

REVELATION 6

As JOHN'S VISION OF HEAVEN UNFOLDS, WE WILL SEE THREE SETS OF SEVEN JUDGMENTS. THEY ARE ILLUSTRATIONS OF WHAT IS HAPPENING ON THE EARTH DURING THIS TUMULTUOUS TIME.

THE SEALS, THE TRUMPETS, AND THE BOWLS

THEIR PURPOSE IS TO MAKE KNOWN GOD'S INTENT FOR CREATION.

TRIAD = PROGRESSIVE PARALLELISM:

3 SETS OF 7 JUDGMENTS WILL BE UNLEASHED ON THE EARTH. THE 3 SETS OF JUDGMENTS ARE SIMULTANEOUS, YET EACH SET OF SEVEN JUDGMENTS REVEALS A MORE DETAILED AND INTENSE DESCRIPTION. THE 7TH SEAL IN THE FIRST SET INTRODUCES THE SECOND SET OF JUDGMENTS. THE 7TH TRUMPET IN THE SECOND SET INTRODUCES THE THIRD SET OF JUDGMENTS.

THINK OF IT AS A WEATHER FORECAST:

SEVEN SEALS: A FORECAST FOR THE ONCOMING STORM

SEVEN TRUMPETS: PERSONAL OBSERVATION, WE HEAR THE THUNDER

SEVEN BOWLS: THE FORECAST COMES TO PASS, AND WE ALL HEAR, SEE, AND FEEL THE STORM

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Seven Seals (storm forecast)	Seven Trumpets (storm observed)	Seven Bowls (storm experienced)
White horse: War	Hail, fire, blood: 33%	Sores on humans
Red horse: Take Peace	Fiery mountain in sea: 33%	Blood in sea: Death
Black horse: Famine	Wormwood star in rivers: 33%	Blood in rivers
Pale horse: Death	Sun, Moon, Stars, day: 33%	Sun scorched
Martyrs praying	Woe #1: Locust unleashed	Beast's throne
Cosmic disasters	Woe #2: 33% humans	River, frogs
Silence	Woe #3: victory acclamation	Air: acclamation
The Seven Seals are general warnings about war, the absence of peace, famine, and death	The Seven Trumpets increase in intensity, are more detailed, but are partial judgements.	The Seven Bowls increase in intensity, and deliver the final blow. All three of the Seven judgements are concurrent, overlapping judgements.

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AFTER ALL CREATION'S WORSHIP SERVICE, JUDGMENT DAY BEGINS.

READ REVELATION 6:1-8

1. What do the first four seals represent?

READ REVELATION 6:9-11

2. The fifth seal:
 - a. Who is represented?
 - b. How did they get there?
 - c. What do they say to God?
 - d. What is the startling response to their prayers? (v.11)

READ REVELATION 6:12-17

3. The sixth seal:
 - a. What happens to the cosmos with this seal?
 - b. Who are all the people mentioned?
 - c. What are they doing?
 - d. What do they acknowledge, and what does it say about their relationship to God and to the Lamb? (v.16-17)