



Chapter 6 – Review

1 st Seal-	False Peace- White horse
2 nd Seal-	War- Red Horse
3 rd Seal-	Famine- Black Horse
4 th Seal-	Death- Pale Green Horse
5 th Seal-	Prayer for God's Vengeance
6 th Seal-	Fear Among Men
7 th Seal-	Seven Trumpets

Chapter 8 – Review

- 1st Trumpet- Hail and fire mixed with blood.
- 2nd Trumpet- Something like a great mountain burning with fire hurled into the sea- Third of earth, trees, and green grass burned up.
- 3rd Trumpet- A great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch- Third of sea becomes blood, third of marine life dies, third of ships destroyed.
- 4th Trumpet- Third of the sun, moon, and stars turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

The first four trumpets will focus on the earth's environment.

Chapter 9 – 10 – Review

Eagle cries three woes

5th Trumpet- (1st Woe) Demonic locusts attack and torture the unsaved for five months.

6th Trumpet- (2nd Woe) A third of humanity is killed.

Interlude- 10:1-11:14 ✓

7th Trumpet- (3rd Woe) The beginning of the Bowl Judgments.

The last three trumpets will focus on humanity and will unfold over the next several chapters.

Chapter 16 – Preview

1st Bowl- Painful sores on lost

2nd Bowl- Sea to blood- all life in sea dies

3rd Bowl- Rivers and springs to blood

4th Bowl- Fierce heat from the sun

5th Bowl- Darkness and pain on lost

6th Bowl- Euphrates dries up

Interlude- Armies gather at Har-Magedon

7th Bowl- “It is done”- lightning, thunder, earthquake levels cities, Jerusalem split into three, hailstones

Temples

- Tabernacle in the wilderness
- Tabernacle in the Promised Land
- Solomon's temple
- Herod's temple
- Tribulation temple
- Millennial temple
- No temple after the Millennium



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two witnesses- The Torah (Law) required two witnesses for something to be established:

2 Corinthians 13:1- *This is the third time that I am coming to you. ON THE TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY MATTER SHALL BE CONFIRMED.*

Matthew 18:16- *But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed.*

Deuteronomy 19:15- *A single witness shall not rise up against a person regarding any wrongdoing or any sin that he commits; on the testimony of two or three witnesses a matter shall be confirmed.*

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Enoch and Elijah- They didn't die in a normal way. *Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him* (Genesis 5:21-24), *and Elijah went up by a whirlwind to heaven.* (2 Kings 2:11)

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Moses and Elijah- The last prophet of the Old Testament mentions Moses and Elijah in the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament:

*"Remember the Law of **Moses** My servant, the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. "Behold, I am going to send you **Elijah** the prophet before the coming of **the great and terrible day of the Lord.**" (Malachi 4:4-5) (Moses = Law, Elijah = Prophets)*

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Moses and Elijah- In John 1:19-20 the Pharisees ask John if he is the Messiah, Elijah, or Moses:

*This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites to him from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" And he confessed and did not deny; and this is what he confessed: "I am not the Christ." And so they asked him, "What then? **Are you Elijah?**" And he said, "I am not." "**Are you the Prophet?**" And he answered, "No."*

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Moses and Elijah- Both appear as Jesus is transfigured.

*Six days later, Jesus took with Him Peter and James, and his brother John, and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. 3 And behold, **Moses and Elijah** appeared to them, talking with Him. (Matthew 17:1-3)*

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Moses and Elijah- Elijah prayed and the rain stopped in Israel for 3 ½ years.

*But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for **three years and six months**, when a severe famine came over all the land. (Luke 4:25)*

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1,260 days- 42 months or 3 ½ years based on a 30-day month calendar.

sackcloth – Denotes mourning due to distress (Isa. 20:2-6; 37:1-3) or penitence. (Job 42:6; Dan. 9:3-4; Jon. 3:6-9; Matt. 11:21)

The two witnesses will prophesy persecution and tribulation which causes them sorrow as they call the people of the earth to repentance (Koester).

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Verse 4- *These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth.*

Joshua (the high priest) and Zerubbabel- Zerubbabel helped to rebuild the temple. In Zechariah 4, he describes two olive trees standing by a golden lampstand. Zechariah is told to prophesy to Zerubbabel that he will finish building the temple “not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit” (Zech. 4). Joshua was the high priest at the time. The two olive trees are Zerubbabel and Joshua the high priest. The olive trees produce oil for the lampstands.

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Verse 5- *And if anyone wants to harm them, fire flows out of their mouth and devours their enemies; and so if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this way.*

fire flows out of their mouth- James and John wanted this but Jesus refused. (Luke 9:54 - *And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, wilt Thou that **we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?**”*)

- Moses- called down fire from heaven on the Sons of Korah (Numbers 16:35) and on Aaron’s sons. (Leviticus 10:2)
- Elijah- called down fire against Ahaziah’s men. (2 Kings 1)

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Verse 6- *These have the power to shut up the sky, so that rain will not fall during the days of their prophesying; and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire.*

rain will not fall - Elijah prayed and the rain stopped in Israel for 3½ years.

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turn them into blood - Moses turned the Nile river (representing one of Egypt's greatest gods) to blood during the first plague.

Moses and Aaron did as the Lord commanded. In the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants he lifted up the staff and struck the water in the Nile, and all the water in the Nile turned into blood. (Exodus 7:20)

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These witnesses are given four specific powers:

- Fire out of their mouths
- Prevent rainfall for 3½ years
- Water to blood
- Strike the earth with every plague

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Verse 7- *When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.*

the beast- This is the first mention of the beast in Revelation, but he will be a main figure from this point forward. This is the Antichrist, as Satan is later described as the Dragon.

In contrast to Jesus descending from heaven, the beast ascends from the pit of Hell.

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make war with them- This battle is probably spiritual in nature between these three (beast and two witnesses) as is the battle between Michael and Satan mentioned in chapter 12 (also in Jude 9 over the body of Moses- possibly so he cannot be one of the two witnesses?)

overcome them and kill them- (nikao) It will appear that the beast will win, but this is temporary.

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Verse 8- *And their dead bodies will lie on the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified.*

will lie on the street- Unburied bodies was an act of degradation and their lying in the street a humiliation. (1 Kings 13:21-22; 21:24; Ps. 79:2-4; Jer. 8:1-3; 14:16; 16:4; Ezek. 6:5)

The two witnesses were invulnerable until their ministry was finished.

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great city/where also their Lord was crucified- Jerusalem

Sodom- Because of their immorality

Egypt- Because of their idolatry

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Verse 9- *Those from the peoples, tribes, languages, and nations will look at their dead bodies for three and a half days, and will not allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.*

will look at their dead bodies for three- International television broadcasting has been in existence for over 50 years (June 25, 1967).

allow their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb- Possibly, Satan does not want a repeat of the resurrection, so he makes sure the bodies lie in the street for three and a half days, not three days in a tomb.

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Verse 10- *And those who live on the earth will rejoice over them and celebrate; and they will send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who live on the earth. -*

those who live on the earth- Those who have made earth their permanent home. Believers are pilgrims on the way to heaven.

send gifts to one another- This is the greatest global holiday in history and is the only rejoicing by the lost mentioned in the book.

tormented (basanos)- Ultimately, it will be the lost will be tormented forever in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:10).

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will rejoice over them- The lost on the earth will be severely offended by the preaching of the two witnesses and angered by their supernatural powers (Revelation 11:5–6). This is the best that life will ever be for the lost on the earth.

John 3:19- "And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil." Those who love darkness celebrate a great victory!

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Verse 11- *And after the three and a half days, the breath of life from God came into them, and they stood on their feet; and great fear fell upon those who were watching them.*

the breath of life from God came into them- cf. Genesis 2:7:

Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

great fear- (phobos megas)- Great rejoicing and global partying will turn into great fear in an instant.

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Verse 12- *And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up into heaven in the cloud, and their enemies watched them.*

loud voice- Either God the Father or Jesus calls the witnesses (back?) to heaven.

watched them- (etheōrēsan) The same word used for the disciples who watched Jesus ascend to heaven. They "gazed intently" as these two witnesses went up.

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Verse 13- *And at that time there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell; seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.*

great earthquake- (*seismos megas*) This is one of three great earthquakes in Revelation (6:12; 11:13; 16:18). An earthquake also followed the resurrection of Jesus (Matt. 27:54; 28:2).

a tenth- this is the only time this fraction is used in the book. It represents God's mercy in judgment.

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seven thousand people were killed- Literally, "names of men thousand seven" (KJV- *and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand*). Possibly, seven thousand well-known citizens were killed in the earthquake, representing a 10th of the city. Later, the city will be split into three parts (16:19).

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rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven- Usually, God's acts of judgment have no effect on the people of the earth (9:20-21, 16:10, 21).

This is either true repentance or the forced homage of defeated people who have opposed God up to this point. (Phil. 2:11, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.")

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Verse 14- *The second woe has passed; behold, the third woe is coming quickly.*

The first woe was introduced by the sound of the fifth trumpet that brought the plague of invading locusts (Revelation 9:1–12). The second woe was introduced by the blast of the sixth trumpet. It involved the release of four fallen angels to kill a third of mankind (Revelation 9:13–21).

The third woe is next and will include the seven bowl judgments.

Next week...

Chapter 11-
“The 7th Trumpet”

