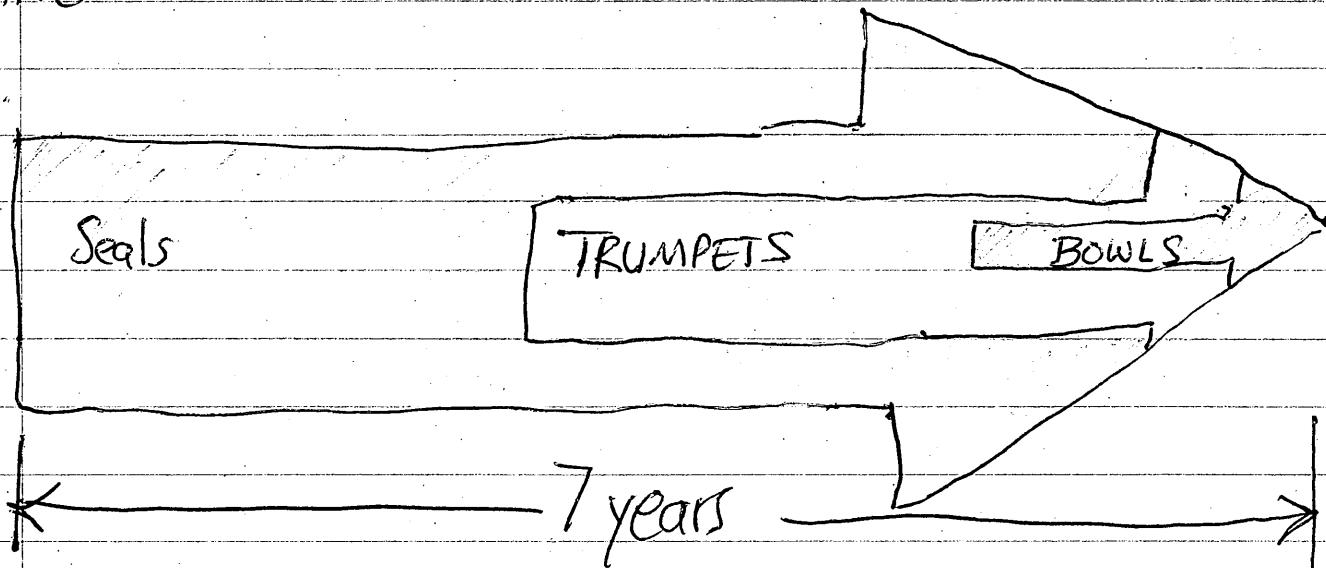


Revelation Chapter 6 and 7: We will look at the 31 "seal" judgements in chapters 6 and 7, but there will be other things happening between the sixth seal and the 7th seal. So when we unpack the 7th seal the seven trumpet judgements will be introduced indicating that God's judgements on Christ rejecting mankind will escalate and even run parallel with each other. I found this diagram that I believe will help us put it into perspective:



The 1st 7 "seals" appear as Christ breaks seals on a scroll. The 7 "trumpet" judgement appear as angels blow trumpets. The 7 "bowls" of divine wrath appear as angels empty bowls that deliver the final ("knock-out" punch if you will).

Note: - They occur in the order that John records them ("after this" is mentioned almost always)

- They will increase in magnitude and severity.
- They will overlap whereas the 7th seal presents the 7 trumpets and the 7th trumpet presents the 7 bowl judgements (as such there are 19 Judgements not 21)

- additional background information and scenes will interrupt their progression.
- All of these judgements happen in that 7 year time period. This 7 years is a time of divine, unprecedented intervention that will purify Israel and punish the nations.

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(By the way, the rapture of the church which happened well in advance of the onset of the Tribulation is Scripturally documented. If we are ever confronted by "nay-sayers" we can lovingly point them to Revelation 3:10, 6:17, 11:18, Romans 5:9, 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:16-18, 5:9 and 2 Peter 2:9 let alone all the times that God rescued His people from having to endure His wrath).

Revelation 6:1+2 (White horse rider): This is the Anti-Christ who represents the counterfeit Jesus. he comes riding on a white horse (Seemingly pure like the wolf in sheep's clothing that he is), he had a bow - but no arrows (had military strength in his pocket), and a crown was given to him (God allowed him more power to deceive). his mission was to conquer! A time of shallow but widespread peace will be established. he will have all the answers, all the solutions, be very outgoing and charismatic, and woo people by satisfying their itching ears, with lies, and will be able to perform lying signs and wonders.

Revelation 6:3+4: (Red horse rider): Here the anti-christ is "permitted to take peace from the earth - the whole earth" which means that he is in a position of ultimate world rule, his power is so great that he can even pit nation against nation, and man against man. The term "he"

was given a great sword "means that many will perish (red horse kind of also gives that away)."

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Revelation 6:5+6 : (Black horse rider) The color kind of gives it away; it will be dark times of commercial and economic shortages FOR THE POOR AND MIDDLE CLASS ONLY. Enough bread (wheat) for one day will cost one day's wages (one Denarius). Notice that social justice, food stamps, welfare and all the other social programs have been long gotten rid of! Times will be tough for the middle-low class. Either you work or you perish. Those however, who are like the rich man in the Lazarus and the rich man account will have all of their luxury untouched.

Revelation 6:7+8 (Pale horse) - famine and Pestilence. After the Black horse's rider is done cutting off the middle and lower class famine will be prevalent and of course famine leads to pestilence. But not only that the pale horses rider ("Death, and Hades followed him) executes the lowly and even the beasts of the earth join in. (I am not sure if that is either people who act like beasts (loafers and such), animals, or both. Nevertheless 25% of the earth will have perished within the first 4 seals. That is 2,050,000,000 - 2.05 Billion - people if it were to happen today May 29, 2025!)

Revelation 6:9-11 (the 5th seal) - The martyrd and those who accepted Christ before wars, famine, pestilence or lawlessness took their lives. (Before, I go into further detail on these that were slain: Notice that Jesus gave the order of the 1st 4 seals to His disciples in Matthew 24 that we covered last week: "...what will be the sign of your coming? And Jesus answered them, "See that you are not alarmed, for

many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places (all over). All these are but the beginning of the birth pains - Hence the overlapping and simultaneous Seals, trumpets, and bowls - Jesus goes on to mention "lawlessness" and that "the love of many will grow cold". People will be selfish and act like barbarians (looters, robbers, kidnappers, extortionists etc...)

So now lets look at those "under the alter": These are the Tribulation saints (only, I believe). Those who accepted Jesus in the midst of the evil chaos. They are in heaven, protected if you will by the Alter and they are wondering how much longer God will put up with the evil before He puts an end to it. The answer is exclusively unique to God, "Until I have saved every last one that I can." He gives them assurance and peace - a white robe (which makes me rethink us coming back with white robes upon His return).

Revelation 6:12-14 (sixth seal) earthquakes, celestial events that are cataclysmic, including but not limited to the sky as we know it being ripped in two, utter blackness above, the full moon turning red, stars falling to earth (or possibly falling angels), mountains being toppled and islands sinking. Needless to say the physical beauty of God's creation will be removed, I believe that this is the time for which creation has waited for, a time when death and decay is purged, a time leading up to the restoration of a Garden of Eden type of a

setting where people will once again live 7-800 years, ³⁵
flawless beauty of God's creation is restored and Jesus takes the
Throne to reign and rule for 1,000 years in His promised kingdom.

Revelation 6:15-17 (All the people of the earth, who's hearts
a darkened will try to hide from God! It will be in the last
days exactly as it was in the first days. Just like Adam and
Eve realized that they betrayed God, and hid in the Garden,
so will these people of all walks of life (rich, powerful,
slave, free...) recognize their sin. But contrary to Adam
and Eve they will call upon the creation that they worshipped
to save them ("Therefore God also gave them up to
uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their
bodies among themselves; who exchanged the truth of God
for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature (Creation)
rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.) Romans 1:24-25,

And the absolute saddest thing is that they all had
many, many, opportunities to recognize God, in all things,
as the Creator but they kept on looking for a relationship,
or religion, every where else but God. They filled the
void (that every single human being has) of a relationship
with Father God with everything but Him. And many
knew that day would come (I believe, my opinion only) and
so they built underground bunkers, filled with food supplies,
back up generators, satelite phones, water storage and waste
removal systems thinking they would out smart God. (How
about Elon Musk trying to find a planet that is inhabitable?)
Or maybe, these are people who said, "I'm gonna eat drink
and be merry and then when I see these things happen I will
turn to God." (Sorry, today is the day for repentance).