

THE SEVENTH SEAL — REV. 8 : 1

(See Chart No. 18—Silence in Heaven, Christ Comes)

The opening of the seventh seal rings down the curtain upon human history.

"Silence in Heaven". This refers to the fact that Heaven will be emptied for a short period at the Second Advent, for the whole angelic host will accompany Jesus to the earth (Matt. 25 : 31).

"About the space of half an hour". In prophetic time, which is reckoned on the basis of a day for a year, this would amount to about seven days. Evidently Jesus' journey to the earth at the Second Advent, and His subsequent return to Heaven with His people, will occupy about one week of time.

Conclusion And now it is time to ask the question which enables us to put ourselves into this great prophecy of the Seven Seals: **Why has God given US a chance to hear these things?**

He wants to save us from the dangers of compromise, even in little things.

He wants to fire our hearts with the same heroic loyalty which kept the martyrs faithful unto death.

He wants us to love His appearing, and be ready to meet Him in peace. This call to preparedness has especial meaning for us, because we are now living between the opening of the sixth and seventh seals!