

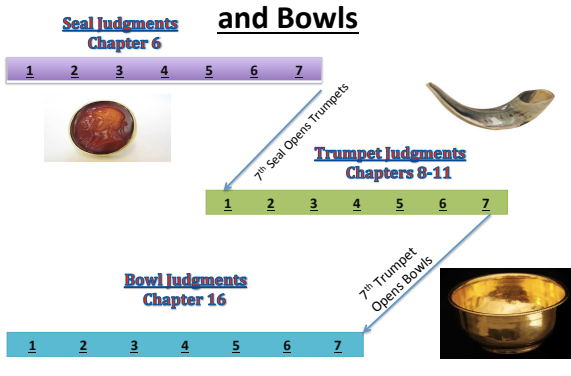
Revelation

Chapter Fifteen









Prelude To The Bowl Judgments

- Revelation chapter 15, is the shortest chapter in the Book of Revelation.
- Revelation Chapter 15, unveils the events taking place in heaven prior to the final judgment upon the earth and those chose to worship the beast.
- The bowl judgments are poured out on a world that has rejected the mercy of God.
- This chapter is an introduction to the final days of God's wrath so that His kingdom of righteousness can be established on the earth.

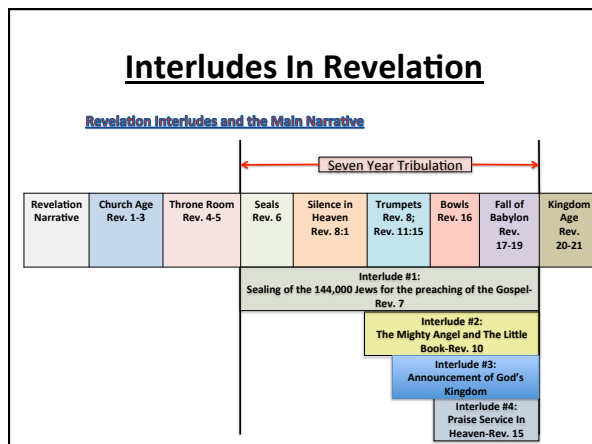
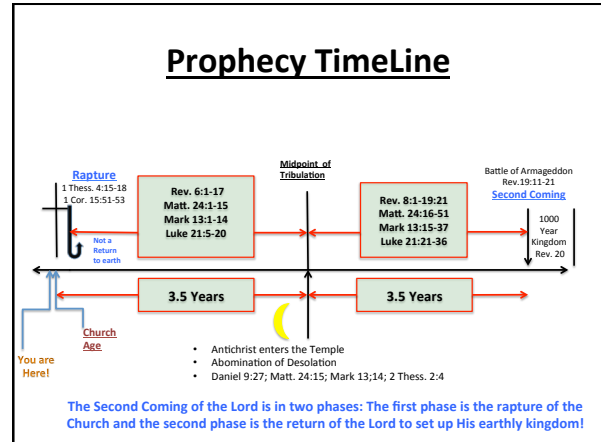
The Relationship Of The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls



The Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments

						
White Horse: Peace Rev. 6:1-2	Red Horse: War Rev. 6:3-4	Black Horse: Famine Rev. 6:5-6	Pale Horse: Pestilence Rev. 6:7-8	Martyrs & Great Tribulation Rev. 6:9-11	Cosmic Upheaval Rev. 6:12-17	The 7 Trumpet Plagues Rev. 8:2
						
Grass and 1/3 of the Trees Burned Rev. 8:7	1/3 of the sea turned to blood and 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed Rev. 8:8-9	1/3 of the water supply turned bitter Rev. 8:10-11	1/3 of the sun, moon and stars darkened Rev. 8:12	Demonic Locusts ruled by the beast Rev. 9:1-12	200 million army unleashed killing 1/3 of mankind Rev. 9:13-21	The Kingdom of God Proclaimed Rev. 11:15-19
						
Sores on those who receive the mark of the Beast Rev. 16:2	Sea turns to blood and all sea life dies Rev. 16:3	Fresh water turns to blood Rev. 16:4-7	Mankind scorched by the sun and blaspheme God Rev. 16:8-9	The Kingdom of the Beast is afflicted Rev. 16:10-11	The Euphrates River is dried up and the world's armies gather for war Rev. 16:12-16	The Earth is shaken Rev. 16:17-21

Comparison Of The Trumpet And Bowl Judgments		
Scope	Trumpet Judgments	Bowl Judgments
Earth	Hail and fire mingled with blood thrown to the earth-Rev. 8:7	Sores on those who receive the mark of the Beast Rev.16:2
Sea	1/3 of the sea turned to blood and 1/3 of ships and sea life destroyed -Rev. 8:8-9	Sea turns to blood and all sea life dies-Rev.16:3
Fresh Water	1/3 of the water supply turned bitter Rev.8:10-11	All the Fresh water turns to blood Rev. 16:4-7
Sun	1/3 of the sun, moon and stars darkened Rev. 8:12	The sun scorches men with fire and they blaspheme God Rev. 16:8-9
Mankind Tortured and Darkness	Mankind is tortured for five months by demonic locusts that come from the smoke that arises out of the bottomless pit also causing darkness-Rev. 9:1-12	Inhabitants of the Beast's kingdom are tortured by the darkness that causes sores-Rev. 16:12-16
Mankind Killed and the Euphrates River	Fallen angels bound at the Euphrates River are released to lead a demonic army to kill a third of mankind-Rev. 9:13-21	The Euphrates River dries up and Three demonic spirits go out to deceive the nations to gather for war against God-Rev. 16:12-16
Earthquake, hail and the nations	The Seventh Trumpet sounds proclaiming that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of Jesus accompanied with thunder, hail, and earthquakes	God announces that, "it is done!" followed by noises, thunder, lightning, a great earthquake and hailstones.



Revelation 15:1-2

“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.”

Another Sign In Heaven

- John sees another sign in heaven.
- The word for "another" is "*allos*" which mean another of the same kind.
- This is the third sign John sees in Heaven.
- **The first was the woman** who gave birth to the man child caught up into Heaven. (**Revelation 12:1**)
- The woman represented Israel giving birth to the Messiah.
- **The second was a great red seven-headed dragon** with ten horns who pursued the woman. (**Revelation 12:3**)

- The dragon is Satan, who through various kingdoms, has pursued the woman, i.e. Israel, trying to prevent the birth of Messiah Who is the man-child caught up into heaven. (**Revelation 12:5**)
- **This third sign is the final victory over the beast** as the seven angels are prepared to pour out God's wrath on the Beast and his kingdom.
- In Contrast, those killed by the beast are standing victorious in the presence of God

The Wrath Of God Is Complete

- The word "complete" in the original Greek means, "**to reach an end or an aim.**"
- The hot wrath of God will fulfill an eternal purpose at some point in history.
- God isn't just blowing off steam or have a tantrum, this is a judgment upon mankind, "who suppress the truth in unrighteousness...because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things."-**Romans 1:18,21-23**

Victory Over The Beast

- Victory is defined here as choosing death and Christ rather than life and the Beast.
- Those who were able to choose eternal life over the temporary life are victorious.
- These who are victorious have triumphed over **the Beast**, over **his image**, over **his mark** and over the **number of his name**.
- No matter what the Beast and his system could come up with to persecute the believers during this time God strengthened these faithful overcomers to the end!

The Three Hebrews

- "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up."-**Daniel 3:16-18**

These three Hebrews have a clear grasp of God's omnipotence (**our God whom we serve is able**), and his sovereignty (**He will deliver us...but if not**); they are an example of both faith and submission.

"....our God whom we serve is able to deliver us....But if not let it be known to you..."

- Job 13:15
- "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.
- Even so, I will defend my own ways before Him."
- Acts 4:19
- John 6:66-69

We Need This In Our Lives Today

- A faith that confirms the reality of God in our heart.
- A submission to his will in all things.
- A humility that recognizes all goodness comes from God.
- A love of His ways and of Him so deep that all else is a shadow.
- These men recognized that God's will might be different than their desires.

Revelation 15:3-4

"They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:
'Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord
God Almighty!
Just and true are Your ways,
O King of the saints! Who shall not fear
You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?"

"For You alone are holy.
For all nations shall come and worship
before You,
For Your judgments have been
manifested."

The Song Of The Victorious

- The victors over the Beast sing a song but not about their achievements it's all about God and His works.
- In Revelation 12, they overcome the Dragon through the "word of their testimony" and "the blood of the Lamb".
- The song has two titles: "The song of Moses and the song of the Lamb".
- The two song titles represent God's intervention through Israel's deliverance from Egypt and the cross when He delivered mankind from the bondage of sin.

The Song

- The song recognizes the uniqueness of Who God is.
- God is Unique in His **works**: "Great and marvelous are Your works".
- God is unique in His **ways**: "Just and true are Your ways".
- God is unique in His **worthiness**: "Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy."
- God is unique in His **worship**: "For all nations shall come and worship before You".

Revelation 15:5-6

“After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.”

The Heavenly Tabernacle

- Exodus 25:40 and Hebrews 9:23, instruct us that the earthly tabernacle was to be built in an exact pattern of the heavenly tabernacle.
- Jesus doesn't serve in a temporary tabernacle made by human hands but He serves continually in the heavenly tabernacle.
- Jesus sat down at the right hand of God interceding on behalf of the believers but here the tabernacle is open in order to bring forth the seven plague judgments.
- John saw the door opened in Revelation 4:1, and God was seated on the throne of heaven.

The Seven Angels

- The seven angels have the seven plagues.
- These are the final judgments in the series of seals, trumpets, and bowls.
- They come out from the tabernacle directly from the presence of God Who is giving the authority to the seven angels to carry out His judgments upon the earth.
- They are clothed in pure bright linen.
- Bright in the original and means “shining, clear, or translucent”.
- The word for “bright” is “*lampron*” which is where we get our word “lamp”.

Revelation 15:7-8

“Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.”

One Of The Four Living Creatures

- This is one of the four living creatures that John saw in Revelation 4:6.
- This living creature hands the seven golden bowls full of God's wrath to the seven angels.
- "[The bowls] are really "shallow, pan-like, golden bowls, or censers, such as were used in the temple to hold the fire when incense was burned." (Seiss)

No Enters The Temple

- No one is able to enter the temple until the seven bowl judgments have been completed.
- When the wrath of God is completed it will initiate the Millennial Kingdom of Jesus where the feast of tabernacles is celebrated.