

## **06 The Scroll**

**Could it be that the hard things you are going through are simply the explosions of each Seal as they are being removed from the Scroll?**

**In The Book of Revelation, starting with chapter 5 and continuing to chapter 11, there is this thing about a Scroll with seven seals that is being unrolled. Each time a seal is broken off and the Scroll is unrolled, a catastrophic event takes place. No one in heaven or on earth was worthy to open the Scroll except Jesus, and it was because He had overcome and conquered (speaking about the Cross and His resurrection).**

**Then the Scroll unfurled one seal at a time, and the last seal had seven more items called seven trumpets.**

**What does this all mean?**

**Zechariah also saw this Scroll in the Old Testament.**

Zechariah 5:1-5 says, "I looked again--and there before me was a flying scroll! He asked me, 'What do you see?' I answered, 'I see a flying scroll, thirty feet long and fifteen feet wide.' And he said to me, 'This is the **curse** that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished.' The LORD Almighty declares, I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.'" Then the angel who was speaking to me came forward and said to me, 'Look up and see what this is that is appearing.'"

**I believe that this is the Scroll of our "old life," our life before we were born again. I believe it repents the CURSE that each and every person is born under.**

**Are CURSES real?**

**You better believe they are.** If blessings are real, then CURSES must also be real. They are opposites.

We live on a word ruled planet, Earth. Everything happens based upon some word that was spoken. It could be a curse or a blessing.

**Curses can come upon each of us in many ways:**

- **By our own sin and disobedience.** Stealing, lying, sexual sins, rebellion, speaking negative about yourself, just about any kind of sin.

- **By someone "cursing" us.** (Only if we are weak enough, or foolish enough)

- **By inheriting a curse** from our family and their forefathers. This is the most common cause of curses. Not only is it the most common, but it is the most reliable. We can know for sure that there are curses of these kinds to overcome in our lives.

**Exodus 34 says that the curse is passed on** to the 4th and 5th generation. We may have a tendency to addiction because of our grandfather, or chronic illness due to an inheritance, a tendency to be frustrated in anything that is attempted, like in business, etc., a sexual perversion, early death, and many others.

**The Bible is full of examples** of curses that are effective on people in all of the above categories.

**A curse is like a dark shadow holding you back**, tripping you up, taking you into a direction you do not decide to go in, perhaps that you really do not want to take. It may take you to worship the “world”, or may draw you to alcohol, or it may keep back your financial success, it may be trying to bring chronic illness and accidents, there are many more, far too many to list.

**Some people who have very strong “flesh”** natures, who are very good at performance in life, will deny this process that God is taking them through. They do not realize that it is God who is unrolling the scroll.

**They lay blame on Satan for the trouble in their lives.** They blame life, they blame others, they complain and demand that things change. They feel that life is not fair to them. They feel that somehow life is unjust. They always look for another “fix.” They feel that if they move to another city or another church, things will change. They get offended at people, circumstances and events. They change jobs all the time. They are always looking to avoid the pain. I’ve got news. The curse cannot be avoided. The only decision to make is when one will face it.

**The truth is that Satan ultimately is responsible** for the curse. However, it is God who is in the business of overcoming those curses by having us face them head on, and unrolling the scrolls in our lives.

**Some call this process the disciple or chastening of the Lord.** “Now chastening for the present does not seem to be joyous, but grievous. Nevertheless afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who are exercised by it” Hebrews (12:11).

**Some would disagree**, saying that God does not discipline His children with bad things. They are correct. God does not send bad things, the enemy does. However, God does want us to overcome our scroll curses, and He knows that by allowing them to confront us, and giving us the power to overcome them, that He is in effect disciplining us. We are relying less on ourselves and more on His mercy. Our character changes and we become more meek in His hands.

**Jesus said**, “Truly I say to you, This generation shall not pass until all these things are fulfilled” (Matthew 24:34). The word generations according to Strongs Concordance means:

“fathered, birth, nativity. that which has been begotten, men of the same stock, a family, the several ranks of natural descent, the successive members of a genealogy, metaphor. a group of men very like each other in endowments, pursuits, character.”

**I believe what Jesus was saying in the Scripture**, is that our “generation” or our old nature, our old flesh nature, our own Adamic generation that is personal to us, will not be wiped out without all these things taking place. What things? The

catastrophes described in Matthew 24 and other parallel chapters. These are the violent things that happen in the Book of Revelation when the scrolls of our lives are unrolled.

**Jacob was a very good example.** He certainly had a very strong flesh nature, but he also had a very strong commitment to God. God had faith in what He Himself could do with Jacob in spite of his strong will. God saw something in Jacob that was precious. However, Jacob's strongest member had to be dislocated before His character was changed from Jacob (meaning deceiver) to Israel, (meaning one who ministers in partnership with God). "And when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh. And the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with Him" (Genesis 32:25).

**This is why in Revelation chapter 5** they could not find a person who was worthy to open the scroll, except for the Lamb of God. If our scroll should open without the mercy of God, without the curse on the Cross, we would be destroyed.

**People who try to handle their own scrolls in life, are destroyed.**

**Sometimes a person can be instantly delivered from a curse,** like casting out a demon, and sometimes it is a long process of overcoming. Personally, God has always put me on the long path of overcoming. I believe that when we face the potential worse of a curse, and yet it does not win and we overcome, I believe that at that point, we end it forever, and our children and their children never need to suffer under it.

**The long process I believe is what is described in Revelation.** In the first three chapters Jesus is warning the different believers that they need to get their act together and repent from those things that could trip them up during the war.

**Then during the process, all "hell" breaks loose** and we feel like God is not on the Throne, like this curse is going to get the best of us, but if we hang on, Jesus will stamp us with the supernatural seal and what we are going through will not actually hurt us, but will strengthen us.

**It always feels like the first "six" seals are going to destroy us,** like we cannot take any more. Remember 6 is the number for man; we can only take so much. But 7 is the perfect number.

The Final Trumpet in Rev. 11 is the 7th Trumpet of the 7th Seal:

**When that Trumpet blows, it is a picture of what happened at the Cross.** The Cross is the only place where an earthquake of such magnitude took place and tore the veil of the Temple.

**Jesus became a curse for us.**

Galatians 3: 13 says, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

Galatians 3:29 says, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

**We need to keep the attitude of being pardoned** from some horrible judgment. So often Christians loose their sense of being pardoned because they have not committed some great moral sin recently. However, if we are aware of the great impending curse that is due us, and of the Lamb of God who takes away our sin and our curse, we will always keep a sense of being pardoned.

**So often I see the vision of horrible explosions** going on around me, bad things trying to destroy me. Then I see the Scroll next to me being unrolled, and with each Seal that is loosed, I see a major explosion. Then I see Jesus, with His blood stained hands, The Lamb, unrolling the Scroll. Then I see each Seal exploding in His hands, causing the scars and the blood to flow. All I can do then is worship! I feel pardoned.

**When we maintain an attitude of being pardoned**, then we stay in His presence. When we stay in His **presence** then we are always aware of our **position** in Christ. When we are aware of our **position**, then we have the **power**!

**Pardoned.  
Presence.  
Position.  
Power.**

**Why do we have to go through all this, why doesn't God just give us victory real quick?**

I am not sure why some of us have to go through more, but I do know that we always win IF we hang on and walk in the spirit and keep repenting.

In Revelation 10:10 John was told to take a "small scroll" and eat it. Do you suppose that was John's share of Christ's sufferings?

Phillipians 3:10 says, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his **sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death."

Colossians 1:24 says, "Who now rejoice in my **sufferings** for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church."

Romans 8:18 says, "For I reckon that the **sufferings** of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

**We need the warfare, we need to show the demons and principalities and powers that Jesus is in us and that we are overcomers.**

"so that now to the rulers and powers in the heavenlies might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God" (Ephesians 3:10).

**We can lose if we are not wise!**

**I have seen far too many Christians give up hope** when they are going through the unrolling of the scroll. They do not realize what is going on. They feel that God "does not work", or "this faith stuff does not work." They get the wrong idea of who God is. They get down on themselves and get into the failure syndrome. I have even seen Christians commit suicide. I have seen others backslide and totally lose their salvation.

**Just when we can take no more**, just when we feel like God has dropped our file and it is all over, just when we are at our weakest (6 for our strength), then God's precious grace kicks in and the Cross becomes effective in our life and we win! Daniel puts it in a different sort of way in Chapter 12:11-12. He says if you hang on 1,290 days, good, but you are blessed if you continue without wavering beyond the period of tribulation to the 1,335th day.

### **What is the answer?**

**The simple, childlike answer is this.** We must maintain our “marriage relationship” with God. We need “marriage counseling.” Too many Christians do not understand how to keep a real time, living and vital relationship with Jesus. It is similar to our marriage relationship. If we try to make it on yesterday’s love, yesterday’s words, yesterday’s commitment, the relationship dries up, and there is nothing left but a cold doctrine. Jesus is not real to us. The Holy Spirit came to make Him real.

**When bad things are happening in our lives,** we need to take it all to Jesus with honesty. We need to humbly submit to Him, His Word, and take time to unload on Him and fellowship with Him.

**I have noticed, that it does not matter how bad things** in life are becoming, if we can hear from Jesus, get into His presence and see His point of view, we will be all right. He will show us those areas that need repentance and cleaning up. He will speak grace to us. He will speak His purposes to us. He will encourage us and keep our hope aflame.

**Next time you are in the war arena with the Devil, don’t give up until you hear the 7th Trumpet of the 7th Seal!**