

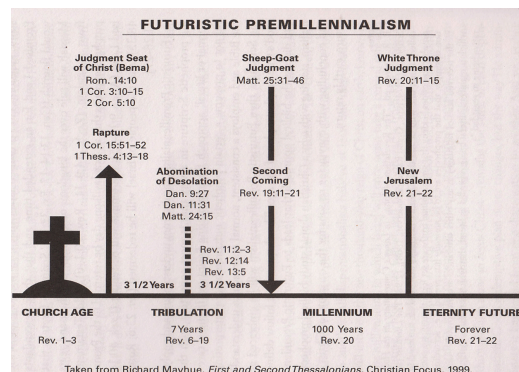
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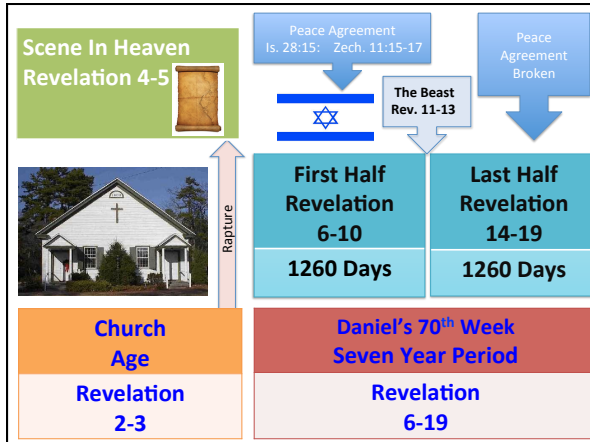
Chapter Eight

Some Review Of Chapters Six And Seven

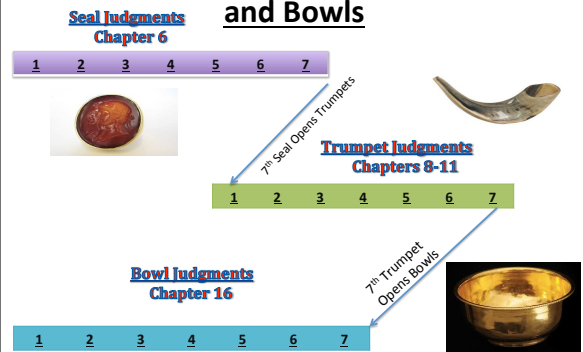
- The worship scene in Revelation 4 & 5, is preparation for the coming wrath upon the earth!
- Revelation 11:15: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord...." At no time in history has this ever taken place.
- Man says the world is getting better in the world through the advancement of technology.
- "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."-Daniel 12:4

- God knows it is getting worse as man removes Him from their lives
- "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power."-2 Tim. 3:1-5
- Man says we can negotiate peace. God says there will be wars and rumors of wars until the end
- Man expects to win the battle against famine and disease. God says there will be judgments of famine and disease.





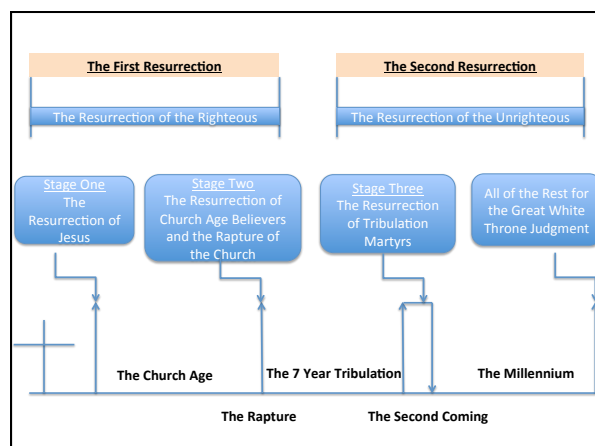
The Relationship Of The Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls



<u>The Rider In Revelation Six-Antichrist</u>	<u>Jesus</u>
Rides a white horse Revelation 6:2	Jesus rides a white horse Revelation 19:11
Wears a crown upon his head Revelation 6:2	Jesus has many crowns upon His head Revelation 19:12
He is victorious Revelation 6:2	Jesus is victorious Revelation 17:14

The Second Seal

- "He was given power to take peace from the earth" (Matt 24:6; Dan 11:36)
- What started as peace ends in bitter hatred towards one another
- He was given the power by God to make wars which he uses to be the hero to make peace for Israel.
- The word used for "fiery red" is "pyros" and is the same word used for the dragon in Revelation 12:3



Revelation 20:4-6

- “ I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as didn’t worship the beast nor his image, and didn’t receive the mark on their forehead and on their hand. They lived, and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. **The rest of the dead didn’t live until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over these, the second death has no power**, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and will reign with him one thousand years.

The 144,000

- Seventh Day Adventist believe the 144,000 are the faithful found observing the Sabbath at the Lord’s return. These will be raptured and the rest of the church will be judged.
- Jehovah witnesses believe the 144,000 include only the overcomers of their faith and who will remain faithful until the end.
- However the 144,000 are from **“...all the tribes of the children of Israel....”** which is plain and simply indicated

The Tribes of Israel

- “Children of Israel” is literally the “sons of Israel”.
- These are the same Jewish tribes that will have their names written on the gates of New Jerusalem.
- “...having a great and high wall; having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and **names written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel.**”- **Revelation 21:12**
- “Few Scriptures have suffered more at the hands of Gentile Christians than this. Notwithstanding the fact that it concerns “all the tribes of the children of Israel,” and that the twelve tribes are named separately, popular interpretation insists on taking them as meaning the Church of God. **Any system of interpretation which has this for its foundation may be judged and condemned at the outset as not only useless, but mischievous.**”-(Bullinger)

God's Covenants With Israel

- The Abrahamic covenant given to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-3.
- The Land covenant given to Abraham in Genesis 12:7;13:14-17, Israel is promised to have the land forever.
- The Davidic covenant given to David in 2 Sam 7:11-16, David's seed would rule on the throne of Israel forever from Jerusalem.
- This was confirmed to Mary by the angel: "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father, David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever. There will be no end to his Kingdom."-**Luke 1:32-33**
- The New covenant given by the prophet Jeremiah

New Covenant

- "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, **when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah** — not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. **But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days**, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."-Jeremiah 31:31-33

- God is not finished with Israel . He will fulfill His promises because he cannot lie
- "God is not a man, that he should lie, nor the son of man, that he should repent. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not make it good?"-Numbers 23:19)
- Israel could not have forfeited their destiny because the promises were unconditional when given to Abraham and his descendants and here they are in Revelation seven once again coming to the front to establish their place in history.
- Jesus has yet to fulfill the promise given by the angel to Mary in Luke

- The church participates in these covenants through our adoption but the church **does not fulfill them.**
- Paul explains in Romans 9-11 and deals with the questions of "who is Israel"? Why they are presently blinded? And "when will their destiny be fulfilled"?
- "For I don't desire you to be ignorant, brothers, of this mystery, so that you won't be wise in your own conceits, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, and so all Israel will be saved. Even as it is written, "There will come out of Zion the Deliverer, and he will turn away ungodliness from Jacob. This is my covenant to them, when I will take away their sins." Concerning the Good News, they are enemies for your sake. **But concerning the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sake. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.**"-Romans 11:25-29

The Promised Messianic Kingdom



The Reason For The 144,000

- This Good News **of the Kingdom** will be preached in the whole world for a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.- Matthew 24:14
- Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give you as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"
- During the tribulation God will seal these 144,000 Jewish sons for the purpose of evangelizing the nations
- The end that Jesus is referring to in Matthew 24, is clearly the tribulation.

- Arise, shine; for your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
and deep darkness the people; but
the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will
be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to
your light, and kings to the brightness of your
rising.-Isaiah 60:1-3

The Converts

- They are converts of the 144,000, Jewish missionaries who have taken the gospel to the ends of the earth (Matt. 24:14; Isa. 49:6) before the end of the age comes.
- They represent every nation, tribe, people, and language group
- They praise God and the Lamb for their salvation v. 10
- They have "come out of" the great tribulation as opposed to being kept from the hour of tribulation Rev. 3:10—v. 14

Revelation 8:1-2

When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

The Seventh Seal

- Jesus has been opening the seals one by one after He took the scroll from His Father seated on the throne.
- In chapter five Jesus moved from His intercessory position seated at the right hand of His Father to a position of judge of the world.
- "Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. **For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth** for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain."-- Isaiah 26:20-21
- "They told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from **the wrath of the Lamb**." (Revelation 6:16)
- When the seventh seal is opened it will bring the trumpet judgments.

Silence

- The **silence in heaven** demonstrates a sober awestruck silence at the judgments that are about to be unleashed upon the inhabitants of earth.
- We are told that the silence lasts "about half an hour".
- It is not the silence that is important but the breaking of the silence that is the issue.

- "Our God shall come, **and shall not keep silent**; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people: "Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice." Let the heavens declare His righteousness, For God Himself *is* Judge."--Psalm 50:3-6
- The breaking of silence is an answer to the cry of the martyrs: "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"--Revelation 6:10

The Seven Angels

- John saw seven angels that are standing before God.
- These angels are each given a trumpet which they blow one at a time revealing more severe judgments coming upon the earth.
- There is a lot of speculation as to who these angels are but inspired scripture only reveals the names of the big three: Lucifer, Michael, and Gabriel.
- There is a group of especially powerful angels, of which Gabriel is a member, who have close access to God and stand before Him.
- "The angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God. (Luke 1:19)

Trumpets

- Trumpets are blown to announce a dramatic movement of God in history.
- "Then it came to pass on the third day, in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain; and **the sound of the trumpet** was very loud, so that all the people who *were* in the camp trembled."- Exodus 19:16
- "**Blow the trumpet** in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! **Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble**; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand"-Joel 2:1
- "That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of devastation and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, **a day of trumpet and alarm** against the fortified cities and against the high towers."-Zeph. 1:15-16

Revelation 8:3

Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Another Angel

- This angel comes and stands before the altar in heaven.
- The word used for "**another**" in the original language "**allos**" means "**of the same kind**".
- The role that this angel plays is to gather the prayers of all the saints and offer them combined with incense on the golden altar.
- All the prayers ever prayed through out history are about to be poured out in judgment.

Prayers Of The Saints

- The continual cries that have been prayed by the people of God throughout history for deliverance has reached the throne of God like fragrant incense.
- It is the prayers of the saints at this moment who set into motion the coming consummation of history.
- The prayers of the saints will shortly be answered as they are connected to the wrath of God.

- Malachi says there will come a time when incense will be offered continually to the name of God.
- "For from the rising of the sun even to the going down of the same, my name is great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the nations," says the Lord of Hosts."-**Malachi 1:11**
- Barnhouse is probably right, . . . today, prayer consists of confession, intercession, and worship. When we confess we are occupied with our sins; when we intercede, we are occupied with human needs, ours and others' but when we worship we are occupied with Him alone. The day will come when prayer will be emptied of its need of confession. There will be no more laver. Prayer will be emptied of its need for intercession. There will be nothing remaining but that which may be symbolized under the bowls of incense, and all our prayer shall be praise and worship (Donald Gray Barnhouse, Revelation, An Expository Commentary).

Revelation 8:4

And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw *it* to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Prayers Hurling To Earth

- The prayers hurled to earth are combined with the voice of God.
- Whenever God speaks in the Bible people hear thunder.
- "It happened on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain, and the sound of an exceedingly loud trumpet; and all the people who were in the camp trembled."-Exodus 19:16
- These sights and sounds mark the close of man's age and the opening of God's kingdom upon earth.
- "The seventh angel sounded, and great voices in heaven followed, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ. He will reign forever and ever!"-**Revelation 11:15**

Revelation 8:7

The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

The First Trumpet

- The first trumpet sets into motion large forest fires that burn up one-third of the earth's trees and grass.
- It is hail....fire....mingled with blood that is rained down upon the earth that causes the fires.
- A similar plague was upon Egypt (9:18-26), Moses stretched forth a rod and came hail mingled with fire that ran along the ground.
- The people of earth realize that these plagues in the book of Revelation are from God.
- "People were scorched with great heat, and people blasphemed the name of **God who has the power over these plagues**. They didn't repent and give him glory." - **Revelation 16:9**

Joel 1:15-20

- Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD *is* at hand; **it shall come as destruction from the Almighty**. Is not the food cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seed shrivels under the clods, Storehouses are in shambles; Barns are broken down, For the grain has withered. How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, Because they have no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment. O LORD, to You I cry out; **For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the field**. The beasts of the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, And fire has devoured the open pastures.

Revelation 8:8-9

Then the second angel sounded:
And *something* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The Second Trumpet

- The second trumpet pours God's wrath upon the sea
- John saw "something like a great mountain...."not an actual mountain.
- The sea becomes blood.
- It could be the Mediterranean Sea.
- John is describing what he sees. He describes what most people would see as a meteorite or asteroid crashing into the sea.
- One-third of the sea creatures die.
- One-third of the ships are destroyed.

The Mediterranean



Symbolic Interpretations

Symbol	Interpretation
Fiery Mountain	Satan, Rome, Babylon, Gentile Nation
Sea	Nations, The Church's Baptismal Waters, Pure Doctrine, The Non Roman World
Blood	Persecution of The Church, False Doctrine, Spiritual Death and Apostasy
Wrecked Ships	Extinction of Congregations, Bearers of the Gospel, Rome's Destruction
Dying Fish	Slaughter Of Christians, Destruction of Souls, The Jews
Trees	Prideful People, Fortified Cities, Apostles, Elect Remnant
Grass	Young, Feeble, Aged People, Common Christians
Great Star	Satan, Mohammed, Various Heretics, Modern Ministers Falling
Sun, Moon, and Stars	Political Leaders, The Jewish Temple, Jerusalem

"The first four trumpets all deal directly with the earth. They do not symbolize political, social, or economic judgment; those types of judgment come later in Revelation. Nor do they describe any judgment that has ever happened in history in some locale or region. The trumpet judgments are actual, literal, physical events that will affect the whole earth." Bullinger

- "I will show wonder in the heavens and in the earth: blood, fire, and pillars of smoke."-Joel 2:30
- This was the first plague against Egypt-Exodus 7:19-21
- When interpreting these events in the Book of Revelation Bullinger says: "It would better to err in such simplicity of faith in the Word of God, than to adopt the most plausible scheme based upon the opinion of man; and which differs not only from God, but from every other human interpretation".
- Jesus stated: **"for then there will be great oppression, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever will be."**-Matthew 24:21

A Third Of The Sea Became Blood



- "In the fall of 1947, the community of Venice, Florida, awoke to thousands of dead fish along the beaches and a stinging, choking "gas" in the air. Some blamed nerve gas, others a chemical spill, but scientists soon discovered the cause: RED TIDE. Although this was the first scientific documentation of this catastrophic event along the Florida Gulf coast, reports of similar events have been recorded as far back as the mid 1800s."-bestallergyproducts.com

Death Of Fish



Wrecked Ships



Judgment On The Fish And Ships

- These things were spoken of by the prophets in the Old Testament.
- "I will consume man and beast; I will consume the birds of the heavens, the fish of the sea..."-Zeph. 1:3
- "Therefore the land will mourn; and everyone who dwells there will waste away with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air; even the fish of the sea will be taken away."-Hosea 4:3
- The Day of the Lord will come, "Upon all the ships of Tarshish....."-Isaiah 2:16

Revelation 8:10-11

Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

The Third Trumpet

- The third trumpet is directed towards the fresh water.
- The words used by John here for "great star" are "*megas aster*".
- "Aster" is any heavenly body other than the sun or moon.
- It was burning "like a torch..."
- The name of the star is "wormwood" which means bitter or sorrow.
- One-third of the water becomes bitter and non-drinkable because of the great star resulting in the death of many men.

Wormwood

- John names it "wormwood": It is used often in the Old Testament (Deut. 29:18; Jer. 9:15; 23:15; Lam 3:19) and "wormwood" means bitterness and is synonymous with calamity or sorrow.
- The Greek word for "wormwood" is "absinthe". It is a strong drink made from an herb called wormwood that a person is not able to drink without harm.
- It produces a state of drunkenness and in large quantities produces death.
- People will drink salt water if they get thirsty enough. Many men die from drinking the poisoned waters but many more will also die due to lack of water from the loss of one-third of the earth's well waters.
- The World Health Organization states "nearly half of the world's people are affected by diseases related to insufficient and contaminated water," which is why they are trying to improve the water supplies of the world.

Revelation 8:12-13

Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night. And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

The Fourth Trumpet

- The fourth trumpet is directed towards the sun and the moon.
- This was the ninth plague upon the Egyptians (Ex 10:21-23)
- Jesus said, "But immediately after the oppression of those days, **the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light**, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (Matthew 24:29)

- "Wail, for the day of the LORD *is* at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty. Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt, And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of *them*; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces *will be like* flames. Behold, the day of the LORD comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. For the stars of heaven and their constellations will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, and the moon will not cause its light to shine."-Isaiah 13:6-10

The Sun Is Darkened

- Whatever it is that strikes the sun it must create some sort of problem with the sun's output because later on the sun unleashes intense heat upon the earth (Rev.16:8,9)
- The implication is an eclipse or other **supernatural phenomena** where all light from the sun, moon, and stars is blocked for one-third of the time.
- If God can make the sun stand still in Joshua's day He surely can make a third of the sun not to give light since He is the Creator of the sun.

The Angel Flying In The Midst Of Heaven

- The earth is warned by the angel that the three remaining trumpets are going to be even worse than what they have just been going through because the powers of hell are about to be unleashed.
- The Angel announces the three woes that are about to come upon the earth
- It is the "inhabitants of the earth" the are affected by the three woes as opposed to those who are in heaven bought by the blood of Jesus.
- This first four plagues were towards the naturalistic world, creation, and food supplies. The next three will be aimed at the supernatural order!!!

One-Third Of Mankind

- Noah's three sons? Gen. 9:27
- These first four judgments were partial judgments upon the earth since only one-third of the earth was destroyed which speaks of the mercy of God.
- These judgments are meant to warn and lead a rebellious world into repentance.
- God is compassionate and merciful even during His outpouring of wrath. He gave Egypt 10 plagues but He could have destroyed the nation of Egypt in one blow.

The First Woe	Unleashes demonic forces upon the earth.- Revelation 9:1-12
The Second Woe	Unleashes the four angels bound at the Euphrates river combined by an enormous earthquake killing seven-thousand people- Revelation 9:13-21;11:14
The Third Woe	Unleashes the wrath of the Devil upon the earth-Revelation 12:12