

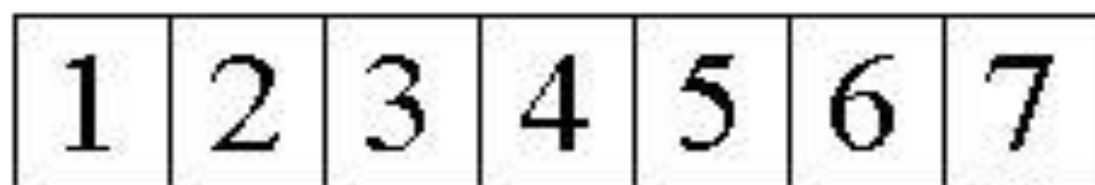


The Revelation of Jesus Christ

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Seals

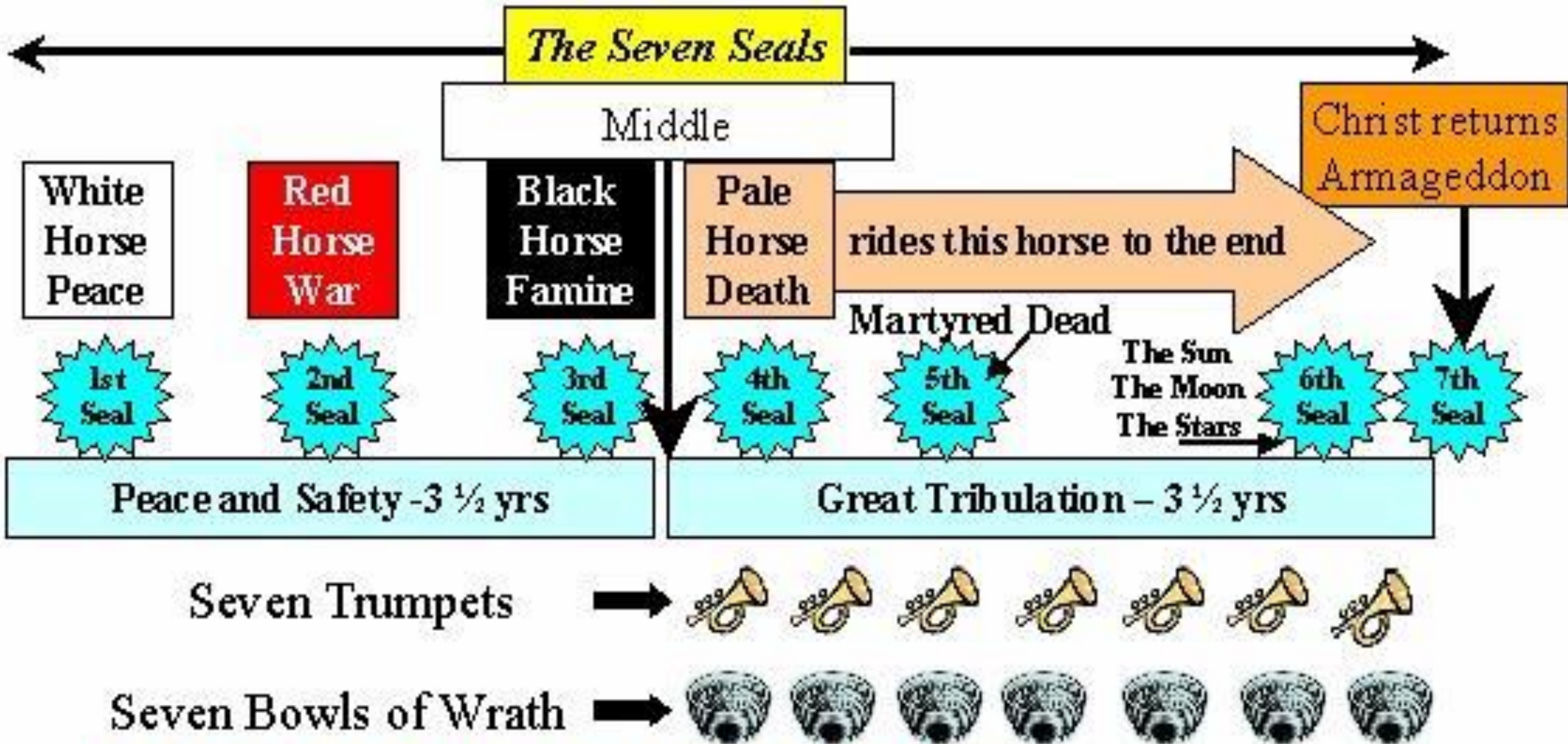


Trumpets



Bowls





The 7th Seal, 7th Trumpet, and the 7th Bowl all happen in a very brief span of time right near the end of the Great Tribulation.

Chapter Eleven

- **A quick review of where we are in our study – the last part of chapter 11 announces the blowing of the 7th trumpet.**
- **Back in chapter 5 we saw the Lamb of God take the 7 sealed scroll out of the hand of God and that scroll turns out to be the title deed to the Earth.**
- **When the seals are broken all sorts of judgments begin to fall one after the other and millions of people are killed, maimed, and terrified.**

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- **What we discover as the book unfolds is that there will be 3 sets of 7 judgments – the seals, the trumpets, and bowls.**
- **We are also discovering that between judgments #6 and #7 of each set there is a pause to allow the unsaved to re-evaluate and the living Christians to gather themselves.**
- **During this time, called Daniel's 70th week, or the Great Tribulation, many, many people will turn to the Lord, perhaps more than any other time in history.**

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- **Rev 7:9** After this I looked, and *there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.* They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. **10** And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”
- **Point #1** for our perspective - Jesus Christ is being revealed just as the title of John’s prophecy says.
- **Point #2** for our perspective – even in dealing out harsh judgment God never ceases to be forgiving and merciful.

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- **In chapter #8 the trumpet judgments began with a series of 4 in a row very much like the seal judgments began with the four horseman.**
- **Rev 8:13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!”**
- **In chapter #9, we saw trumpets #5 and #6 which were two hellish judgments involving demons who had been locked up in the bottomless pit.**

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- **Chapter #10 describes how John was told he had to keep prophesying and to eat the scroll that was in the hand of the angel.**
- **The scroll was said to be sweet in his mouth, but bitter in his belly because while the end times prophecies are exciting to the believer of today, they will be terrifying to those who live through them.**
- **The first part of chapter #11 describes the two witnesses and a targeted earthquake that kills off many of the power players in the one world church.**

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- **15** The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” **16** And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, **17** saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. **18** The nations were angry, and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth.” **19** Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.

Chapter Eleven

- **First, lets' deal with what I believe is a doctrinal error regarding the 7th trumpet.**
- **Those who hold to a mid-tribulation rapture use the 7th trumpet as one of their arguments by connecting it to 1st Corinthians 15.**
- **1st Cor 15:51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

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- So their argument sounds good on the surface until you look at the details in context.
- The last trumpet described in 1st Cor 15 is associated with the rapture of the saints, while the 7th trumpet is associated with judgment.
- The 7th trumpet of Revelation 11 is more likely to be associated with Joel 2:1 “Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy hill. Let all who live in the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming. It is close at hand—”

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- **15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”**
- **Now the 7th trumpet sounds and although we are only about ½ way through John’s prophecy, something major that has the ring of finality occurs.**
- **Though we have ½ the book and all of the bowl judgments to come, the language is such that it sounds like the kingdom of God has come.**

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- **This is, of course, good news because what have we all been praying for when we pray as Jesus told us to?**
- **“Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.”**
- **As we look at this chapter we will need to understand that God is truly as all powerful and sovereign as the bible declares Him to be - when He decrees something to come to pass, it is as good as done.**

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- What we find here in verse #15 is the power of the Greek language – we see an example of what is “proleptic aorist” verb tense.
- Simply stated, it is language so strong that although what is said to have happened, (the kingdom is here) has not actually occurred in time, that it is so certain that it can be spoken of as having already happened.
- Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, *and calleth those things which be not as though they were.*

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- **It seems to me that this is one of thousands of times in the scriptures where what is written has implications far, far beyond the regular meanings of the words.**
- **In this case the text tells us that, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”**
- **But the verb tense, proleptic aorist, leads us to the vastness and power of God that He could speak with certainty of things that were not yet, but certainly would be.**

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- Next, let's notice the scope of what He has decreed is as good as done.
- 17 We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, *because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.*
- In the mind of God, He has begun His reign without the encumbrances of sin, death, and the devil – the time we've all longed for is here.

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- Next, God has also decreed that the judgment of all men is as good as done.
- 18 The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—and for destroying those who destroy the earth. (not an environmental issue, but a cultural issue)
- He will reward the righteous and punish the wicked and He speaks of those as finished business as well.

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- **Daniel 12:1** At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. **2** Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.
- **So we have two types of people raised in the end times, the saved and the lost.**
- **The resurrection of the saved occurs in two stages – first we have the Church and the saved of the Old Testament period raised at the rapture, and then, and those who were saved in the Great Tribulation seven years later to receive their rewards.**

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- **And we also have the unsaved dead of all times raised for the purposes of judgment.**
- **These will be O.T. unbelievers and N.T. unbelievers as well all raised together at one time.**
- **Rev 20:11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.**

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- **Let's go back now to the blowing of the 7th trumpet in verse #15 "The seventh angel sounded his trumpet".**
- **While the 7th trumpet is announced in chapter #11, the judgments are not known until chapter #16:1 "Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth."**
- **You see the 7th trumpet judgment is like the 7th seal judgment – it is an encapsulation of the next set of judgments.**

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- **19 Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm.**
- **Here we are reminded again of God's ultimate goal – the redemption of His people.**
- **The temple of God in Heaven is a real place pictured by the Earthly tabernacle and temples.**

Chapter Eleven

- **Of this we can be certain – history, though marred by thousands of tyrants, war, devastation, and sin of every sort, is not moving along unattended.**
- **God, Himself, is superintending all that goes on, whether to simply allow things or to cause them, and the story of man will end just as He has ordained.**
- **Our task, in our little slice of history, is to “occupy” until He comes.**

Chapter Eleven

- **Starting next week we will be going through chapters 12 – 15 wherein we will be doubling back, so to speak, through the tribulation period.**
- **We will see some of the same events from a different perspective.**
- **And we will have some of our knowledge gaps filled in.**

Questions