

THE BOOK IS BEING UNSEALED

“But as for you, Daniel, CONCEAL THESE WORDS AND SEAL UP THE BOOK UNTIL THE END OF TIME; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase”; Daniel 12:4

The Book (God’s Word) Is Being Unsealed: Opened, Explained And Understood

1. In ancient biblical days, valuable commodities, scrolls and deeds of purchase were often put into earthenware vessels for preservation; there were 2 copies: a “sealed” one and an “open” one. We are God’s “purchased possession”; Jeremiah 32:11,14; 1 Cor. 6:20; 2 Cor. 4:7

2. A seal was made when the “signet ring” of a dignitary was pressed upon wet clay, plaster or wax, leaving a deep impression upon the scroll identifying its owner; Col. 2:11; 1 Pet. 1:18-19

3. The “seal” carries the full authority of a person’s office. God’s “seal” is fully integrated within His document, the Word of God. His seal is “embedded” throughout; Is. 8:16; John 3:33; 6:27

4. The Book of Life contains the names of those who are sealed; Phil. 4:3; Rev. 21:27. Insignias etched into the “seal” of God’s property contain both a blessing and a warning; Heb.11:7; 2Timothy 2:19. The king’s seal is fixed and his decrees cannot be reversed; Esther 8:8

5. The Cross is God’s “mark”; Gal. 6:17, the Holy Spirit is His “seal”. The initial down payment anticipates the full redemption of God’s marked possession; Eph. 1:14; 4:30; 2 Cor. 5:5

6. Man attempts to place his “seal and his mark” upon the land and the people, but it will not endure; the resurrection power of God will prevail; Matt. 27:65-66; Rev. 13:16

7. The bridegroom refers to his bride as a sealed (chaste) garden spring “shut up”; Song 4:12

8. God’s faithful people are given an understanding of the times; 1 Chron. 12:32. The “wise” shine like the brightness of the firmament; they have insight, and they turn others to righteousness, but none of the wicked will understand; Dan. 12:3, 10

9. The scriptures are opened to those who hunger for truth and righteousness; Matt. 5:6, who anticipate and look for Jesus’ return; John 5:39. God “seals off” (closes up, marks) the “light” (revelation) of the “stars” (a shining one, a prince); Job 9:7

10. God’s people are living decrees, “epistles” (letters) known and read by men; they are a letter from Christ, written by the Spirit of God on tablets of human hearts; 2 Cor. 3:2-3; Heb. 10:16

11. The Lord “opens our mouths” to reveal the contents within us: Himself; Ps. 81:10; 141:3. We have living manna, living water inside of us; John 4:6; 6:48-58; 7:38. A “mouth” is descriptive of the top of a “well”; Gen. 29:2,3,8, and it refers to the opening of a “sack of grain”; Gen. 42:27

12. Jesus allows us to be “broken” so that we may release a sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him; John 12:3. To those who are perishing we are the aroma of death; to one, we are a fragrance of life, to another, we are the smell of death; 2 Cor. 2:14-16; Rom. 11:22

- 13.** When Ezra read and explained God's law, the people wept. Messengers interpret the words in the Book at the appointed time, when the people need to hear it; Neh. 8:2-10; Acts 8:26-35
- 14.** Wise virgins have a full supply of oil which provides the necessary "light": an understanding of scripture, which comes by the illumination of the Holy Spirit; Matt. 25:4; 1 Cor. 10:15
- 15.** There are degrees of maturity in Christ, even as there is a progressive revelation in the understanding of biblical prophecy; 1 Cor. 3:1-3; 1 John 2:12-14. God writes His law upon our hearts; Jer. 31:33; Heb. 10:16; He reveals hidden truth, mysteries and unfolding events to us.
- 16.** The disciples had questions prior to Jesus' death, burial and resurrection; He was limited in what He was able to share and explain to them. Jesus promised His disciples that the Holy Spirit would come to them and lead them into all truth; John 16:12-15; 1 Cor. 2:7-10
- 17.** Man attempts to place his "seal and his mark" upon the land and the people, but it will not endure; the resurrection power of God will prevail; Matt. 27:65-66; Rev. 13:16
- 18.** After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus drew near to some disciples and expounded the scriptures to them, regarding His fulfillment of what the prophets had spoken; Luke 24:13-32
- 19.** It was only after His death, burial, resurrection and prior to His ascension, that Jesus was able to teach His disciples more truth concerning the Kingdom of God; Acts 1:1-3
- 20.** Even as Jesus revealed the identity of the betrayer at the Last Supper (Judas); Mark 14:20, so shall He reveal the Antichrist's identity and other details to His disciples as needed; John 16:12
- 21.** God's people must be desperate to know Him. Jesus is "knocking"; He must be invited into our lives to fellowship with Him which leads to understanding the truth of His Word; Rev. 3:20
- 22.** Seals (which have been securely fastened) are opened at God's discretion and only with His permission; Dan. 9:24; Rev. 5:1. It is Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, Who is worthy to open and close the book; Luke 4:16-21; Rev. 20:12 and the seals; Rev. 5:1-5.
- 23.** Visions and prophecies are sealed; Dan. 9:24. The Word of God is a closed book to the apostates and the lost; their minds are blinded and a veil is upon their hearts; Jeremiah 32:11,14; 2 Cor. 3:14-16. Divine understanding is based upon a man's "heart condition"; Is. 29:11-12
- 24.** The Lord's "bond-servants" (love slaves), Exodus 21:5-6, are being shown that which must shortly come to pass, things which are in the future, the judgment of the great whore, the Bride (the Lamb's Wife), and that which will soon take place; Rev. 1:1; 4:1; 17:1; 21:9; 22:6
- 25.** God's messengers were told to "eat" (consume, digest) the scroll (the book); Jer. 15:16; it was sweet in their mouths, but bitter in their bellies; Ezekiel 3:1-3; Rev. 10:8-10. His Word is like honey in our mouths, but when we walk out the message (assimilate it into our lives), it can cause sorrow and difficulty for us and for others; Luke 2:33-35

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