



# An Examination of the 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets and 7 Bowls

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6 + 6 + 6 Plagues for Man and 1 + 1 + 1 Glorious Events for God

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During a Bible Study that examined the 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets and 7 Bowls, our church discovered some interesting patterns. Fresh truth came to light through our exploration and discussion. This document is the manifestation of that Bible Study.

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**References and Chart:** References to the passages that describe the 21 events that comprise the Seals, Trumpets and Bowls, as well as a brief description of the 21 events, are charted on Page 3 of this document.

**Notes: Revelation 13:18** makes it clear that 666 is the number of a man which relates to mankind being created on the 6th day of creation (see **Genesis 1:24-31**). Multiple scriptures including **Genesis 2:2-3** and **Hebrews 3:12-4:6** tell us that 7 is God's number of completion and rest.

After examining the Seals, Trumpets and Bowls (see Page 3), they seem to be organized into a 6 + 1 format with 3 interludes or gaps between the 6th and 7th seal, the 6th and 7th trumpet and the 6th and 7th bowl. The amount of time in these interludes seems to vary. For example, the interlude between the 6th and the 7th trumpet includes more than a chapter of truth and specifically mentions 1,260 days (which is equivalent to 3<sup>1/2</sup> Jewish calendar years), while the interlude between the 6th and 7th bowls is covered in only a few verses and could occur in a much shorter time period than 3<sup>1/2</sup> years. Furthermore, the 7th seal, the 7th trumpet and the 7th bowl don't seem to be directed towards mankind. Rather these 7s seem to be for God. The 7th seal includes 30 minutes of silence in heaven, while the 7th trumpet and the 7th bowl include loud voices in heaven and proclamations of God's victory.

Based upon the truth that 6 is man's number and that 7 is God's number of perfection/rest it seems that there are 6 + 6 + 6 plagues for mankind and 1 + 1 + 1 events for God's glory and victory.

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Number	The 7 Seals	The 7 Trumpets	The 7 Bowls
<b>1</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:1-2 <b>Result:</b> A rider on a white horse who has a bow and authority to conquer.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 8:7 <b>Result:</b> Mingled hail, fire and blood are thrown to the earth and 1/3 of the trees are burned up along with all of the grass.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:2 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the earth and a troubling sore/ulcer comes upon those who have mark of the Beast and who worship his image.
<b>2</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:3-4 <b>Result:</b> A rider on a fiery red horse who has a sword and authority to remove peace from mankind.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 8:8-9 <b>Result:</b> Something like a great burning mountain is thrown into the sea and 1/3 of the sea becomes blood causing 1/3 of the living creatures to die and 1/3 of the ships to be destroyed.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:3 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the sea and it becomes blood and every living sea creature dies.
<b>3</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:5-6 <b>Result:</b> A rider on a black horse who has scales and brings famine.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 8:10-11 <b>Result:</b> A great, burning star called Wormwood falls from heaven on the rivers and springs and 1/3 of the water becomes bitter causing many people to die.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:4 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the rivers and springs of water and they become blood. The angel speaks.
<b>4</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:7-8. <b>Result:</b> Death riding a pale yellow or greenish horse and Hades following. They have authority to kill 1/4th of the earth with the sword, hunger, death and the beasts of the earth.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 8:12 <b>Result:</b> 1/3 of the sun, moon and stars are struck, so there is darkness during 1/3 of the day and 1/3 of the night.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:8-9 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the sun and it becomes very hot and scorches mankind with fire and great heat.
<b>5</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:9-11 <b>Result:</b> The souls of those slain for the word of God cry out to the Lord. A white robe is given to each one of them.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 9:1-12 <b>Result:</b> An angel/star falls from heaven to earth and a key to the bottomless pit is given to him. When the pit is opened, smoke from the pit darkens the sun. Horse-like locusts (which are described in detail) come out of the pit and sting/torment men for 5 months.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:10-11 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the throne of the Beast and his kingdom is filled with painful darkness.
<b>6</b> (For Man)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 6:12-17 <b>Result:</b> A great earthquake. The sun becomes black and the moon like blood. Stars drop to earth. Every mountain and island are moved.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 9:13-19 <b>Result:</b> Four angels who are bound at the Euphrates River are released along with 200 million horsemen and their horses. These three plagues and kill 1/3 of mankind.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:12 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured on the Euphrates River and it dries up.
<b>Interlude</b>	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 7:1-17 <b>Result:</b> Four angels at the four corners of the earth restrain the wind from blowing. 144,000 (12,000 from each of the 12 tribes) are sealed. An innumerable mixed multitude, dressed in white robes who are from the great tribulation, hold palm branches and stand before the Lamb praising Him.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 9:20-11:14 <b>Result:</b> Mankind refuses to repent. A mighty angel with a small book straddles the earth and sea. 7 Thunders speak. The mighty angel swears that it won't be long until the mystery of God is finished. John eats the small book and measures the temple of God, the altar and the worshippers. The 2 witnesses prophesy for 1,260 days, are killed and lie in the street for 3 1/2 days before ascending into heaven. A great earthquake in Jerusalem kills 7,000 people (1/10th of the city).	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:13-16 <b>Result:</b> Three unclean spirits spring from the Dragon's mouth and perform signs to deceive the earth's kings and the whole world. The spirits gather the armies together at Armageddon to do battle with Christ.
<b>7</b> (For God)	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 8:1-5 <b>Result:</b> Silence in heaven for 30 minutes. 7 Angels prepare to sound. Incense and prayers are offered on the golden altar before God, then fire from the altar is thrown to earth. There are noises, thunderings, lightnings and an earthquake.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 11:15-19 <b>Result:</b> A loud voice proclaims that the world's kingdoms have become The Lord's and Christ's. The 24 Elders worship and the heavenly temple is opened, the Ark of the Covenant is displayed and there are lightnings, noise, thunderings, an earthquake and great hail.	<b>Passage:</b> Revelation 16:17-21 <b>Result:</b> A bowl is poured into the air and a loud voice cries out "It is done!" There are noises, thunderings, lightnings and the most violent earthquake ever. Jerusalem is divided into 3 parts. Babylon is remembered. All of the islands are destroyed, all mountains are leveled and great hailstones weighing roughly 100 pounds fall from heaven.

