

## *Who is able to Stand?*

*Revelation 6:17-7:17*

*“The question has often been asked, Will anyone be saved after the rapture? The Scriptures clearly indicate that a great multitude of both Jews and Gentiles will trust in the Lord after the church is caught up to glory. Though the children of God living on earth at that time will be translated when Christ comes for His church, immediately a testimony will be raised up to the name of Christ through new converts among Jews and Gentiles. Though these are never described by the term “church,” they are constantly called saints, that is, those set apart as holy to God and saved through the sacrifice of Christ.” Walvoord*

- I. Revelation 6 closes with the question, *who is able to stand?* Chapter 7 answers that question. This chapter gives us an interlude, it is a parenthesis or break in the flow of the intense drama of the wrath of God against all godlessness. It shows us the power of the saving grace of God over the forces of evil that battle to blind the minds of unbelievers so that they reject the truth. The spiritual battles that occur in a realm that we cannot see, are intense powerful battles between Satan and his demonic forces of evil and God and His angelic forces of righteousness. These battles concern the destiny of mankind in many ways. It is a universal battle, but also a personal one. Ultimate victory or thorough defeat depends on each person’s choice to either believe God and His truth or believe Satan and his deceptive lies.

Rev. 6:1

2 Thess. 2:3

2 Thess. 2:9-10

Dan. 7:25

Zeph. 1:14-18

Dan. 10:13

Eph. 6:11-12

**2 Cor. 4:4** *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

- I. The seal of the living God that is placed upon all believers, shows Satan and his cohorts that we are God's forever possession. No spiritual entity or man has the power to remove it from those whom God gives it. He makes it clear that the seal we are given comes from the one and only true King who rules overall. So, to be given it means that God Himself has placed His seal on our souls as a guarantee of our salvation and inheritance. His seal is a seal of ownership that protects us from Satan's harm.

Rev. 7:1-3  
Ezekiel 9:3-6

**σφραγίς *sphragís*** - a signet (as fencing in or protecting from misappropriation); by implication, the stamp impressed (as a mark of privacy, or genuineness), literally or figuratively:—seal.

**2 Cor. 1:22** He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

**Eph. 1:13-14** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

- II. The Lord doesn't want anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). He does not withhold the offer of his saving grace from anyone, no matter how evil or vile they might be. There will be a great awakening and revival that takes place during the tribulation. A great multitude will come to believe the "good news" of the gospel through the evangelism of the 144,000 Jews, the two witnesses (Rev. 11:3-12)), those who come to Christ during that time, and the angel flying in the air to proclaim the eternal gospel to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people (Rev. 14:6).

Rev. 7:4-17  
Rev. 14:11-5  
Rom. 11:25  
Jer. 31:31-34  
Gen. 17:7

**εὐαγγέλιον *euangélion***, a good message, i.e. the gospel:—gospel.