Research Summary for Seven Seals

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Introduction

One of the characters within SWARM suggests that we've entered into the period of the Seven Seals. The information below will support these statements.

The infamous Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse comes from these verses. As you will see, with the hyperbole of allegory removed, we can easily explain each of the Seals and track their occurrence on the nightly news of the past few years.

One of the biggest problems of the Seven Seals are images such as below that are based on traditional interpretations long before Daniel and final count of seven, and take allegory as fact. These images distort our ability to consider attributes and the reality unfolding before us.

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION						
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL	SEVENTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS	RAPTURE
Rev 6: 2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth quakes Sun darkens moen turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes like a scroll	Rev 8:1 Heaven silent about half hou Rev 11:12 Come up Here!

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These key seals can be summarized as follows:

First Seal – Anti-Christ, False Prophets conquering the church

"Come and see." And I looked, and behold, **a white horse**. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer."

First, I believe this seal has an historical context following the first century to talk about how the beast of the sea grew to power and conquered the world.

Many other scholars associate the first seal as the arrival of the Anti-Christ and the conquest over truth and lukewarm Christians. Others associate this verse about the rise of false prophets and teachers who will deceive many to the anti-Christ.

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. Matt: 24:24

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 Peter 2:1

For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11:13

We live in a time of apostasy in the evangelical and other churches. This will offend many, but it is true.

Second Seal – Wars and Rumors of Wars

When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see." **Another horse, fiery red**, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword. Rev 6:3-4

Middle East War erupted in 2001 and has not faded since, in fact when it comes to Iran, Syria and Turkey and Russia, the situation has grown worse. The cancellation of recent arms treaties and failure to adopt the LAWS protocols ensures accelerated weapons development. In fact, both Russia and the US have announced hypersonic missiles which can travel to evade defenses at speeds of Mach 5, faster than a bullet. Wars in the Middle East have created the tense refugee crisis in Europe.

Matthew 24:3-14 Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake. And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another. Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Third Seal – Economic Collapse and Tribulation

"When He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, a black horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of scales in his hand. And I heard a voice in the midst of the four living

creatures saying, "A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius; and do not harm the oil and the wine." Rev 6:5-6

This seal speaks to bleaker times, tribulation, economic downturn and hardship. In fact, during 2020 the entire plunged into a pandemic led depression, which is important because the next seal speaks to pestilence and pandemic.

Forth Seal – Pandemic and Famine / Food Shortages

Revelation 6:7-8 "When He opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come and see." So I looked, and behold, **a pale horse**. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him."

As deadly as the Spanish Flu of 1918, COVID has already taken a million lives worldwide, and continues to grow in the US, Europe and overseas. Getting a vaccine to the billions globally will be a challenge. The economic impact has only begun as business bankruptcies, layoffs, unpaid medical bills, and states and governments run out of cash.

Food shortages due to farm failures, increased prices, decreased exports will create a minor disruption for the rich, a crisis for the poor and death to the most vulnerable.

Fifth Seal – Pandemic and Famine / Food Shortages

In early 2020, a 100-year swarm of locusts rose up in east Africa and has destroyed crops all the way to Pakistan and India, while US farmers had to destroy crops.

Revelation 6:9-11 When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed."

While I have seen some interpretations that suggest this is the Christian rapture, I am not convinced. I read a different interpretation that sounds more like the divisions we see in America and what could happen in the future depending on the election. Where brother rises against brother.

Mark 13:12-20 "Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved. So when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not" (let the reader understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter. For in those days there will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days."

"Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." Matt 24:9

Sadly, this does mean that believers will suffer during these times. "And because iniquity [lawlessness] shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold"

Sixth Seal – Natural Disaster

Revelation 6:12-17 I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place

This has not occurred yet, so I will not venture a guess other than to say based on our scientific understanding that this sounds like:

- a. Growing wild fires
- b. A super volcano
- c. Magnetic polar shift
- d. Asteroid

I don't know, it hasn't unfolded yet, but if I am correct in my interpretations, we will all learn soon enough.