

# The Seal, Trumpet and Bowl Judgements-Overview

## - **1. There are 3 series of judgements with 7 in each.**

- They describe the 21 judgements released against the antichrist regime by Jesus. The 7 seals (Rev 6), 7 trumpets (Rev 8-9) and 7 bowls (Rev 15-16).
- The book of Revelation is first about Jesus beauty, love and justice and secondly about end-time events.

## - **II. Understanding God's 3 numbered judgement series. (Rev 6-16)**

- The judgements are literal. We need to become familiar with them. They are not difficult to understand.
- They are all future events to our time, but not too future.
- God's principle of judgement is: use the least severe means of judgement in order to reach the greatest number of people, so they may be saved.
- The judgements appear to be offensive when viewed without the help of the Holy Spirit. The 3 series is aimed at being redemptive to those on the earth during this time period.
- The series are progressive and increase in intensity. a) the seals alert us. b) the trumpets warn us. c) The bowls declare that which is poured out in fullness.

## - **III. Significance of understanding these judgements events.**

- They are recorded in 4 chapters. They are chronological in order. We will know what to pray for at that time because we will know the order of their release.

## - **IV. Purpose of the 3 judgement series: Benefits of understanding them.**

- The purpose is to glorify Jesus by the release of His power, exposing evil, removing all that hinders His love because their purpose is for good. They will discredit the antichrist. They will demolish much of his kingdom and bring about the great harvest. The benefits are numerous: Cooperating with God, energised prayer, confidence in God, being part of the action plan.

## - **V. The Seven Seals. (Rev 6:1-17: 8:1)**

- They are released by Jesus and speak of preparation. The 4 horsemen (white, red, black, pale) have similarity and belong together but are distinctively different in purpose.
- the 1st seal releases the antichrist riding a white horse. He has a crown of authority, but a bow with no arrows. He is allowed to conquer but not the use of force to kill.
- the 2nd seal releases the fiery red horse and rider. He is given a great sword to bring about bloodshed on the earth. This is the end of peace on the earth.
- the 3rd seal releases the black horse and rider. He has in his hand a pair of scales. He brings economic crises and famine to the earth.
- the 4th seal releases the pale horse whose rider is death. He is followed closely by Hades. They bring death to a quarter of the earth by the sword, hunger and wild beasts.
- the 5th seal releases the prayer movement in heaven and on earth to move to a higher level of intensity, and thus bring about a significant change of spiritual atmosphere.

- the 6th seal releases cosmic disturbances related to : earthquakes, stars, and the sky recedes as a scroll.
- the 7th seal is anointed prayer mixed with fire which is then thrown to the earth. It is in preparation for the 7 trumpets.

### - **VI. Seven Trumpets (Rev 8:2-9:21, 11:14-19)**

- They are all supernatural acts of God. The first 4 are through nature while the next 2 are through the use of demons, prior to number 7 being the rapture and Jesus' return.
- The saints are not the object of the trumpet judgements. All are aimed at destroying the antichrist's resources, warning the lost to seek salvation and to signal the certain victory for God's people.
- The trumpet judgements are limited to a one third or a partial judgement.
- Trumpet judgement 1: food supply affected by burning 1/3 vegetation.
- Trumpet judgement 2: food supply affected by destroying 1/3 of the sea's resources.
- Trumpet judgement 3: water supply affected by the poisoning of 1/3 of the earth's fresh water.
- Trumpet judgement 4: light and energy affected by the destruction of 1/3 sun, 1/3 moon, 1/3 stars, so that 1/3 are darkened.
- Trumpet judgement 5: the release of demonic locusts to torment men for 5 months.
- Trumpet judgement 6: the release of demonic horsemen to kill 1/3 of those on the earth who have the mark of the beast.
- Trumpet judgement 7: announces Jesus' second coming. It is in 3 stages: a) His procession across the sky. b) His procession across the land. c) His procession into Jerusalem.

### - **VIII. Seven Bowls ( Rev 15-16)**

- The 7 bowls of God's wrath occur in the final 30 days of this age. As such, it appears that all of God's people have been raptured at the 7th trumpet and there are no believers left on the earth.
- 1st bowl: painful sores on those who worship the antichrist.
- 2nd bowl: all food supply in seas killed when the seas turn to blood.
- 3rd bowl: all the earth's fresh water supply turned to blood.
- 4th bowl: men are scorched by heat and fire from the sun.
- 5th bowl: darkness is poured out on the antichrist's empire.
- 6th bowl: delusion of the nations by demons, they are lured with their armies to the plain of Jehoshaphat to confront Jesus in the battle of Armageddon.
- 7th bowl: speaks of annihilation, the release of earthquakes of a magnitude never previously experienced, 45kg./100 lb. hail stones, shaking the cities of the nations with particular focus on Jerusalem and Babylon.

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