



**What's the difference
between The Rapture and
The Second Coming?**



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

Chapter 9

Verse 17- *And this is how I saw in my vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire, of hyacinth, and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire and smoke and brimstone.*

fire, of hyacinth, and of brimstone- Each rider had tricolor armor that spread the plagues of fire (red), smoke (blue), and sulfur (yellow).

Chapter 9

Verse 17- *And this is how I saw in my vision the horses and those who sat on them: the riders had breastplates the color of fire, of hyacinth, and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire and smoke and brimstone.*

heads of lions- emphasizes their fierceness, the most vicious wild animal known to people in John's day and time.

fire and smoke and brimstone- in the OT "fire and sulphur," sometimes with "smoke," indicate a fatal judgment (Gen. 19:24, 28; Deut. 29:23; 2 Sam. 22:9; Isa. 34:9-10; Ezek. 38:22).

Chapter 9

Verse 18- *A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.*

A third of mankind was killed- John repeats the number for emphasis.

the fire, the smoke, and the brimstone- three different parts to the plague of these demons. fire, the smoke, and the brimstone come out of the horses' mouths.

Chapter 9

Verse 19- *For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.*

for their tails are like serpents and have heads- The picture of a snake connected by its tail to the horse, the snake's head being the other end of the horse's tail. It is the head that strikes at people and wounds them (the same verb is used in verse 10).

Chapter 9

Verse 20- *The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands so as not to worship demons and the idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk;*

The rest of mankind- approximately 4 billion people left? They became hardened in their resistance against God.

idol worship (2nd commandment)- Worshipping idols is actually demon worship.

Chapter 9

Verse 21- *and they did not repent of their murders, nor of their witchcraft, nor of their sexual immorality, nor of their thefts.*

murders (6th commandment)

sexual immorality (porneias) (7th commandment)

thefts (8th commandment)

their witchcraft- For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king. (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Chapter 9

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witchcraft- (pharmakon) Sorcery was forbidden by the Law of Moses (Ex. 22:18; Deu. 18:10-11) as were all practices which involved communication with the dead such as conjuring spells (Deu. 18:11), consulting mediums (1 Sam. 28:3-9), spiritism, or calling up the dead (the demonic realm). This included all forms of magic (Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 20:27; 2 Chr. 33:6; Mal. 3:5). God condemned all of these practices and was indignant that men would “seek the dead on behalf of the living” (Isa. 8:19). Instead, they were to seek the living God. This will be the spirit of the age during the Great Tribulation.

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witchcraft- (pharmakon) There will be an increase of drug use by the lost on earth to reach an altered state so they can bear the pain of God’s judgment.

Wrong action is a natural result from drug abuse (murder, immorality, thefts, etc.) and the lost harden their heart towards God.

Comparison of the Fifth and Sixth Trumpets

Fifth Trumpet Locust Demons	Sixth Trumpet Horse Demons
torment humans for five months	kill a third of humans
come up from the Abyss	come from over the Euphrates
led by Abaddon/Apollyon angel	led by four Euphrates angels
noisy wings (like a huge cavalry)	200 million mounted troops
human faces	lion heads
iron breastplates	red, blue, and yellow breastplates
lion teeth	fire, smoke, and sulfur from mouths
scorpion tails	snakes as tails
scorpion stingers	snakeheads that bite (at tail ends)
long hair and gold crowns	

Seals and Trumpets 4-2-1 Pattern

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<u>Seals 1-4 (Chapter 6)</u> 1. False Peace- White horse 2. War- Red Horse 3. Famine- Black Horse 4. Death- Pale Green Horse	<u>Seals 5-6</u> 5. Martyrs cried out from under the altar. 6. Earthquake, darkness, hiding from God.	<u>Seal 7</u> 7. Silence in heaven for half an hour. Preparation for seven trumpet judgments.
INTERLUDE- CHAPTER 7- HALF HOUR SILENCE, SEALING OF 144,000, MULTITUDE FROM TRIBULATION		
<u>Trumpets 1-4 (Chapter 8)</u> 1. Hail, fire, blood. 2. 1/3 rd of earth, trees, and green grass. 3. 1/3 rd of sea becomes blood, 1/3 rd of marine life dies, 1/3 rd of ships destroyed. 4. 1/3 rd of the sun, moon, and stars turned dark. 1/3 rd of the day was without light.	<u>Trumpets 5-6 (Chapter 9)</u> 5. Demonic locusts hurt mankind. 6. Demonic horsemen kill 1/3 rd of mankind.	<u>Trumpet 7</u> 7. The kingdom of God is declared.

Chapter 10

- Chapter 10:1 – 13:1 is the longest vision John has in the book
- The interlude between the 6th and 7th trumpet judgment is the longest in the book.

Three main figures are introduced in these chapters:

- *The mighty angel – Chapter 10*
- *The two witnesses – Chapter 11*

Chapter 10

Verse 1- *I saw another strong angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was on his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire;*

another- allon- another of the same kind of angel, not *heteros-* another of a different kind of angel.

strong angel- This angel is not one of the seven or of the four, but like the other strong angel in Revelation 5:2; 18:21 or the other angel in Revelation 14:6; Revelation 14:15. Possibly Gabriel (Mighty one of God) who appears to Daniel (Dan. 8:16–26; 9:21) or Michael (Who is like God) the arch-angel (Dan. 12:1)?

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coming down from heaven- In contrast with the star (Satan) who came down from heaven in Revelation 9:1 with a message of destruction, not deliverance.

clothed with a cloud- a traditional symbol of the glory of God (Exod. 19:9, 16-17; 33:10; 34:1-5; Num. 11:25; 12:5-9). This angel was clothed (wrapped) in the glory of God.

Chapter 10

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rainbow was on his head- represents God's mercy. The cloud and rainbow represents an angel bringing a message of God's glory and mercy.

face was like the sun- as a result of the rainbow on his head? Reminds us of Moses coming down from the mountain after meeting with God (Exod. 34:29-35). Again, God's glory.

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feet like pillars of fire- the Israelites were led by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The pillars of fire remind us of presence and the guidance and protection of God. Israel was guided from Egypt by God's presence (Exod. 13:21-22; 14:19-24).



1. Clothed with a cloud –
God's glory

2. Rainbow on his head –
God's mercy

3. Face like the sun –
God's glory

4. Feet as pillars of fire –
God's protection and presence

Chapter 10

Verse 2- *and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;*

a little scroll- Is this the scroll of chapter 5, the one with the seven seals? It is now little because all the seals have been opened and it is at the end of the scroll.

The book (*biblion*) has now become a little book (*biblaridion*).

which was open- all the seals have been opened even though all the judgments are not yet complete.

Chapter 10

Verse 2- *and he had in his hand a little scroll, which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land;*

right foot on the sea and his left on the land- this demonstrates God's dominion over all the earth. He is in control! This world belongs to Him, and He will retake control of it.

Chapter 10

Verse 3- *and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices.*

cried out with a loud voice- The strong angel in Revelation 5:2 was similarly “proclaiming with a loud voice.” This emphasizes the judgment of God and the human response of fear. What he shouts is not known but he is announcing God’s intervention in human affairs (Hosea 5:14).

lion roars- God announcing His judgment (Hos. 5:14, Amos 3:8).

Chapter 10

Verse 4- *When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven, saying, “Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken, and do not write them.”*

seven peals of thunder- the Lord’s voice is compared to thunder and is connected to the glory of God (Ps. 29:3-9; John 12:28-29).

It would be natural for us to see seven thunder judgments, like the seven seals, trumpets and bowls, but the thunder judgments do not occur.

Chapter 10

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Seal up- (Revelation 22:10- opposite of this verse). John writes only what God allows him to write. The proclamation of the seven thunders are secret. There are judgments other than the seals, trumpets and bowls that we do not and should not know.

Chapter 10

Verse 5- *Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven,*

raised his right hand- The act of taking an oath. By raising his hand, the angel symbolized his dependency on God.

Chapter 10

Verse 6- *and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it, that there will no longer be a delay,*

swore by Him- elsewhere in Scripture, we are told not to swear:

James 5:12- *But above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath; but your yes is to be yes, and your no, no, so that you do not fall under judgment.*

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It's wrong for us to swear by something because of our fallen nature- we may or may not fulfill the promise. This angel and God can swear by Himself because of His nature:

Heb. 6:13- *When God made His promise to Abraham, since He had no one greater to swear by, He swore by Himself.*

Next week...

Chapter 11-
“The Two Witnesses”

