

09 Topic: Seals, Trumpets, Bowls

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Synopsis

The study of the seals, trumpets, and bowls takes you on a journey through much of the book of Revelation. John is shown a series of events that revolve around a scroll written on both sides and sealed with seven seals. As the seals are broken, events begin happening that lead up to signs in the sun, moon, and stars that is tied to a time just before the day of the Lord. This central event in eschatology marks the transition from events happening on the earth to the period of God's wrath.

There are many ideas about what these events mean and many ways they have been interpreted. This is a journey through the scripture looking at the order of God's plan and His control over every aspect of it. My prayer is that this will clarify the meaning and help to further interpret other topics of Bible prophecy in light of scripture.

Overview

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- Seven Trumpets
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Details

- Introduction
 - The seals, trumpets, and bowls of Revelation are central to the understanding of God's design for the time of the 70th week of Daniel. Interspersed through Revelation, they not only show that God is in control of the unfolding of events, but also the details of both the time leading up to and the beginning of the day of the Lord and the wrath of God.
 - General order of Revelation
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- of end-time kingdom of the dragon
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 - Revelation 15-18 - The Final Seven Plagues Which Fill Up the Wrath of God, judgement of Babylon and tie into Daniel's vision.
 - Revelation 19 - The Marriage of the Lamb & Christ's Return in Glory and defeat of the dragon
 - Revelation 20 - The Sealing of Satan in the Bottomless Pit After Christ's Return
 - Revelation 21-22 - The New Heavens and New Earth
 - With a few exceptions, there is a clear progression through time in Revelation. The exceptions add a little clarity in certain areas.
- There are several views on how these unfold, some taking the view that each seal is a different view of the same events depicted in the corresponding trumpet and bowl events. The other view is that these are not related to each other except for their being tied to the sealed scroll on which they are written.
- In this study I think the clear Biblical case will be made for the proper understanding by taking God at His Word, and in the process perhaps understand the coming times a little better.
- Overview Timeline
 - This study is one where the overview timeline will be helpful as I believe it covers just about the entire span of the 70th week of Daniel. In fact, the first seal broken on the scroll seems to be indicative of the start of the 70th week. Apart from a couple that can be fairly precisely located in the timeline, most are general timings and not meant to be precise, but will give an idea of the progression through the week of years.
- What is the scroll and what does it contain?
 - **Revelation 5:1** - "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."
 - **Jeremiah 32:6-12** - Jeremiah, during the Babylonian siege, purchases land and according to the custom of the time, it is written in a book and sealed as evidence of the purchase. This is an example of a title deed to property.
 - However, at the final breaking of the seven seals is immediately followed by the destruction of the wrath of God. It would make sense that once the scroll can be read by the one who is worthy to open it, the contents would be the righteous judgements determined to be poured out on the earth.
 - Ezekiel 2:9-3:3 - "And when I looked, behold, an hand [was] sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book [was] therein; And he spread it before me; and it [was] written within and without: and [there was] written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe."
 - Is this the same scroll or intended for Israel in history at the time? I don't know, but at the very least it represents the same kind of scroll from Revelation that is sealed by seven seals.
 - Revelation 5:1-5 - "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals."
 - Zechariah 5:1-4 - Zechariah sees a flying scroll, which is "the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it."
- Who is worthy to open the scroll?
 - **Revelation 5:2-9** - "And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof. And I

beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four [and] twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"

- This scroll, written on both sides has seven seals. To open the scroll, all seven seals must be broken, and only Yeshua is able.
- **John 5:20-23** - "For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth [them]; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will. **For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son:** That all [men] should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."
- **Acts 17:30-31** - "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because **he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead.**"
- **Psalms 110:1-7** - "[A Psalm of David.] The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people [shall be] willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth. The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou [art] a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. **He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill [the places] with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.** He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head."
- Study on the day of the Lord will cover the comparison of that day in judgement and references to the day of Christ being the time of redemption. Two sides of the same coin, Yeshua coming to judge the world, but save His bride out of it because we are not appointed to God's wrath. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- **Seven Seals**
 - Concept of a scroll with seals in first century, Seals must be broken to open the scroll
 - If the seals effectively lock the scroll, then the contents of the scroll are separate from the seals themselves. Their breaking are a means to open the scroll.
 - If this is the case and the scroll contains the judgements of God, then are seals the wrath of God? I would say no and I think as we go through each seal it will become apparent that while Yeshua breaking the seals shows His control over timing, the events that unfold are not coming from Him, but speak to events happening on earth.
 - Seal 1 - Confirming a covenant
 - he that sat on him had a bow
 - Bow as a weapon, which makes sense since he is going for the conquer
 - This same word bow is that used in Genesis of something interesting. [qesheth - from H7185 in the original sense (of H6983) of bending; a bow, for shooting (hence, figuratively, strength) or the iris:—× arch(-er), arrow, bow(-man, -shot).]
 - **Genesis 9:12-17** - "And God said, This [is] the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living creature that [is] with you, for perpetual generations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will

remember my covenant, which [is] between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that [is] upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This [is] the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that [is] upon the earth."

- Both a weapon and a rainbow are curved, which is where the commonality derives, but figuratively the idea of strength is also present in both. One armed with a bow shows strength, while a token of a covenant also has a binding strength to it.
- **Daniel 9:27** - "And **he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week**: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make [it] desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."
- The Jews are awaiting the Messiah to come and rebuild the temple. The temple is where the presence of God dwells among the people, and God made it very clear there are detailed statutes that must be followed to properly minister at the temple. It is also required in some form, whether a tabernacle like the wilderness or of stone in Jerusalem, for the daily sacrifice to take place at. These are all contained in the Mosaic Law, which is also central to the Orthodox Jew's view of the future of Israel.
- So I believe the first seal broken by Christ on the scroll is the same event that starts the 70th week of Daniel, the strengthening of the Mosaic Law, requiring a changing of the times and laws of modern Israel to conform to the statutes God gave Israel to perform in ministering to the temple and starting the daily sacrifice. This is required for the second half of Daniel 9:27 in the midst of the week when he stops the daily sacrifice to declare himself god.
- The false christ, the rider of the white horse and the one who confirms the covenant with many fits the mold in both Daniel's vision and John's vision of the start of the 70th week of Daniel. As covered in [Daniel's 70 Weeks](#) and [Visions of Daniel and John](#), this conforms to the idea that the clock would be paused until Israel was once again in the land and ministering at the temple, whether in apostacy or not.
- a crown was given unto him - he is given governmental authority to rule
 - Recall the idea of kings and priests where Israel is a nation of priests who are looking for the Messiah to be their king. Their mentality is still in the carnal, blinded to their Messiah. How they perceive the Messiah is as their conquering king that saves and protects them from their enemies. They're desperate for peace and security but can't find it.
 - It's like a psychological game the mystery of iniquity is playing on her to bring Israel to the point of desperation right when he's allowed to come on the scene and offer what they're looking for with power to accomplish it.
 - a crown is given to him, he doesn't take it. Gives the impression that in the beginning he is not forcing his rule, they're asking for it.
 - Dragon has seven heads with one having 10 horns with 10 crowns. Little horn comes up among them.
- he went forth conquering, and to conquer
- Seal 2 - Wars of the antichrist
 - Power given them to take peace from the earth that they would kill one another and he is given a great sword
 - Revelation 13:4 - "they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the

beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" This is where he proves undefeated in war.

- Daniel 11:40-12:1
- Seal 3 - Pair of balances
 - Acts 15:5-11 - same word for balances is yoke - "Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?"
 - A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny, see thou hurt not the oil and the wine
 - Exodus 29:1-2; 35-40 - In addition to the bullock and ram, we see the wheat oil and wine are part of the initiation of the consecration of the priests and to start the daily sacrifice.
 - Rabbi Moshe ben Maimon ("Maimonides" or Rambam [1138–1204 A.D.]) interpreted the scriptural requirements for the temple sacrifices.
 - ◆ "Only five types of animals could be brought as sacrifices: oxen, sheep, goats, turtledoves and pigeons. Other sacrifices known as flour-offerings (minchah) consisted of **wheat** or **barley** flour accompanied by **olive oil** and frankincense. Additionally, **wine** (and sometimes water) would be poured into specially designed cavities in the altar." | [Korbanot: The Biblical Temple Sacrifices](#)
 - Exodus 27:20 - Burning olive oil in the Temple's Menorah was also part of a ritual offering to God.
 - Leviticus 2:1-9 - In addition, meal offerings were brought to a Temple priest who burned a part of it on the Temple's altar.
 - What has often been interpreted as famine, when taken in light of a Hebrew context that the 70th week points to, may indeed be the result of the confirmation of the Mosaic Covenant with Israel that triggers war with some of her surrounding nations.
 - After the events of October 7, 2023, It is safe to say that Israel has taken a less tolerant stance on the constant attacks from her neighbors. I expect this to continue and grow perhaps even to the extent in the end of forcibly taking back the land even in the midst of clamoring opposition of the world. Israel is caring less about what the obviously biased world thinks and unlike the talking heads pointing back to the holocaust, they are actively living the concern of its return, not helped by the bias of the world against her.
 - If Israel were to just take control of the Temple Mount and plan rebuilding of the temple regardless of the consequences, war would be triggered.
 - Consecrating the third temple?
 - Revelation 11:1-2 - There is a prophesied physical temple that is measurable and the outer court is left out to give to the Gentiles to trample 42 months. This is the same time from the abomination of desolation to the return of Christ at Armageddon.
 - Long ago the temple Institute began work on creating the temple instruments according to Mosaic Law.
 - Levites have been raised according to Mosaic Law to minister in the temple.
 - The temple choir has been assembled and training.
 - Red Heifer
 - ◆ Numbers 19:1-19 - Blood sprinkled before the tabernacle and ashes of the red heifer are required for purification of the unclean, including those to minister in the temple. Also, whoever touches the dead body shall be unclean 7 days. He shall purify himself on the 3rd day, and on the 7th day he shall be clean.
 - John 20:17 - Yeshua, risen on 3rd day, told Mary not to touch Him because He was not yet ascended to the Father.

- ◆ Yeshua died just before the first day of Unleavened bread, a 7-day feast. He was resurrected on the 3rd day.
 - ◆ In September 5 red heifers arrived in Israel from Texas and as of 3/8/24, there are still 3 candidates in their 3rd year so the sacrifice could happen at any time for the purpose of consecrating the temple
 - ◆ 9 were offered from the time the command was given (Moses, Ezra + 7 others) [According to The Temple Institute](#), the 10th will be brought in at ushering in of Mashiach based on Maimonides statement, "... *and the tenth red heifer will be accomplished by the king, the Messiah; may he be revealed speedily, Amen, May it be G-d's will.*"
 - ◇ Perhaps it will be the confirming of the covenant that begins the 70th week where the antichrist will fulfill the interpretation of the accepted interpretations of Rabbis like Maimonides and kill the red heifer, triggering some surrounding nations into war.
 - ◆ Jewish priests have just recently performed practice Jewish temple purification ceremony in Shiloh with red heifer in attendance ([Prophetic Anticipation Builds: Unblemished Red Heifers for Temple Ceremony Soon Come of Age](#) 3/17/2023)
 - ◇ the ceremony of the red heifer needs to be performed on the Mount of Olives, and in a place that would have looked directly into where the Temple stood. The land directly east of the Temple Mount, purchased 12 years ago, meets both of those standards. Rabbi Yitshak Mamo is with Uvne Yerusalem, a group that preserves Israel's history and works to educate future generations, owns that land on the Mount of Olives.
 - ◇ "The Temple Institute actually have, nine pure priests, and they are pure, and they are waiting. So, we have the priest, we have the red heifer, we have the land. We have everything ready. We just need to wait another one and a half year."
 - ◇ "So we believe that it's very likely that the ceremony would happen somewhere in the area of Passover, 2024, out to the possibility of Shavuot, 2024," Byron Stinson from Boneh Israel said. "Somewhere in that timeline, the cows would be old enough and it would be the proper timeline for that ceremony."
 - ◆ [What these red cows from Texas have to do with war and peace in the Middle East](#) 3/5/2024
 - ◇ Listing the motives for the Palestinian militant group's Oct. 7 massacre in Israel, Hamas spokesman Abu Ubaida accused Jews of "bringing red cows" to the Holy Land. It would seem that they are seeing the writing on the wall as well.
- Seal 4 - Death, and Hell followed with him.
 - Power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth
 - Daniel 7 beasts are four, they join into one in Revelation 13, symbolizing the antichrist kingdom consisting of what was four global governance powers that give their power to the beast. That only 1/4 of the earth are affected, this may point to a regional period of unrest. This is covered in greater detail in the [Visions of Daniel and John](#) study.
 - Joel 2:1-8 - While I think this could also be talking of the time of Jacob's trouble, the armies of the antichrist will be undefeatable and this prophecy speaking of the time before the sixth seal and the day of the Lord could certainly fit with the second seal leading into time of Jacob's trouble and beyond.
- Seal 5 - under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the

- testimony which they held. rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.
- midst of the week, beginning of the wrath of the dragon on God's people in Judea and then the rest of the world.
 - Joel 2:1-11 - The signs come before the day of the Lord (mentioned in context to the signs)
 - Alan Kurschner: "The fifth seal promises God's Wrath"
 - Seal 6: Connection to the moedim
 - Yeshua fulfilled the four spring feasts in His first Parousia sequentially that year
 - These are all six months apart from each other
 - The lamb selection for Passover, the triumphal entry at Christ's first coming, and Yom Kippur are both on 10 Abib and 10 Tishri respectively
 - Matzaot (Unleavened Bread), when Israel was first wandering the wilderness out of Egypt and when Christ was in the heart of the earth and resurrected, and Sukkot (Tabernacles) are on 15-21 Abib and 15-22 Tishri respectively.
 - ◆ Numbers 19:11-13 - Interestingly, the ashes of the red heifer were meant to ritually purify those who had touched a dead body and they were to do this purification on the 3rd day, after this he would be clean on the 7th day.
 - ◆ John 20:14-18 – After the resurrection, on the 3rd day of unleavened bread in 30 AD, Yeshua spoke to Mary Magdalene and told her not to touch Him because He wasn't ascended to the Father.
 - ◆ John 20:24-29 – Thomas doubted the resurrection and said that except he touch Christ's wounds he would not believe. It was 8 days later when he got that chance, a full 5 days after unleavened bread was over, and 5 days after the purification period of seven days touching a dead body.
 - ◆ Christ was in the rare position of having been a dead body and in the resurrection had to wait the remaining 4 days after He was purified with His immortal body to be ritually pure.
 - Given that the 70th week is split in two, the first 3 years and 6 months are followed by the last 3 years and six months. Is it coincidence, or will we see the beginning of the 70th week in the spring moedim and the middle in the fall moedim? (More on this in **The Moedim: Appointed Times**)
 - In future episodes we will cover Christ's second Parousia in greater depth.
 - Yeshua is the only one that can open the seven seals on the scroll and upon its opening the judgments God are carried out on the earth.
 - It is the sixth seal that heralds the coming of Christ with great wrath to trod the winepress of the wrath of God.
 - Scriptures related to the signs of the sixth seal
 - Revelation 6:12-17
 - ◆ the sun became black as sackcloth of hair
 - ◆ the moon became as blood
 - ◆ the stars of heaven fell unto the earth
 - ◆ the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together
 - ◆ And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?
 - Isaiah 13:6-13
 - ◆ the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light
 - ◆ the sun shall be darkened in his going forth
 - ◆ the moon shall not cause her light to shine

- ◆ I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible
- ◆ I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
- ◆ 6th Seal is before the shaking of the heavens (day of the Lord = God's wrath)
- Matthew 24:29-31
 - ◆ Immediately after the tribulation of those days
 - ◇ 6th Seal is immediately after the beginning of the great tribulation (time of Jacob's trouble) Matthew 24:15-22
 - ◆ the sun be darkened
 - ◆ the moon shall not give her light
 - ◆ the stars shall fall from heaven
 - ◆ the powers of the heavens shall be shaken
 - ◆ then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven
 - ◆ then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory
 - ◆ he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other
- Mark 13:24-27
 - ◆ in those days, after that tribulation
 - ◇ 6th Seal is after the beginning of the great tribulation (time of Jacob's trouble) Mark 13:14-20
 - ◆ the sun shall be darkened
 - ◆ the moon shall not give her light
 - ◆ the stars of heaven shall fall
 - ◆ the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken
 - ◆ then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory
 - ◆ then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven
- Luke 21:25-28
 - ◆ there shall be signs in the sun
 - ◆ and in the moon
 - ◆ and in the stars
 - ◆ upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.
 - ◆ then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.
 - ◆ when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.
 - ◆ The signs come before the shaking of the heavens (Isaiah 13:10-13)
- Joel 2:10-11
 - ◆ the sun and the moon shall be dark
 - ◆ the stars shall withdraw their shining
 - ◆ the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?
- Joel 2:30-32 - 6th Seal is before the day of the Lord (God's wrath)
 - ◆ The sun shall be turned into darkness

- ◆ the moon into blood
- ◆ before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come
- ◆ Acts 2:16-21 - The signs come before the day of the Lord (Quoting Joel 2)
- Joel 3:11-16
 - ◆ The sun and the moon shall be darkened
 - ◆ the stars shall withdraw their shining
 - ◆ The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake
 - ◆ but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel
 - ◆ 6th Seal is before the shaking of the heavens (day of the Lord = God's wrath = shaking of heavens: Isaiah 13:10-13)
- Other scriptures related to the sudden destruction of the day of the Lord
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 - ◆ the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them
 - ◆ ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief
 - ◆ God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
 - Hebrews 12:23-29
 - ◆ him that speaketh from heaven: Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
 - ◆ our God is a consuming fire
 - Isaiah 2:10-21
 - ◆ Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
 - ◆ This connects the day of the Lord, the people of earth hiding in caves and mountains for fear of the Lord, and the Lord rising to shake the earth as the same time. (The 7th seal is only ½ hour of silence in heaven, the sixth seal and first trumpet can be the same day.)
 - Joel 2:12-14
 - ◆ Following the events of the previous verses, Israel is told to turn back and repent with fasting and weeping and mourning.
 - ◆ Note: As covered in the Moedim: Appointed Times study, Israel will be coming out of the unparalleled time of Jacob's trouble, saved and taken into the wilderness when she will be unblinded.
 - Joel 2:15-29
 - ◆ Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly
 - ◆ let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet
 - ◆ Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?
 - ◆ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
 - ◆ The trumpet is to be blown in Zion and a fast sanctified, a solemn assembly. Let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Deliverance is promised, that her enemies will be driven off to the North, that the pastures of the wilderness will bring fruit and they will eat plenty.

- Alan Kurschner: "The sixth seal portends God's wrath."
- Is something and/or someone coming?
 - Government and wealthy building underground bunkers
 - ◆ Seed vault in Norway
 - Why are governments spending money like there's no tomorrow?
 - ◆ Perhaps they know a financial collapse is imminent to pave the way for a new more controllable way of buying and selling goods?
 - ◆ Perhaps, as depicted in many a disaster movie, they know something is coming and are taking advantage of the calm before the storm to advance their agendas of control and line their own pockets?
 - Climate change
 - ◆ I have no doubt that the climate is changing, but nobody is going to be able to stop it from happening, and if the sea level rises over the next hundred years, it's not the same as a tsunami that happens suddenly in minutes or hours and takes lives.
 - ◆ As with most things political, it is a control grab under the guise of
 - ◆ As we will see, there are earth-shaking events and changes in the sun that will come with the wrath of God. Could Earth, and the other planets in our solar system, going through changes be affected by these changes that are coming? It is clear that God will use the natural world to carry out parts of His wrath as we will see. What is amazing is that from the creation when He set things in motion, it was with the knowledge that thousands of years later, the celestial clock would end up right where it needed to be for them to.
- Seal 7: Silence: The Quiet Before the Storm
 - Revelation 8:1-6
 - silence in heaven about the space of half an hour
 - another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.
 - the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.
 - [Recapitulation and Chronological Progression in John's Apocalypse: Towards a New Perspective*](#) by Marko Jauhiainen brought to my attention by [10 Reasons WHY the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls Unfold Sequentially](#) Bible Prophecy Daily - May 6, 2024
 - Habakkuk 2:20
 - ◆ But the LORD [is] in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.
 - Zephaniah 1:7
 - ◆ Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD [is] at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.
 - Zechariah 2:13
 - ◆ Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.
 - "The recapitulation theory would be more convincing if the sixth seal were silence and the seventh the 'end', and not vice versa, as John has them. Beale (Revelation, 125, 446–54) attempts to address this problem by claiming that it is 'clear from repeated references to silence in the OT and Jewish apocalyptic writings' that silence is 'a figurative expression of judgment' (125). **He is correct in seeing a link between silence and judgment in the primary OT background texts he adduces, Hab 2.20, Zeph 1.7 and Zech 2.13. However, the contexts of these references to silence suggest that silence is not 'an expression of**

judgment' but rather something that precedes judgments and/or the Day of the Lord. Thus, in Zephaniah the reason for silence is given in the same verse: 'for the day of the Lord is near'. In Zechariah the judgment is normally understood to come in chapter 6 or later, and even in Habakkuk the silence appears to be a required response to the promise of impending (as opposed to already executed) judgment. If the sixth seal signals the arrival of the Day of the Lord, symbolized by the trumpets and the bowls, then these OT texts would provide at least one reason for the silence before judgments begin."

- Alan Kurschner: "The day of the Lord will be pronounced."

- Transition of Seals to Trumpets

- Matthew and seals in Revelation parallels.
- Alan Kurschner: "The septets increase in intensity and scope. The seals include both the just and unjust on the earth. As we will see the trumpets and bowls are focused on the unjust. Furthermore, the bowls seem even more focused on the beast's kingdom and his subjects. The seals function as precursors to the day of the Lord's wrath, the trumpets initiate His wrath, and the bowls execute the completion of His wrath."
 - Ephesians 5:1-7 - "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for **because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.**"
- The 5th seal martyrs point to the wrath of God. They pray to God for justice to avenge their blood. This can't happen if the wrath has begun, so the trumpets and bowls must follow after the 5th seal is broken.
- The 6th seal celestial event points to God's future wrath. The trumpets or bowls can't happen before the sixth seal.
 - Joel 2:31 - "The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come."
- The destruction of the earth happens after, not before the seventh seal.
 - Revelation 7:1-3 - "And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads."
 - The 144,000 of Israel are sealed before the destruction of God's wrath. This takes place after the sixth seal and before the seventh seal in the order of Revelation.
 - ◆ Furthermore, the fifth trumpet in Revelation 9:1-12 shows demon locusts who cannot harm anyone with the seal of God in their foreheads. This would necessitate the sealing of the 144,000 in the wilderness before then.
 - Interestingly, an innumerable multitude is also seen in heaven before the throne that was empty in the beginning of John's vision. This is consistent with a catching away as described by Yeshua Himself in the Olivet discourse as well as the promise to escape the wrath of God and stand before the Son of man. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (REF: Harpazo: The Blessed Hope)
- The scroll written on both sides is sealed with seven seals. It follows then that until all seven of those seals are broken, the scroll cannot be opened and read. This is exactly

what we see clearly in scripture.

- Revelation 8:1-2,6 - In line with the physical scroll sealed with seven seals, the transition from seals to trumpets clearly shows that all the seals, ending with the final seventh, are opened before the angels possess the seven trumpets. It is only after the seventh seal is broken and the censer with the fire from the altar is cast to the earth, that the seven angels prepare to blow them.

- **Seven Trumpets**

- Begin intense destructive natural and supernatural events related to the earth and all inhabitants of it
- Trumpet 1 - 1/3 Trees
 - Revelation 8:6-7 - "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up."
- Trumpet 2 - 1/3 Sea
 - Revelation 8:8,9 - "And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed."
- Trumpet 3 - 1/3 Waters Wormwood
 - Revelation 8:10,11 - "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter."
- Trumpet 4 - 1/3 Sun/Moon/Stars Smitten
 - Revelation 8:12 - "And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise."
- Three Woes
 - Trumpet 5 - Abaddon [Apollyon] From Bottomless Pit
 - Revelation 9:1-11
 - Trumpet 6 - Euphrates Angels
 - Revelation 9:13-21
 - Two witnesses killed
 - Revelation 11:3-14
 - It is after the 5th trumpet because Apollyon from the pit kills them
 - It is before the 7th trumpet because after they are killed it says, "The second woe is past; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly."
 - Trumpet 7 - Days of the Voice [Kingdoms are the Lord's]
 - Revelation 10:5-7 - "**in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished**, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." This seems to point to all the prophecies about the end being fulfilled by the time. Does that mean it's still sounding when Yeshua returns to earth to take the kingdoms at Armageddon, or just the completion of the bowls?
 - Revelation 11:15-19 - "**The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.**" "the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail."
 - How can the mystery of God be finished at the seventh trumpet and the

kingdoms be taken by the Lord if the seven bowls are not yet poured out?

- ◆ Revelation 8:13 - "And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!"
- ◆ This is just after the fourth trumpet and woe 1 is the fifth, woe 2 is the sixth, and the seventh trumpet is the third woe. The third woe would appear to be a period of time that includes the seven bowls, which are poured out in quick succession, primarily on the false christ's kingdom and his followers.
- ◆ Revelation 15:1,5-8 - "And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, **seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.** ... And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened: And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles. And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled."

○ Trumpet-Bowl/Vial Transition

- It would seem the transition from the trumpets to the bowls we see the seventh trumpet isn't a quick thing, but a blast which lasts for days. It is when he begins to sound that the mystery of God is finished. But how can it be finished if the seventh trumpet sounding is the end? There are still seven bowls to come.
- The angels aren't even given these bowls until after the seventh angel began to sound and these bowl judgments are specifically labeled as the seven last plagues that fill up the wrath of God. Notice how all seven of these bowls are poured out in one chapter and in pretty short and to the point ways. I believe this gives the impression of increased frequency and intensity. In fact, I believe that these bowls are all poured out during the days of the voice of the seventh trumpet.
- Note also that the voices in heaven state the kingdoms of the world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, yet wrath is still pending. This should give us a clue that the third woe is more than just the trumpet, lightning, voices, thundering, an earthquake and great hail. Rather, the third woe is the seven bowls that fill up the wrath of God.

• **Seven Bowls/Vials**

- Begin intense torments of earth dwellers to lead to repentance, but they would not
- What are these bowls/vials
 - Revelation 15:1,6-7 - Explicitly stated to be the seven last plagues that fill up the wrath of God. This implies there were plagues before these, being the trumpet judgements, and that once these are poured out the wrath of God will be finished.
 - G5357 - phialē - a broad shallow bowl, deep saucer
 - In the Septuagint it's interpreted as firepans, snuffdishes, censers. These were instruments used to carry coals from the altar and burn incense at the temple.
 - Revelation 15:5-8 - "the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues" "And one of the four beasts gave unto the seven angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God" "And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled." We see a similar situation on Yom Kippur making a connection with the seven last plagues tied to this sin and burnt offering.
 - Leviticus 16:11-17 - Once a year on Yom Kippur, the high priest was to take a censer with burning coals from the fire of the altar and incense into the holy of

holies and the smoke would cover the mercy seat so he would not die. The blood of the sacrifices would be sprinkled on the ark and make atonement for himself and the people. This was a ritual purification, not a taking away of sins. "there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel."

- Numbers 16:46 - censer with fire from the altar and incense used to make atonement for a plague resulting from the rebellion of Korah.
- Revelation 16:1 - "And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth."
- Bowl 1 - Mark of the Beast Sores
 - Revelation 16:2 - "And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."
- Bowl 2 - Sea Turns To Blood
 - **Revelation 16:3** - "And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."
- Bowl 3 - Rivers Turn To Blood
 - **Revelation 16:4-7** - "And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."
- Bowl 4 - Scorching Sun
 - **Revelation 16:8,9** - "And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."
 - It seems clear the sun is the source of the added intensity, but Earth's magnetic field protects us from destructive solar energy. A directed solar flare or combination of that with a weakened magnetic field that would cause a temporary yet devastating scorching of the earth by the sun.
 - **Isaiah 30:25-28** - "Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound. [Zechariah 13:9] Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity"
 - [SuspiciousObservers](#) on YouTube monitors solar activity historically and has been tracking the weakening electromagnetic field of earth and shifting magnetic poles. If there is a magnetic pole shift or severe weakening and an earth-facing solar flare severe enough, the surface of the earth would be scorched by the sun.
- Bowl 5 - Seat of the Beast
 - Revelation 16:10,11 - "And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds."
- Bowl 6 - Kings of East & Gathering To Armageddon
 - Revelation 16:12-16 - "And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east

might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."

- This bowl is evidence that the bowls are poured out completely before the seventh trumpet is done sounding because Christ's return is to Armageddon, but the armies aren't even gathered until the 6th bowl.
- Bowl 7 - It Is Done!
 - Revelation 16:17-21 - "And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."
 - The great city is Jerusalem, also called Babylon in the context of end-time prophecy. This is the final judgement from God on adulterous Jerusalem who killed the prophets. (will be covered in greater detail in the Visions of Daniel and John)
 - Isaiah 34:1-2, 4-5, 8 - "For [it is] the day of the LORD'S vengeance, [and] the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion."
- Conclusion
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May God continue to bless you as you remain in Him.

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References

- [Naked Bible 378: Revelation 10](#) | [Transcript](#) - Michael Heiser makes the connections of "angelomorphic Christology" tying the mighty angel figure introduced with all the symbology of Yeshua with Old Testament appearances of the pre-incarnate Yeshua. This makes sense in both the Ezekiel 2 connection of the scroll of lamentation and woe written on both sides for unrepentant Israel with that of the scroll sealed with seven seals opened by Yeshua. In both cases we see a scroll of judgement eaten by the prophet it was given to by Christ, sweet as honey in the mouth but bitter in the stomach.

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