown to every person who ever lived. Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

By writing down everything before it happened, God will exonerate Himself from all false charges and provide written evidence at the proper time. This is why God sealed the book with seven seals. The contents are extremely volatile, and if the contents are prematurely exposed, God would never recover from charges of corruption. Think of it this way: If the contents of this book were exposed before everyone saw that God judged angels and mankind on the basis of their choices, it could be made to appear that God had predestined some creatures for eternal life and some for eternal death! By waiting until man's judgment was completed, the contents of the Book of Life would serve its intended purpose..

#### WHEN is the courtroom session convened?

# Daniel & John saw Jesus

#### **DANIEL SAW:**

- 1. Thrones set in place (Dan7:9)
- 2. Jesus brought before the father (Dan 7:13)
- 3. Jesus given Sovereign Power,
  Authority and Glory (Dan 7:14)
- 4. Court Seated (Dan 7:10)
- 5. Books Opened (Dan 7:10)

#### JOHN SAW:

- 1. 24 Thrones assembled around the Father
- 2. The Lamb found worthy.
- 3. The Lamb receiving 7 attributes of divinity.
- 4. The Sealed Book Handed to Jesus
- 5. The opening of the 7 seals

God revealed to both of His prophets Daniel and John, a very important event in Heaven. Even though their visions were 600 years apart, they saw the **SAME** event.

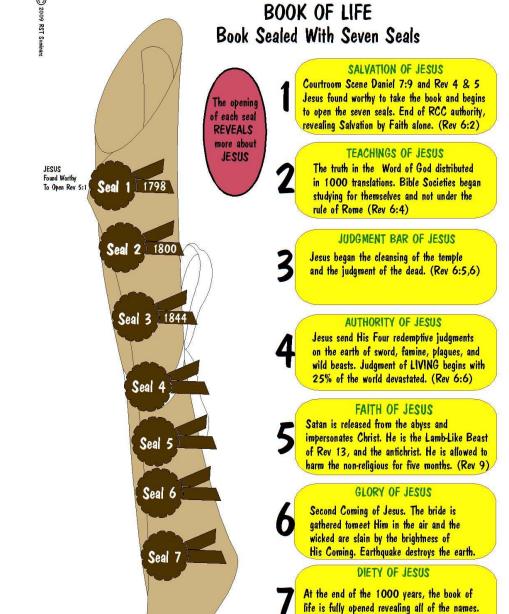
Both prophets were zoomed forward in time to 1798 to see a highly important event concerning the Plan of Salvation. The date of this event is confirmed by the fall of the Little Horn power (Dan 7:21-22)

The glorious event they saw was the coronation of Jesus as Sovereign God. (Dan 7:13-14) (Rev 4 & 5) He received all power and authority from the Father to conclude the Plan that was laid out before the foundation of Earth. Jesus alone was found worthy to conclude this matter because He is the only per-

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son in all the universe who is qualified to both exonerate the government of God from the false allegations of Lucifer, and to also serve as the Judge of all mankind.

In 1798 Jesus received the book sealed with 7 seals. As He breaks each seal, a new revelation about the Sovereignty of Jesus is sent throughout the earth. This process is called : *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*.



Proves God was just and fair and gave free will.

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## WHEN the Seals are removed from the Book of Life



REV 6:1-2

When the first seal was opened in A.D. 1798, the first living creature had a very important task. His assignment was to go throughout Europe and the New World and open the minds of people to their great need of salvation through Jesus alone. For more than 12 long centuries, Christians had been erroneously taught that salvation comes through sacraments administered by representatives from the Church in Rome. However, now it was time for the world to know the truth about Jesus. So, in February 1798, God made sure the Church's power had been wounded. Salvation is only possible through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ (the Lamb of God). Man's connection to Christ does not come through a priest, preacher, rabbi or cleric. Jesus' offer of salvation is free to any person willing to obey Him as Lord and Master. (John 14:15; Matthew 7:21,22; 1 John 2:4-6; James 2:24)



REV 6:3-4

As each living creature is commissioned by Jesus, it continues to work until the seventh trumpet (which is the end of God's mercy). The second living creature said in a loud voice, "Come and see the mission the Lamb has given me!" The second living creature transformed Himself into a red horse. He left the throne room to accomplish his mission on Earth. His work closely complemented the work started by the first living creature. The second living creature was given a great sword that represents the Word of God, the sword of Truth. With the determined strength of an ox, this living creature motivated and empowered people to translate and distribute the Bible throughout the Earth. Translating and printing the Word of God was no small task. Many Bible societies formed in the 1800's and millions of Bibles were freely distributed in record time. The world has never experienced such a development. (Today, the Bible continues to outsell any other book and millions of Bibles continue to be translated into hundreds of languages each year.) Millions of Bibles were translated, printed and distributed throughout the world and this process will continue until the Great Tribulation begins.

Bible truth separates people. The more powerfully truth is presented, the greater the response from people who hate truth. Therefore, the presentation of truth will inevitably bring warfare in the last days.



After Jesus opened the third seal, He opened the record books of Heaven and begin investigating the lives and deeds of men and women who had died. This scene corresponds with the vision of the court-room scene recorded in Daniel 7. There, Daniel saw those in the courtroom seated and the books of record opened. Daniel also saw Jesus receive His kingdom as we saw on page 3.

REV 6:5-6

Important Note- The Book of Life is NOT part of the pre-Advent judgment of human beings because the Book of Life remains closed until the seventh and final seal is broken. According to Revelation 20:12, the Book of Life is the only book opened when the 1,000 years are over. Since four seals remain to be opened on the book, this proves that the pre-Advent judgment is exclusively based on the books of record (books written by recording angels – See Ecclesiastes 12:13,14; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Proverbs 15:3). The dead are judged from their life's record as recorded by angels – not from God's foreknowledge.

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REV 6:7-8

When the Lamb breaks the fourth seal, He speaks to the fourth living creature who had the face of a flying eagle. The fourth living creature transforms Himself into a dapple-gray horse. He has the deadly mission of a flying eagle looking for prey. His mission will cause much death and destruction. Hundreds of millions of people will be killed, and the grave will follow close behind him, swallowing up the dead. During the time-period of the fourth seal, one-fourth of Earth's people will parish from God's judgments of sword, famine, plague, and wild beasts. (Ezekiel 14:12-21) The four judgments are caused by the seven trumpets. (See Revelation 8 & 9.) This resembles a global holocaust. In fairness to Jesus, we must realized that the people of Earth have destroyed themselves through violence, hatred, dishonesty and sexual immorality. As in Noah's day, the people of Earth are so preoccupied with their evil ways that Jesus must send these terrible judgments to get the world's attention. When the fourth seal is broken, the authority of Jesus will be powerfully revealed to all mankind and the resulting wrath of God will become a topic of worldwide interest. This is not what most people are taught or expect from a "loving God." The commencement of the Great Tribulation will come as a complete surprise for most people. As horrific as these judgments will be, Jesus controls the events associated with this seal. His ultimate purpose will be to save as many survivors who will choose Him as their Savior.

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## THE SEVENTH SEAL on the BOOK of LIFE

The Seventh Seal will be opened at the end of the 1,000 years (Rev 8:1,20:5) and the contents of the Book of Life revealed! (Rev 20:12) Jesus will stand before all the inhabitants of Heaven and Earth. (Rev 20:11) Everyone who had ever lived on Earth will be alive and present for this occasion. (Rev 20:12) The righteous saints will be safe in the Holy City. (Rev 20:9) The wicked will be resurrected and will be standing outside the city, New Jerusalem. (Rev 20:12)

When Jesus breaks the final seal on the Book of Life, everyone will be shown the contents of the Book! (Rev 20:12) The Book of Life contains a complete record of all life and an accurate record of each creature's choices. The Book of Life is not a "who's who" list of those individuals receiving eternal life, but instead, it is a book that reveals what the Father knew before sin began. His written report covers everything that took place.

The plan of salvation will be explained to each person. They will see the Creation, the fall of Adam and Eve, the destruction caused by the flood, the scenes from Calvary and the great humility that Jesus suffered to make salvation possible for man. Next, each person will see his or her lifelong response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The wicked will see how they rejected the love of Jesus and His offer of salvation. They will see their consistent rejection of the Holy Spirit and the results of their evil deeds and rebellion. Everyone present will understand the consequences of their choices, for Heaven's record is true and faithful. Last, the Father requires every person to have their day in Heaven's court. He wants each person to understand why Jesus decided each case as He did. At the end of these three events, every person will confess that Jesus had faithfully judged them and that His judgment was righteous and true. (Rev 19:2)

Rom 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.