

A	Area of Study: Rev 7-8, Reference Materials: B4/1-6	
B	<p><u>4 Angels Standing at the 4 Corners of the World Holding Back the 4 Winds</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The 4 Angels carry the authority of destruction; this indicates the beginning of greater tribulations. ❖ The 4 corners of the world → the world is the altar. Martyrs use their own blood as offering. Blood flows to the ground; meaning on the altar. Like Abel, the blood of the righteous will be received by the Lord (the ground opens its mouth to receive their blood). Blood cries to the Lord from the ground (the effects of martyrdom) will be avenged. 	<p>7:1</p> <p>7:2</p> <p>Gen5:10-11</p>
C	<p><u>Those Who Have Been Marked with a Seal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ OT Background: Ezek 8:7-13, 9:1-7 ❖ The vision of Ezekiel precludes the first destruction of Jerusalem (587BC). John refers to this in his foreshadowing of the 2nd destruction of Jerusalem (70 AD). Coincidentally, both events happened on the same day! ❖ Those who have been sealed = Christians. The seal is a sign of the Holy Spirit through Baptism. They will receive God's special protection. ❖ The effects of the sign have been foretold at the beginning of the Bible. 	<p>7:3-8, B4/2</p> <p>CCC1121, 1272, 2Cor1:22, NJBC 63:34 Gen 5:15</p>
D	<p><u>144,000 Chosen Ones</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ They are all from the 12 tribes, all of Israel will be converted as written by St. Paul. ❖ 144,000 = 12 tribes x 12 apostles = the whole Church including Jews & all nations, all languages; a religion for all. Once again, the OT background information points to Jerusalem. ❖ Why is Dan not included in the 12 tribes in Rev.? ❖ Rev 7 reflects the spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles: reconcile the world with God through Israel. ❖ The white garment represents priests; the High Priest, the Bible brings out this theme through Melchizedek and Solomon; pointing toward Jesus – the Eternal High Priest. ❖ “the Lamb’s blood washes the clothes snow white”: note John’s irony in showing only through faith that one can see what the eyes cannot see. 	<p>7:9-17, B4/2-3 Rom 11:26</p> <p>Is 2:2, 60:1-4</p> <p>NJBC 63:34</p> <p>1Mac 2:9</p>
E	<p><u>The Opening of the 7th Seal brings ½ Hour of Silence and 7 Trumpets</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The Heavenly worship reaches a new climax; like the OT priests entering God’s Temple to offer incense, the people outside wait silently for ½ hour in anticipation. ❖ The angels intercede for everyone; rewriting history on earth. 	<p>8:1-5 NJBC 63:36</p> <p>B4/5, 8:35, Tob12:12</p>
F	<p><u>The 7 Trumpets reflect Jericho and Egypt</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jericho did not fall under armed attacks but liturgical rituals. As the Heavenly liturgy continues, Jerusalem must face the same fate as Jericho. ❖ The Sound of the trumpets brings tribulations; similar to Moses’ 10 disasters, Jerusalem will face its ill fate as Egypt. ❖ John deliberately compares Jerusalem with the ancient cities of Sodom, Egypt, and Jericho in OT. They represent evil power that obstructs God’s plan and covenant to be fulfilled: Sodom ↔ Abraham & Egypt ↔ Moses & Jericho ↔ Joshua ❖ Just as the above cities representing evil power, Jerusalem is equally corrupted. Political and religious leaders conspired with Rome in 	<p>B4/5-6, 8:6-13 Joshua 6:1-20</p> <p>Overhead, NJBC36:38 11:8b</p>

	<p>oppressing Christians; obstructing the fulfillment of New Testament and New Israel (Church).</p>	
<p>G</p>	<p><u>Concerning Rev 8</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ The message behind the “Exodus” Style: Just as the Israelites have to escape from Egypt, the New Israel escapes from Jerusalem. ❖ Jerusalem: Microcosm of the vision of humankind. The Chosen People of the OT fell into sinfulness, refused to repent and went against God, they will be judged at the end of the world. In the same way, humankind will be judged accordingly at the end if they keep opposing life. ❖ JP II condemns Spain of betraying Christ with regard to “Military Secularism” in the EU Constitution. 	<p>B4/6 Mt21:18-21, Rev8:8, Lk9:30-31, Mt 16:28 B 4/3</p>