

Come Up Here (Seven Seals)

Revelation 4:1 – 8:1

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The Lord Jesus spoke to John from heaven. "Come up here, and I will show you what has already begun to unfold."

In a vision, John found himself in heaven amongst all the heavenly beings. He saw four angels holding back a series of terrible events, while all believers in Jesus were given the protection of the Holy Spirit that they might continue to live in faith.

Then he saw the powers of evil unleash those terrible events upon the earth. Peace was shattered by war, and people slaughtered each other. There were shortages everywhere, and many could barely afford to feed themselves. There was great social turmoil and tremendous political upheaval. God was allowing the natural consequences of human choices to be worked out. Hatred and fear ruled the day; and anyone who was different in any way was despised.

In another vision, John saw a huge crowd, impossible to count. They were from every nation and tribe and ethnicity and language, and they were standing victorious in the place of honor before God and Jesus.

These were the people who had trusted in Christ Jesus, whose blood was shed on their behalf; they lived a life of faithfulness until the end. The unspeakable horrors of the world had given way to unparalleled joy. They were in perfect peace in the loving presence of God, worshipping for all eternity. Christ guides them and cares for them in a new, abundant life without pain or sorrow.

When Jesus had finished introducing God's plans and purposes for the future, the sudden, unexpected nature of it all inspired a stunned and utter silence in heaven.