



The Seven Seals (before opening the scroll)

1. White horse (conqueror)
2. Red horse (war)
3. Black horse (famine)
4. Pale horse (death)
5. Martyrdom
6. Cosmic signs
7. **The Seven Trumpets** (announce judgment)

REV. 6:1-17
REV. 8:1-5

1. One-third of vegetation
2. One-third of sea
3. One-third of fresh water
4. One-third of heavens
5. (Stinging locusts)
6. One-third of people
7. **The Seven Bowls** (intense judgment)

REV. 8:6 - 9:19
REV. 11:15-19

1. Poured out on the land
2. Poured out on the sea
3. Poured out on the fresh water
4. Poured out on the sun
5. Poured out on the throne of the beast
6. Poured out on the Euphrates
7. Poured out on the air

REV. 16:1-21

I. How the Great Tribulation Time is Described in Scripture

- Day of the Lord (Isa 2:12)
- Day of the Vengeance of God (Isa 34:8; 63:1-6)
- The Time of Jacob's Trouble (Jeremiah 30:7)
- The Seventieth Week of Daniel (Daniel 9:24-27)
- The Time of the End (Daniel 12:9)
- The Great Day of God's Wrath (Revelation 6:17)
- The Hour of Judgment (Revelation 14:7)
- The End of the World (Matthew 13:40,49)
- The Time of God's Fury/Indignation (Isaiah 26:20; 34:2)
- The Time of Troubles as never before (Dan 12:1)

II. The Duration of the Great Tribulation

- Daniel 7:25 - "time, times, and half a time" (time=1 year; times=2 years; half a time=1/2 year; total of 3 1/2 years)
- Revelation 11:2-3 - speaks of 1260 days and 42 months (3.5 years)
- Revelation 13:5 - 42 months (3.5 years)

III. The Seven Seals – the Beginning of the Great Tribulation (Revelation 6:1-17)

- A. 1st seal – Antichrist Conquers (6:1-2) - “Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!” [2] And I looked, and behold, a white horse! And its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering, and to conquer.”
- B. 2nd Seal – Global War (6:3-4) – “When he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” [4] And out came another horse, bright red. Its rider was permitted to take peace from the earth, so that people should slay one another, and he was given a great sword.”
- C. 3rd Seal – Famine (5-6) – “When he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” And I looked, and behold, a black horse! And its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. [6] And I heard what seemed to be a voice in the midst of the four living creatures, saying, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius, and do not harm the oil and wine!”
- D. 4th Seal – Worldwide Death (7-8) – “When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” [8] And I looked, and behold, a pale horse! And its rider’s name was Death, and Hades followed him. And they were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by wild beasts of the earth.”
- E. 5th Seal - Martyrdom (9-11) – “When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne. [10] They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?” [11] Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.”
- F. 6th Seal – Natural Disaster/Cosmic Upheaval (12) – “When he opened the sixth seal, I looked, and behold, there was a great earthquake, and the sun became black as sackcloth, the full moon became like blood, [13] and the stars of the sky fell to the earth as the fig tree sheds its winter fruit when shaken by a gale. [14] The sky vanished like a scroll that is being rolled up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. [15] Then the kings of the earth and the great ones and the generals and the rich and the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, [16] calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, [17] for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”
- G. 7th Seal – Transition to the Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 8:1-6) - When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. 6 Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.