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Rev 1-5

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3. John in the throne room of God (4)
4. Jesus appears to open the scroll (5)

Rev 12-14

1. Satan:
 - Fails in his attempt to stop Jesus (12)
 - Is expelled from heavenly realms (12)
 - New mission to destroy the church (12)
2. Satan's two allies in his mission (13)
3. 144,000 previously 'sealed on earth' (7) are now seen 'redeemed in heaven' (14)
4. Three proclamations:
 - DO worship God
 - '**Babylon the Great**' is fallen
 - DO NOT worship the beast
5. God's wrath & judgment is poured out

Rev 17-20a

1. The Harlot & the Beast (17):

- **“Babylon the Great”**
- **“Seven Hills” / “Great City that rules the world”**
- Persecutes the Church
- **ROME**

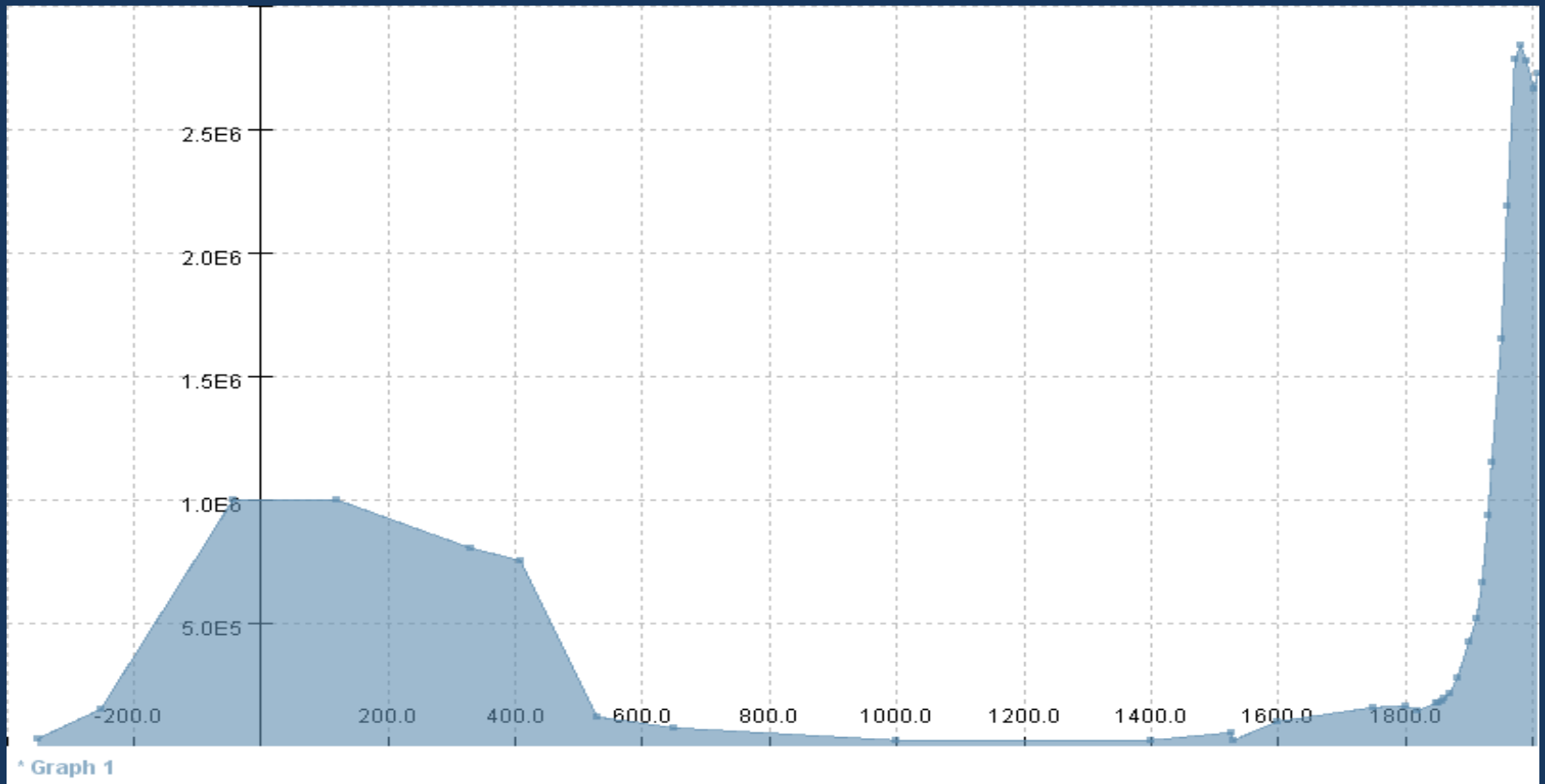
2. **“Fallen is Babylon the Great”** (18)

- Kings, Merchants, & Sea captains will mourn (18)
- Saints, Apostles, & Prophets will rejoice (18)

3. Great Battle (19):

- Jesus leads the battle (19)
- Beast & False prophet destroyed (19)
- Satan imprisoned in the Abyss for 1,000 years (20a)

Rev 18



ROME – Population over the centuries

Revelation

Previously – Macro, Overview

- Current state of affairs
- Persecutors of the church
- God to vindicate His people

Tonight – Micro, Details

- We have looked at the ‘what’
- Tonight we look at the ‘how’

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Tonight

- 1. Seven Seals**
- 2. Seven Trumpets**
- 3. Seven Bowls**

The Same Vision

1. All have SEVEN 'signs'
2. Same 4 / 3 format
3. All end with the same vision & same wording ...

Seventh 'Sign'

Seventh Seal – “... and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.”

Seventh Trumpet – “And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.”

Seventh Bowl – “Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake”

The Same Vision

1. All have SEVEN 'signs'
2. Same 4 / 3 format
3. All end with the same vision & same wording ...
4. The Trumpets and Bowls are nearly identical ...

Trumpets & Bowls

Trumpets:

- 1 – Hail & Fire to the **EARTH**
- 2 – Blazing mountain into the **SEA**
- 3 – Great star into **RIVERS & SPRINGS**
- 4 – **SUN**, moon, & stars struck
- 5 – **TORTURE** worshipers of the Beast
- 6 – **Invasion across the Euphrates**

Bowls:

- 1 – Poured on the **LAND**
- 2 – Poured on the **SEA**
- 3 – Poured on **RIVERS & SPRINGS**
- 4 – Poured on the **SUN**
- 5 – **TORTURE** worshipers of the Beast
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The Seven Seals

First seal: The white horse and its rider. Symbolic of war and conquest.

Second seal: The red horse and its rider. Symbolic of revolution and civil unrest.

Third seal: The black horse and its rider. Symbolic of plague and famine.

Fourth seal: The pale horse and its rider(s). Symbolic of death.

**Each given power over a quarter of the earth.*

Fifth seal: The martyrs under the altar. Those who were persecuted, crying out to God for retribution.

Sixth seal: The great earthquake.

Seventh seal: Silence in heaven. Golden censer hurled to the earth.

Revelation 8:5

There came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

The Seven Trumpets

First trumpet: Hail and fire hurled to the **earth**. A third of the vegetation destroyed.

Second trumpet: A blazing mountain hurled into the **sea**. A third of sea creatures and ships destroyed

Third trumpet: A great star hurled on the **rivers and springs of water**. A third of the waters turn bitter, many men die.

Fourth trumpet: Third of **sun, moon, and stars** struck. A third of a day and night are without light.

**Each given power over a third of the earth.*

Fifth trumpet: Locusts from the bottomless pit, sent to **torment those who worship the beast**. Also the sun and sky are **darkened**.

**Power only to inflict pain, not to kill.*

Sixth trumpet: Four angels with an **army** of two hundred million horsemen from the **Euphrates**. Killing a third of mankind.

Seventh trumpet: The victory of Christ and His kingdom proclaimed.

Revelation 11:19

And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

The Seven Bowls

First bowl: Poured on the **land**. Sores on those who worshipped the beast and his image

Second bowl: Poured on the **sea**. Sea turns to blood, all sea creatures die.

Third bowl: Poured on the **rivers and springs of water**. Rivers and springs turn to blood.

Fourth bowl: Poured on the **Sun**. Men scorched by the sun.

Fifth bowl: Pain and darkness upon those who worshipped the beast.

**Power only to inflict pain, not to kill.*

Sixth bowl: **Euphrates** dried up. Invasion from the East. The **battle** at Armageddon.

Seventh bowl: The great **earthquake**. The great city Babylon is destroyed.

Revelation 16:18

Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake.

Rev 6

I watched as the Lamb opened the **first** of the seven seals. Then I heard one of the four living creatures say in a voice like thunder, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a white horse! Its rider held a bow, and he was given a crown, and he rode out as a conqueror bent on conquest.

When the Lamb opened the **second** seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come!” Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword.

Rev 6

When the Lamb opened the **third** seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a black horse! Its rider was holding a pair of scales in his hand. Then I heard what sounded like a voice among the four living creatures, saying, “A quart of wheat for a day's wages, and three quarts of barley for a day's wages, and do not damage the oil and the wine!”

When the Lamb opened the **fourth** seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come!” I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

The 4 Horsemen

1. War, external conflict
2. Civil war, internal unrest
3. Famine, scarcity, hyperinflation
4. Plague, disease, & death

The 4 Horsemen

The Crisis of the Third Century was a period in which the Roman Empire nearly collapsed under the combined pressures of ***invasion, civil war, plague, and economic depression.*** (Wikipedia)

War

1. 2nd Punic War – 200BC
2. Crassus vs. Parthians – 53BC
3. Bow, White Horse – Parthians
4. East of the Euphrates river
5. Much worse is coming ...

Civil Unrest

1. Pax Romana – 50BC-200AD
2. Tension – Rome & Provinces
3. Conflicts – Imperial succession

Civil Unrest

The Crisis of the Third century began with the assassination of Emperor Alexander Severus at the hands of his own troops, initiating a fifty-year period in which 20–25 claimants to the title of Emperor, mostly prominent Roman Army generals, assumed imperial power over all or part of the Empire. By 258–260, the Empire split into three competing states, with the Gallic Empire including the Roman provinces of Gaul, Britannia and Hispania; and the Palmyrene Empire, including the eastern provinces of Syria Palaestina and Aegyptus; becoming independent from the Italian-centered Roman Empire proper between them. The Crisis ended with the ascension of Diocletian.

Civil Unrest

In an attempt to end the chaos of the "barracks emperors", emperor Diocletian (284-305 AD) established an orderly succession process and divided the power and succession into two separate empires, the East and the West halves. The East being the senior emperor. As of 286 AD, Diocletian as the Eastern emperor was joined by Maximian (286-305) in the West. Both emperors abdicated in 305 AD. Maximian was recalled in 306 AD by Galerius. In Subsequent years, that succession rule was bitterly disputed both in the East and the West. There were a total of 39 claimants to the imperial title between 305 AD and 474 AD and only 5 emperors (Constantine I [312-337], Constantius II [350-361], Julian [361-363], Jovian [363-364] and Theodosius I [392-395]) ruled both the East and the West.

Primary History

Resource: The Romans - Roman Emperors

BC 27 **AUGUSTUS**

Augustus was the first Emperor of Rome. His name was Octavian before he became emperor, and changed it to Augustus in 27 BC. He came out on top after years of civil war that followed the death of Julius Caesar. Augustus was not a very lovable person, but he was clever and a good law-maker. He set up a mail service and built roads. The empire got bigger. Augustus had a month named after him (August); before him, the Romans called this month Sextilis. When Augustus died in AD 14, his stepson Tiberius became emperor. There was no going back to a republic.

AD 14-37 **TIBERIUS**

AD 37-41 **GAIUS 'CALIGULA'**

AD 41-54 **CLAUDIUS**

Claudius was Tiberius' nephew. When the emperor's bodyguard, the Praetorian Guard, murdered the mad emperor Caligula, the guards made Claudius emperor. They thought he was a fool, but he turned out to be an emperor who ruled well. It was Claudius who ordered the invasion of Britain in AD 43.

AD 54-68 **NERO**

Nero was the adopted son of Claudius. Some historians think his mother Agrippina poisoned Claudius (her second husband) so that Nero could become emperor. Nero wanted to be an actor and a poet. He appeared on stage, which many people thought was very undignified for an emperor. Nero was also blamed for a fire that burned down much of Rome in A.D. 64. In the end he killed himself.

AD 68-69 **GALBA**

AD 69 YEAR OF THE 4 EMPERORS **GALBA, OTHO, VITELLIUS, SABINUS**

AD 69-79 **VESPASIAN**

AD 79-81 **TITUS**

AD 81-96 **DOMITIAN S AUGUSTULUS (W)**

Primary History

Resource: The Romans - Roman Emperors

AD 96-98 **NERVA**

AD 97-117 **TRAJAN**

Trajan came from Spain and was the first non-Roman to be emperor. He was a great general, and increased the territory of the Roman Empire. He commemorated these victories on Trajan's Column, in Rome.

AD 117-138 **HADRIAN**

Hadrian was Trajan's adopted son. He spent most of his reign touring the Roman Empire, and realised that the Empire was too big to rule or defend properly. He therefore abandoned Trajan's conquests in Parthia (modern Iran-Iraq) and made new borders to the Empire. His most lasting legacy is Hadrian's Wall in Britain.

AD 138-161 **ANTONINUS PIUS**

AD 161-169 **MARCUS AURELIUS & LUCIUS VERUS**

AD 161-180 **MARCUS AURELIUS**

Marcus Aurelius was a clever emperor, interested in ideas, he wrote a book of philosophy. He thought all people are basically the same, in a world that is basically good. Unfortunately, as emperor, his main problems were to defend the empire's borders against attacks, and deal with his son Commodus, who was not a good person at all. Commodus's idea of a good time was to dress up as a gladiator and kill people for fun.

AD 180-192 **COMMODUS**

AD 193 **PERTINAX**

AD 193 **DIDIUS JULIANUS**

AD 193-211 **SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS**

Severus was born in Libya (North Africa) and was made emperor by the Army. The three emperors before him, Commodus, Pertinax and Julianus, were all murdered. He ignored the Senate and relied on the Army – a habit followed by most later emperors. He died at York while on a military expedition in Britain.

Primary History

Resource: The Romans - Roman Emperors

AD 211-217 **CARACALLA**
AD 217-218 **MACRINUS**
AD 218-222 **ELAGABALUS**
AD 222-235 **SEVERUS ALEXANDER**
AD 235-238 **MAXIMINUS THRAX**
AD 238 **GORDIAN I & 11**
AD 238 **BALBINUS & PAPIENUS**
AD 238-244 **GORDIAN III**
AD 244-249 **PHILIP THE ARAB**
AD 249-251 **DECIUS**
AD 251-253 **TREBONIANUS GALLUS**
AD 253 **AEMILIANUS**
AD 253-259 **VALERIAN & GALLIENUS**
AD 253-268 **GALLIENUS**
AD 268-270 **CLAUDIUS GOTHICUS**
AD 270-275 **AURELIAN**
AD 275-276 **TACITUS**
AD 276-282 **PROBUS**
AD 282-283 **CARUS**
AD 283-284 **CARINUS & NUMERIAN**

AD 284-305 **DIOCLETIAN** (EASTERN EMPIRE - E)
Diocletian was the commander of Numerian's imperial guard, and came to power after assassinating him. He realised he couldn't rule such a big empire on his own, so he divided it in two, giving the western half to his friend Maximian. In AD 305, Diocletian abdicated and retired from public life, forcing Maximian to abdicate with him. He was the only emperor ever to leave the throne voluntarily.

AD 285-305 **MAXIMIAN** (WESTERN EMPIRE - W)
AD 305-311 **GALERIUS** (E)
AD 305-306 **CONSTANTIUS CHLORUS** (W)
AD 306-307 **SEVERUS** (W)
AD 307-312 **MAXENTIUS** (W)

Primary History

Resource: The Romans - Roman Emperors

AD 306-337 **CONSTANTINE** (E & W)
Constantine was the son of Constantius Chlorus. His troops declared him emperor in Britain in AD 306. In the long civil war that followed, he defeated all his major rivals. He believed that his success was due to the god of the Christians, and in gratitude he made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, and moved the capital of the empire to the Greek city of Byzantium, which he renamed Constantinople. When he died, he divided the empire between his three sons.

AD 337-361 **CONSTANTIUS II** (E)
AD 337-340 **CONSTANTINE II** (W)
AD 337-340 **CONSTANS** (W)
AD 340-361 **CONSTANTIUS II** (E&W)
AD 361-363 **JULIAN** (E&W)
AD 363-364 **JOVIAN** (E&W)
AD 364-378 **VALENS** (E)
AD 364-375 **VALENTINIAN** (W)
AD 375-383 **GRATIAN** (W)
AD 379-395 **THEODOSIUS** (E)
AD 375-383 **GRATIAN** (W)
AD 375-392 **VALENTINIAN II** (W)
AD 392-394 **EUGENIUS** (W)
AD 394-395 **THEODOSIUS** (E&W)
AD 395-408 **ARCADIUS** (E)
AD 408-450 **THEODOSIUS II** (E)
AD 450-457 **MARCIAN** (E)
AD 395-423 **HONORIUS** (W)
AD 423-425 **JOHN** (W)
AD 425-455 **VALENTINIAN III** (W)
AD 455 **PETRONIUS MAXIMUS** (W)
AD 455-456 **AVITUS** (W)
AD 457-474 **LEO I** (E)
AD 456-461 **MAJORIAN** (W)
AD 461-465 **LIBIUS SEVERUS** (W)

Famine

1. Inflated prices

- A quart of wheat for a day's wages
- Three quarts of barley for a day's wages
- This is 10-12 times the normal price

2. Do not damage the oil or wine

- Luxury items vs. essentials
- Rich vs. Poor
- Where were these produced?
- Invading armies burning crops

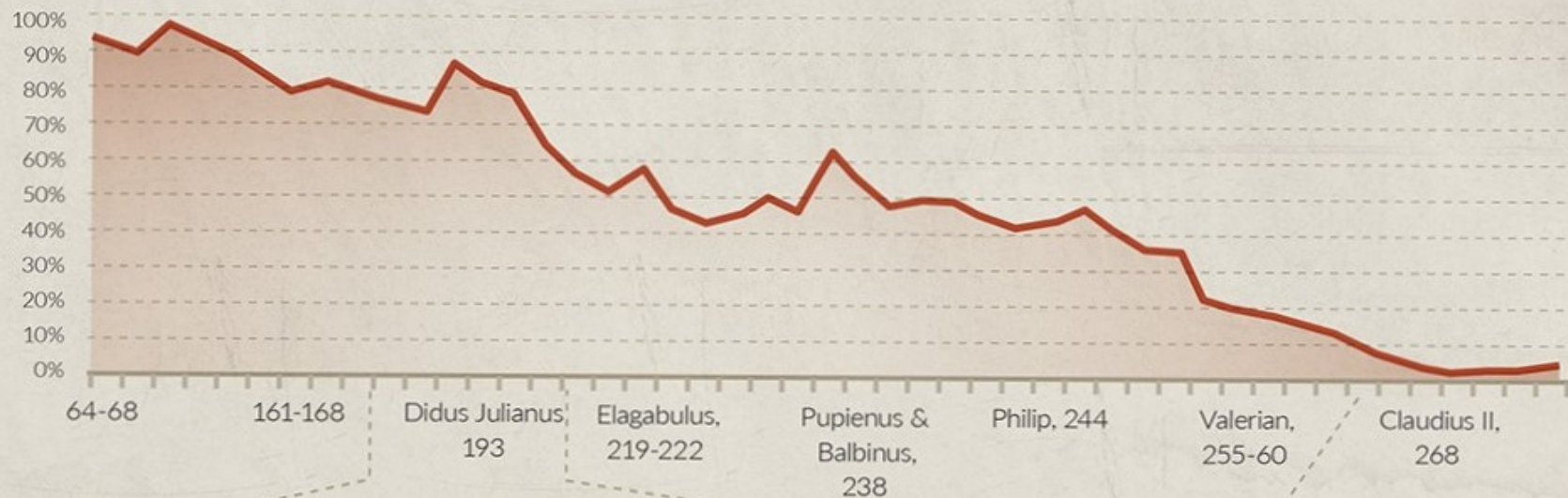
Hyperinflation

But the real crisis came after Caracalla, between 258 and 275, in a period of intense civil war and foreign invasions. The emperors simply abandoned, for all practical purposes, a silver coinage. By 268 there was only 0.5 percent silver in the denarius.

Prices in this period rose in most parts of the empire by nearly 1,000 percent.

The only people who were getting paid in gold were the barbarian troops hired by the emperors. The barbarians were so barbarous that they would only accept gold in payment for their services. (Inflation and the Fall of the Roman Empire – Joseph R. Peden)

SILVER CONTENT OF A ROMAN DENARIUS



By the time of **Marcus Aurelius**, the denarius was only about 75% silver.



Caracalla tried a different method of debasement. He introduced the “double denarius”, which was worth 2x the denarius in face value. However, it had only the weight of 1.5 denarii.



By the time of **Gallienus**, the coins had barely 5% silver. Each coin was a bronze core with a thin coating of silver. The shine quickly wore off to reveal the poor quality underneath.

Plague

The Antonine Plague – 165-180AD

- 5,000 deaths/day in Rome
- Decimated the Roman Army
- Manpower shortages in agricultural areas
- 1 Emperor – Claudius II Gothicus

Plague

The Plague of Cyprian – 251-270A

- 2,000 deaths/day in Rome
- 5,000,000 deaths in the empire
- 1/3 of the population in some areas
- Decimated the Roman Army
- 2 Emperors –
 - i. Lucius Verus
 - ii. Marcus Aurelius Antoninus

Rev 6

When he opened the ***fifth*** seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. They called out in a loud voice, “How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?” Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.

I watched as he opened the ***sixth*** seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun turned black like sackcloth made of goat hair, the whole moon turned blood red, and the stars in the sky fell to earth, as late figs drop from a fig tree when shaken by a strong wind. The sky receded like a scroll, rolling up, and every mountain and island was removed from its place. Then the kings of the earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. They called to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?”

Rev 8-9

When he opened the **seventh** seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne. The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

5th & 6th & 7th Seals

5. Souls under the alter

- Christian martyrs
- Killed for “the word of God and their testimony”
- How long until you avenge us?
- A little while / Until more martyrs are added

6. Great earthquake

- MUCH more than an earthquake
- God’s judgment revealed
- Answers the martyr’s plea

7. Silence / Trumpets revealed

- Silence – beginning or ending (Both)
- New vision now revealed
- Familiar ending

Rev 8-9

The **first** angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

The **second** angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

The **third** angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water – the name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

The **fourth** angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

4 Trumpets

1. General / Non-specific Judgments
 - Not as specific as the 4 horsemen
 - General apocalyptic language
 - Several OT references
2. Similar to the plagues of Egypt
 - Hail
 - Water to blood
 - Darkness
3. Bitter waters / Wormwood
 - (see Deut 29, Jer 9 & 23, Amos 5)

Wormwood

Therefore, this is what the Lord Almighty says concerning the prophets: “I will make them ***eat bitter*** food and drink poisoned water, because from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has spread throughout the land.” (Jeremiah 23:15)

Rev 8-9

As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

The *fifth* angel sounded his trumpet, and I saw a star that had fallen from the sky to the earth. The star was given the key to the shaft of the Abyss. When he opened the Abyss, smoke rose from it like the smoke from a gigantic furnace. The sun and sky were darkened by the smoke from the Abyss. And out of the smoke locusts came down upon the earth and were given power like that of scorpions of the earth. They were told not to harm the grass of the earth or any plant or tree, but only those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads. They were not given power to kill them, but only to torture them for five months. And the agony they suffered was like that of the sting of a scorpion when it strikes a man. During those days men will seek death, but will not find it; they will long to die, but death will elude them.

Rev 8-9

The locusts looked like horses prepared for battle. On their heads they wore something like crowns of gold, and their faces resembled human faces. Their hair was like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth. They had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the thundering of many horses and chariots rushing into battle. They had tails and stings like scorpions, and in their tails they had power to torment people for five months. They had as king over them the angel of the Abyss, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in Greek, Apollyon.

The first woe is past; two other woes are yet to come.

5th Trumpet

1. Similar to Joel
 - Locust like soldiers
 - An invading army
 - Horses, chariots, armor
2. Abyss - ἄβυσσος
 - “bottomless pit”
 - “pit of immeasurable depth”
 - Legion in Luke 8
 - Place of imprisonment

5th Trumpet

3. Abaddon / Apollyon
 - Destroyer, destruction
4. Torture 5 months NOT Kill
 - Same as 5th bowl of wrath
5. God's people protected
 - Gothic invasion of Rome
 - Alaric the Goth – 410AD
 - Christians protected from violence
 - Church and those within were spared
 - Augustine (City of God)

Augustine

There are histories of numberless wars, both before the building of Rome and since its rise and the extension of its dominion; let these be read, and let one instance be cited in which, when a city had been taken by foreigners, the victors spared those who were found to have fled for sanctuary to the temples of their gods; or one instance in which a barbarian general gave orders that none should be put to the sword who had been found in this or that temple. (City of God, chap. 2 – St. Augustine)

The sack of Rome

The Visigoth sacking had been relatively controlled. Many of Rome's most famous monuments and buildings were left untouched, and since the Goths were Christians, they allowed people to take refuge inside the basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul. Nevertheless, news that the Eternal City had fallen sent shockwaves across the Mediterranean. "My voice sticks in my throat, and, as I dictate, sobs choke me," wrote the Christian St. Jerome. "The city which had taken the whole world was itself taken." (<https://www.history.com/news/6-infamous-sacks-of-rome>)

Rev 8-9

The **sixth** angel sounded his trumpet, and I heard a voice coming from the horns of the golden altar that is before God. It said to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” And the four angels who had been kept ready for this very hour and day and month and year were released to kill a third of mankind. The number of the mounted troops was two hundred million. I heard their number.

The horses and riders I saw in my vision looked like this: Their breastplates were fiery red, dark blue, and yellow as sulfur. The heads of the horses resembled the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, smoke and sulfur. A third of mankind was killed by the three plagues of fire, smoke and sulfur that came out of their mouths. The power of the horses was in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails were like snakes, having heads with which they inflict injury.

The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood – idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

6th Trumpet

1. 4 Angels

- 4 horsemen from Rev 6?
- 4 Angels from Rev 7:1?
- Or a completely different 4?

2. 200,000,000

- HUGE, figurative number
- Uncountable, beyond measure
- Attila the Hun – 500,000
- An astoundingly large army
- An overwhelmingly terrifying army

6th Trumpet

3. Euphrates

- Eastern border of the Empire
- Parthians, Sassanid Persians
- Barbarians, Borders & Rivers
- Euphrates, Danube, Rhine
- Also from 6th Bowl of wrath

4. “Still did not repent”

- REALLY surprising to us ...
- Non-Christians, Christians in sin ...
- Repentance is a DECISION

Dates

406 AD – Germanic tribes cross the Rhine

410 AD – Alaric the Goth sacks Rome

452 AD – Atilla the Hun invades Italy

455 AD – Gaiseric the Vandal sacks Rome



Roman Empire

Atlantic Ocean

Rome

Temporary Territories

Barbarian Tribes

Battles

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North Sea

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Rugians
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Vandals
Carpi
Quadi
Koxolani

Britons
Celts
Picts
Jutes

Chalons

Gaul

Rhine

Danube

Ravenna

Rome

Adrianople

Pydna

Constantinople

Carthage

Actium

Kittim

Mediterranean Sea

Israel

Red Sea

Arabia

Parthian Empire (Persia) (Sasanian)

Bactria

Slavs

Avars

Turks

Volga

STEPPE

Huns

Alans

Caspian Sea

Black Sea

ASIAN STEPPES

Bulgars

Mongols

Slavs

Avars

Turks

Mongols

Bulgars

Slavs

Avars

Turks

Mongols

Bulgars

Slavs

Avars

Turks



Atlantic Ocean

North Sea

Heruli

Angles

Saxons

Franks

Allemani

Suevi

Lombards

Vandals

Visigoths

Ostrogoths

Huns

Roman Empire (Divided)

STEPPES

Carpathian Mts.

Danube

Black Sea

Constantinople

Rome

Heruli

Byzantium

Parthian Empire (Persia)

Vandals

Carthage

Vandals

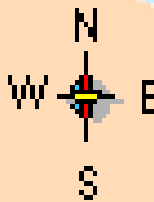
Kittim

Mediterranean Sea

Israel

Red Sea

Arabia



Western Rome



Extinct Tribes



Byzantine Empire (East)



Rev 11

The **seventh** angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. The nations were angry; and your wrath has come. The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your saints and those who reverence your name, both small and great – and for destroying those who destroy the earth.”

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and within his temple was seen the ark of his covenant. And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a great hailstorm.

7th Trumpet

1. Anti-climactic

- Like the 7th seal
- Similar language
- Seen from heaven
- God avenging His people

Rev 16

After this I looked and in heaven the temple, that is, the tabernacle of the Testimony, was opened. Out of the temple came the seven angels with the seven plagues. They were dressed in clean, shining linen and wore golden sashes around their chests. Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of God, who lives for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from his power, and no one could enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed.

Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God's wrath on the earth.”

The **first** angel went and poured out his bowl on the land, and ugly and painful sores broke out on the people who had the mark of the beast and worshiped his image.

The **second** angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it turned into blood like that of a dead man, and every living thing in the sea died.

Rev 16

The **third** angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: “You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged; for ***they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.***”

And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

The **fourth** angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

4 Bowls

1. Same as first 4 trumpets
 - Land
 - Sea
 - Rivers & Springs
 - Sun
2. Reason –
 - “For they have shed the blood of your saints ...”
3. “Refused to Repent ...”

Rev 16

The ***fifth*** angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. Men gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

The ***sixth*** angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the East. Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet. They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.

“Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called Armageddon.

5th & 6th Bowls

1. Poured out on throne of the Beast
 - Torture & Agony
 - 5th trumpet – Torture NOT Death
2. “Refused to Repent ...”
3. 6th Bowl – Great Battle
 - Across the Euphrates river
 - All the kings of the world
 - Armageddon (Mount Megiddo)

Rev 16

The **seventh** angel poured out his bowl into the air, and out of the temple came a loud voice from the throne, saying, “It is done!” Then there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder and a severe earthquake. No earthquake like it has ever occurred since man has been on earth, so tremendous was the quake. The great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapsed. God remembered Babylon the Great and gave her the cup filled with the wine of the fury of his wrath. Every island fled away and the mountains could not be found. From the sky huge hailstones of about a hundred pounds each fell upon men. And they cursed God on account of the plague of hail, because the plague was so terrible.

7th Bowl

1. Same wording as Seals & Trumpets
2. Same earthquake as 7th Seal
 - “Mountains & Islands removed”
 - “Islands fled” “Mountains could not be found”
3. Parallel visions –
 - Great City (17 & 18)
 - Babylon the Great (14, 17, & 18)
 - Drink from her own cup (18)

Rev 19

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great."

Rev 19

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshiped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Rev 20

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. (Rev 20:1-3)

The Abyss

When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town ... Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” ... “Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. And they begged him repeatedly **not to order them to go into the Abyss.** (Luke 8)

The Abyss

And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these he has **kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains** for judgment on the great Day. (Jude)

The Abyss

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, **putting them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment** ... (2 Peter 2:4)

The Abyss

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the **spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago** ...
(1 Peter 3)

Satan

- Imprisoned in the abyss
- 1000 years – LONG period of time
- Kept from 'deceiving the nations'

Rev 20

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. (Rev 20:4-6)

The Martyrs

- Reigning with Christ
- 1000 years – LONG period of time
- The ‘first resurrection’

Rev 20

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth – Gog and Magog – to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Rev 20:7-15)

The END

- Satan is released
- SHORT time (see verse 2)
- Deceives the nations again
- Great battle (Gog & Magog)
- Satan & his followers destroyed
- All the dead are raised & judged
- According to the 'Books'