



REVELATION: Lesson 84 Chapter 7:3, The Biblical Seal

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THE PURPOSES FOR A SEAL

1. A Seal protects from tampering.

- a. **Daniel 6:15-17.** The king placed his official seal on the stone that covered the lion's den "that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel" (vs 17).
 - i. Removing the stone would break the seal and violate the king's decree.
 - b. **Matthew 27:62-65.** The men who crucified Jesus Christ wanted an assurance that His tomb would "be made sure" (vs 64). They didn't want anyone to tamper with it.
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2. A seal marks ownership and devotion to someone or something.

- a. **Song of Solomon 8:5-6.** This seal is not just an outward mark, but an inward sealing of the heart. This is a deep and personal devotion to that which you possess.
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3. A seal certifies that an item is of genuine character.

- a. Esther 3:12. The king's seal was placed upon his royal decree to prove that it originated from the king and was not a counterfeited document.
 - b. 1 Kings 21:7-8. Jezebel used King Ahab's seal in her plan to steal Naboth's vineyard.
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THE TRIBULATION WITNESSES ARE SEALED FOR THESE SAME THREE PURPOSES

1. **Protected:** safe from all harm until they finish their mission.
 2. **Ownership:** they belong to the faithful remnant of God's elect nation, Israel.
 3. **Certified:** Their Abrahamic lineage is guaranteed by God.
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NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS IN CHRIST ARE SEALED

The moment a person repents of their sin and receives Jesus Christ as their Savior, they are saved, they have eternal life, and they are "in Christ." What keeps a person in Christ?

1. **PROTECTED (Ephesians 4:30).** The Holy Spirit of God sealed you to prevent tampering from any man, devil, or angel. Once you're saved, you cannot become lost again.
 - a. That seal protects your purity till the day the Lord comes to redeem you.
 - b. You may get into all kinds of filth from day to day and get dirty on the outside, but it won't affect your purity on the inside because of the seal of the Holy Spirit of God.
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2. **OWNERSHIP (Ephesians 1:13-14).** God's seal on you is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession. We were purchased by God.
 - a. An earnest is a token of the promise that God will give us everything He promised. It is His pledge of good faith that you can expect to receive what he said He would freely give.
 - b. What is included in the earnest? Forgiveness, eternal life, guidance, comfort, knowledge, spiritual gifts, protection, preservation, etc. That's just the beginning. There's more to come.
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3. **CERTIFIED GENUINE (2 Corinthians 1:20-21).** Notice here that God is the one who sealed us.
 - a. God's seal certifies that He is the one doing a work in our life.
 - b. Others may try to impose their own "certifications" to try to authenticate your Christianity, but the only sure certification is God's seal upon your eternal soul.
 - c. **Esther 8:8** "The writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse."
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