

### Chapter 6 – Review

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



## Chapter 8 – Review

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet- Hail and fire mixed with blood.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet- Something like a great mountain burning with fire hurled into the sea- Third of earth, trees, and green grass burned up.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 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

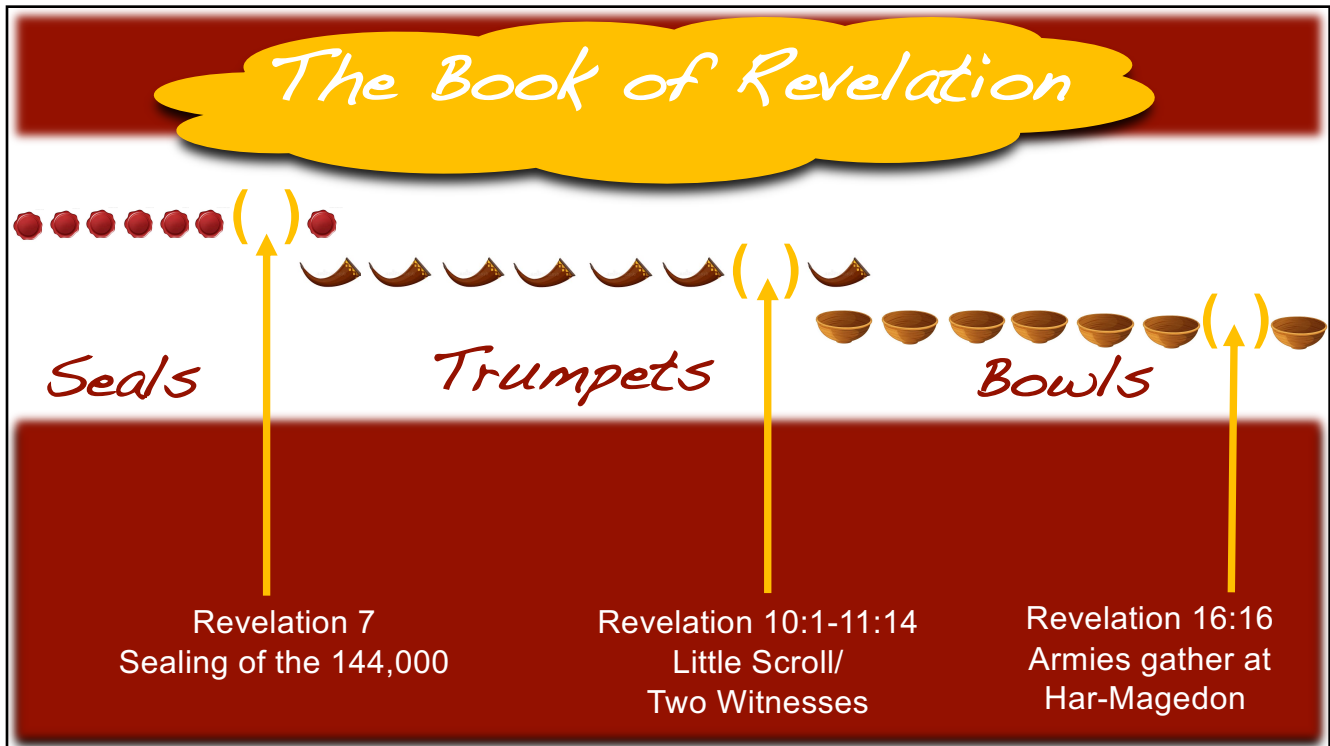
- 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet- (1<sup>st</sup> Woe) Demonic locusts attack and torture the unsaved for five months.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet- (2<sup>nd</sup> Woe) A third of humanity is killed.

Interlude- 10:1-11:14

7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet- (3<sup>rd</sup> 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

1 <sup>st</sup> Bowl-	Painful sores on lost
2 <sup>nd</sup> Bowl-	Sea to blood- all life in sea dies
3 <sup>rd</sup> Bowl-	Rivers and springs to blood
4 <sup>th</sup> Bowl-	Fierce heat from the sun
5 <sup>th</sup> Bowl-	Darkness and pain on lost
6 <sup>th</sup> Bowl-	Euphrates dries up
Interlude-	Armies gather at Har-Magedon
7 <sup>th</sup> Bowl-	“It is done”- lightning, thunder, earthquake levels cities, Jerusalem split into three, hailstones



## Chapter 11

**Verse 15-** *Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."*

*has become the kingdom of our Lord-* Finally, the difference between God's kingdom and the world is over- they are the same.

*John 18:36- Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."*

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*Matthew 4:8-11 Again, the devil took Him along to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory and he said to Him, "All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only.'"*

*The kingdom of the world has become-* (prolepsis- a literary device that represents a future act or development as if presently existing or accomplished).



## Examples of Proleptic Statements

*pro* (before) + *lambano* (to take) = to take before. To state something as if it has already happened.

Isaiah 53:6- *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord **hath laid** (perfect tense- as if it has already happened) on him the iniquity of us all.*

1 Timothy 1:10- *but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who **abolished death** (aorist active participle- “having abolished death”) and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel...*

We should live our lives with a present confidence in what God will do as if He has already done it!

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**Verse 16-** *And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,*

*the twenty-four elders-* These are heavenly beings (4:4) who with the four living creatures often lead heavenly worship in the book (4:10-11; 5:8-10, 14; 7:11; 19:4).

4:10-11 They worship God for being the Creator

5:8-10 They worship God for being the Redeemer

19:4 They worship God for being the Judge/King of the earth



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**Verse 17-** *saying, “We give You thanks, Lord God, the Almighty, the One who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.*

*who is and who was- “is to come” is missing for the first time.*

1:4- *Grace to you and peace from Him who is, and who was, and who **is to come**, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne,*

1:8- *“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who **is to come**, the Almighty.”*

4:8- *“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who **is to come**.”*

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**Verse 18-** *And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”*

*Your wrath came/the time came-* (epexegetical- words added for clarification.) The time for wrath is explained by three infinitives:

1. *for the dead **to be judged**-* (Daniel 12:2- *And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.*



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2. **to reward**- Revelation 22:12- *"Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to reward each one as his work deserves."*

*Five groups: (1) bond-servants (2) prophets (3) saints (4) those who fear Your name (5) the small and the great.*

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3. **to destroy**- probably refers to "Babylon the Great"

Revelation 19:2- *"because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great prostitute who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bond-servants on her."*



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Those who destroy both the earth and those following God will be destroyed by God.

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*temple of God-* This parallels the opening of the door to heaven in 4:1. First, heaven was opened, and now the temple in heaven is opened.

*ark of His covenant-* the heavenly ark was the pattern for the earthly ark. Moses came down from Mt. Sinai with the 10 commandments and the pattern for the tabernacle (Exod. 25-31).



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*ark of His covenant-* The Babylonians carried off the furniture of the original temple (2 Kings 25:13–17) and the original ark was lost.

The ark is an assurance of God's presence. Jewish tradition claims that Jeremiah or an angel hid the ark somewhere on Mt. Nebo, but the ark had not been seen since the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.

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*flashes of lightning...* This is the third time this type of storm has appeared in the book (4:5, 8:5). The addition of “great hail” to the list in 4:5 and 8:5 adds imagery of the hailstorms of Exodus 9:1–26 (the seventh Egyptian plague). These storms signify God's majesty and judgment, in effect summarizing the judgments of the seven trumpets.



## Chapter 12 – 14

## Seven Figures

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|----------------------|------------|---------------|
| 1. The Woman         | Chapter 12 | Israel        |
| 2. The Red Dragon    | Chapter 12 | Satan         |
| 3. The Male Child    | Chapter 12 | Jesus         |
| 4. The Angel         | Chapter 12 | Michael       |
| 5. The Beast (Sea)   | Chapter 13 | Antichrist    |
| 6. The Beast (Earth) | Chapter 13 | False Prophet |
| 7. The 144,000       | Chapter 14 | The Remnant   |

## Chapter 12 – 14

## Seven Signs (Sēmeion)

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| 1. 12:1  | A woman                                       |
| 2. 12:3  | A dragon                                      |
| 3. 13:13 | The second beast's fire from the sky          |
| 4. 13:14 | The second beast's deception                  |
| 5. 15:1  | Seven angels with seven plagues               |
| 6. 16:14 | Unclean spirits from dragon/beast             |
| 7. 19:20 | Casting of dragon/beast into the lake of fire |



## Chapter 12

**Verse 1-** *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars;*

*great sign-* (*semeion mega*) – Something symbolic explaining something real (e.g. Mid-America sign at the front gate).

*a woman-* there are four symbolic women in Revelation:

- 2:20 – Jezebel (adultery) ❌
- 12:1 – a woman (Israel) ✅
- 17 – A scarlet woman (the apostate church) ❌
- 19:7 – The Bride of Christ (the church) ✅

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- Virgin Mary- No. (v. 14- *“But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time, times, and half a time, away from the presence of the serpent”*).




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- The Church- No. The church didn't give birth to Jesus, Jesus gave birth to the church (Acts 2). The church is a virgin bride:
- 2 Corinthians 11:1-2- *I wish that you would bear with me in a little foolishness; but indeed you are bearing with me. For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, to present you **as a pure virgin to Christ**.*

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- *Replacement Theology (Covenant Theology, Supersessionism)*
-  *The view that the church is the new or true Israel that has permanently replaced or superseded Israel as God's people.*

(God speaking to Abram)- Genesis 17:7- *I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations as **an everlasting covenant**, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.*



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The nation of Israel- Yes.

*the sun, and the moon under her feet-* Genesis 37:9- Joseph's second dream:

*Then he had yet another dream, and informed his brothers of it, and said, "Behold, I have had yet another dream; and behold, the **sun** (Jacob) **and the moon** (Rachel), **and eleven stars** (Joseph's brothers) were bowing down to me."*

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**Verse 2-** *and she was pregnant and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth.*

*in pain-* Israel is described as a woman in travail in the Old Testament (Isaiah 66:7, Micah 4:10; 5:2-3).

*give birth-* Israel gives birth to the Messiah. The church does not give birth to Jesus.



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**Verse 3-** *Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven crowns.*

*great red dragon-* Satan is called a dragon 13 times in the book.

- 78% of Christians believe “God is all-powerful, all-knowing Creator of the universe who rules the world today.”
- 59% believe that Satan “is not a living being but is a symbol of evil.” (Barna Poll, 2009 n = 1871)

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*seven heads and ten horns-* Each of the dragon’s seven heads will have a *diadem* (not *stephanos*). This suggests that Satan holds absolute (the number seven) power over political entities in the tribulation. The ten horns represent ten kings who reign for a while, also mentioned in Daniel 7:7–8, 23–24, who prophesies this confederacy of ten kings.

The seven hills of Rome? (17:8) A Revived Roman Empire.



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**Daniel 7:7-8-** *After this I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and extremely strong; and it had large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the remainder with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and **it had ten horns**. While I was thinking about the horns, behold, another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the previous horns were plucked out before it; and behold, this horn possessed eyes like human eyes, and a mouth uttering great boasts.*

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*The seven great kingdoms of the world? Revelation 17:10*

- Egypt
- Assyria
- Babylon
- Medo-Persia
- Greece
- Rome
- The kingdom to come during the Tribulation

*"and they are seven kings;  
**five have fallen**, **one is**, the  
**other has not yet come**; and  
when he comes, he must  
remain a little while."*



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**Verse 4-** *And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and hurled them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her Child.*

Fall of Satan- *Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; Jude 6*

*might devour her Child-* Satan tried to prevent Jesus' atoning death on the cross since Genesis. He is now trying to prevent the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel.

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Result of the fall of man: (Genesis 3:15- (protoevangelium)

(God speaking to the serpent)-

*And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant (Jesus); He shall bruise you on the head (mortal wound- ultimate defeat), And you shall bruise Him on the heel (temporary defeat)."*



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**Verse 5-** *And she gave birth to a Son, a male, who is going to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her Child was caught up to God and to His throne.*

*a male-* Jesus, the Messiah

*a rod of iron-* Psalm 2:8-9- *Ask it of Me, and I will certainly give the nations as Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.”*

Revelation 19:15- *... and He will rule them with a rod of iron.*

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*caught up to God-* The ascension of Christ

Acts 1:9-11- *And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, then behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them, and they said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”*



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**Verse 6-** *Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for 1,260 days.*

*fled into the wilderness-* Verses 1-6 cover the time span between the fall of man to the end of the tribulation. Jesus speaks of this in the Olivet Discourse (Matt. 24:15):

*“Therefore when you see the **abomination of desolation** which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place- let the reader understand then those who are in Judea **must flee to the mountains.**”*

## The Abomination of Desolation

Daniel speaks of “the abomination of desolation” three times:

Daniel 9:27- *“And he will confirm a covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of **abominations will come the one who makes desolate**, until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, gushes forth on the one who makes desolate.”*

Daniel 11:31- *“Forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up **the abomination of desolation.**”*



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Daniel 12:11- *“And from the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and **the abomination of desolation** is set up, there will be 1,290 days.”*

Antiochus Epiphanes (“God manifest”) IV ruled Palestine from 175-64 B.C. People called him Epimanes (“madman”) behind his back. Israel rebelled against him, so his forces entered the temple, stopped the regular sacrifices, set up an idol of or altar for Zeus, and offered swine as a sacrifice. He wanted to completely Hellenize Israel. This is an abomination because it is idolatry, and it brings desolation because it defiles the holy place.

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The next abomination of desolation, much like the one performed by Antiochus Epiphanes IV, will be in the Tribulation temple at the mid-point of the tribulation. There will be 1290 day (3½ years) left after this is done. He will stop sacrifice in the Tribulation temple and will demand to be worshipped as a god.



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- 587 BC- Abomination of desolation by the Babylonians- they destroy Solomon's temple
- 532 BC- Daniel writes of Antiochus Epiphanes' future abomination
- 167 BC- Abomination of desolation by the Antiochus Epiphanes IV
- 30 AD- Jesus predicts the abomination of desolation of the Tribulation temple before His second coming
- 70 AD- Abomination of desolation by Titus- they destroy Herod's temple
- 3 ½ years into the Tribulation- Abomination of desolation by the Antichrist in the Tribulation temple

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2 Thessalonians 2:3-4

*"For it (the return of Christ) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God."*



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**Verse 7-** *And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war,*

This verse has a past, present, and future application:

- Past- *Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28; Jude 6*
- Present- *Eph. 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

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**Verse 8-** *and they did not prevail, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven.*

- Future- *Revelation 20:7-10- "When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, and will come out to deceive the nations which are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them."*



