The Wrath of the Lamb!
The Seal and Trumpet
Judgments
Rev 6-11

The Seal and Trumpet Judgments

- At this time the Church is in Heaven.
- The Judgments are the final opportunity before the Second Coming of the Lord on the earth, for men to repent.
- There will be six Seal Judgments.
- Then a seventh Seal Judgment launches six Trumpet Judgments.
- Then a seventh Trumpet Judgment launches seven Bowl Judgments.
- Then the Lord returns, to reign for 1000 years!

Rev 6 The Tribulation Begins The Four Horsemen

- There will be four horsemen
- These will be launched by the Lord breaking the first four seals, one after the other.
- The level of suffering and death is increased with each.
- Many will die, including many saints.

Rev 6 The Tribulation Begins The Four Horsemen

- The fifth seal will show a scene of anguish in heaven.
- The sixth seal will then show a scene of anguish on earth.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 1: Fake Peace

- •Rev 6:2 I looked and behold, a white horse, and he who sat on it had a bow and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.
- This horseman is Antichrist.
- •The Church has been taken away. Nothing is left to restrain evil. Antichrist will increase in power.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 1: Fake Peace

- Antichrist will come on a white horse!
- People will think the Messiah has arrived! He will promise to bring peace on the earth!
- •He is an imposter, a false messiah.
- •For a short time indeed he will bring world peace. He will indeed be able to deliver what no human leader has ever delivered.
- He will even make a covenant with Israel.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 1: Fake Peace

- •It will not last.
- •In a mere 3½ years, it will come to an end.
- The Lord will break the second seal, to usher in the second horseman.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 2: Global War

- •Rev 6:4 a red horse went out; and to him was granted to take peace from the earth, and that men would slay one another; and a great sword was given to him.
- The so-called peace of the antichrist is over!
- Matt 24:7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom ...
- In particular Antichrist will break his covenant with Israel. Many nations will turn against Israel.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 3: Global Famine

- •Rev 6:5-6 a black horse ... a quart of wheat for a denarius ...
- A day's wage would only buy a loaf of bread.
- But wealthy will still be able to buy it.
- They will think they are insulated from God's judgment by their wealth.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 4: Death

- •Rev 6:8 a pale horse ... he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him
- Death and Hades are given authority to kill 25% of the earth with famine, pestilence, sword, and wild beasts.
- Even their wealth will not help men.
- Millions will die. Yet men will not repent. They will continue to blaspheme God and persecute His saints.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 5: The Anguish in Heaven

- •Rev 6:9 And when He broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the alter the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and because of the testimony which they had maintained.
- •The anguish of souls of martyrs in the first months of the tribulation crying out for justice.
- They are comforted, and told to wait a little more.
- God does not operate on our timetable.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 5: The Anguish on Earth

- •Rev 6:12 And I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;
- •Rev 6:13-14 and the stars of the sky fell to the earth ... and the sky was split apart as a scroll ... and every mountain and island were moved ...
- •There were terrible natural disasters in the sky and on earth.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 5: The Anguish on Earth

- •Rev 6:15-16 ... hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, and they said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb..."
- The anguish of sinful men because of terrible natural disasters.
- Men look to hide in mountains and rocks.
- They were terrified by the presence of God.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 5: The Anguish on Earth

- When sinful men actually encounter God, they are terrified!
- After his sin, Adam was terrified in Gen 3:10 I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself
- •Isaiah was terrified in Is 6:5 ... Woe is me, for I am ruined ...
- Peter was terrified when he realized Jesus was Lord in Luke 5:8 Go away from me Lord, for I am a sinful man.

Rev 6 Seal Judgments Seal 5: Natural Disasters

- But when we appear before God it will be with great joy, not great fear!
- Jude 12 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy
- •We will be blameless when we appear before Him.
- We will have no shame, no fear, only great joy!

- ·A final devastation of the earth is about to come.
- But before this time of terror and devastation, certain tribulation saints are to be sealed so that they can survive it.
- •They are not taken away as the church was. But they will have the *seal of God*. They have a special work to do.

- •144,000 Jewish bondservants of God, 12,000 from each tribe are sealed.
- The winds are held back till they are sealed.
- None other than these 144,000 are sealed.
- There will be other Tribulation Saints, Jewish and Gentile, but they are not sealed.
- Many of them will die in the tribulation.

- The scene turns to heaven. There a great multi-national multitude is standing before the Lord.
- •Rev 7:14 ... And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation..."
- These were saints killed in the tribulation. They did not have the seal of God that the 144,000 had.
- •Rev 7:17 for the Lamb in the center of the throne shall be their shepherd ... and God shall wipe every tear from their eyes.
- God Himself will comfort them.

- Meanwhile back on earth, the sealed Jewish saints will turn over their lives to Christ.
- The nation of Israel will suffer tremendously during this time, when the Antichrist betrays them.
- The 144,000 will become bold evangelists for the Lord.
- Through their testimony, many will come to the Lord.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Seal 7 Launches Trumpet Judgments

- •Rev 8:1 And when He broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for half an hour.
- •Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.
- •It is a silence before the *prayers of the saints* in 8:3-4.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Seal 7 Launches Trumpet Judgments

- Why the silence for half an hour? No one knows.
- It may be for the prayers of the saints.
- It may be a preparation for the terrible Trumpet Judgments.
- The important point is that during this half hour of silence, the entire heaven is listening to the prayers of the saints.
- Our prayers are an incredibly important to God. They are a fragrant aroma, an incense to Him.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Seal 7 Launches Trumpet Judgments

- The trumpet judgments raise the volume of suffering, both in quality and quantity.
- Men are being subjected to temporal horrors on earth, so as to repent and turn to Jesus as their Savior.
- · ... and escape the eternal horrors of hell.
- Later, in Rev 14:6-7, an angel will warn men to fear and worship God.
- It is one of the rare times in scripture when an angel sounds the message of salvation.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 1: Earth Smitten

- •Rev 8:7 And the first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth ...
- A third of the earth, a third of the trees, and all the green grass was burned up.
- This is terrible devastation on the land mass of the earth.
- •But the sea is yet unaffected. Fresh water rivers and lakes are still unaffected.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 2: Sea Smitten

- •Rev 8:8 And the second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea...
- Now the devastation spreads to the sea, and a third of it becomes blood.
- A third of the sea creatures died, a third of ships were destroyed.
- There is probably great stench and disease on land and at sea.
- But fresh waters, rivers and lakes, are unaffected.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 3: Fresh Waters Smitten

- •Rev 8:10 And the third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of rivers and springs of waters.
- Now the devastation also spreads to potable waters.
- The star is called Wormwood. A third of the fresh waters become bitter like wormwood.

Rev 8 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 4: The Skies are Smitten

- •Rev 8:12 And the fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were smitten, so that a third of them might be darkened ...
- Now the devastation also spreads to the skies.
- A third of the day are night are now darkened.
- But men are not yet smitten.

Rev 9 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 5: Men are Smitten

- Read Rev 9:1-12
- A "star" (angel or demon) falls to the earth, opens the bottomless pit, and unleashes demonic "locusts".
- They have the power to torment men.
- They look like horses with crowns, and faces like men, and have hair like women, and stings in their tails.
- Their ruler is the angel of the abyss, Abaddon.
- They torment men for 5 months. But men are not killed.
- The lifetime of a locust is about 5 months. It is as if one generation of locusts is launched on the earth.

Rev 9 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 6: Men are Killed

- •Rev 9:13-21 Then the sixth trumpet sounds to unleash four angels, prepared for this moment.
- And demonic horses are unleashed with tails like serpents.
- The demonic locusts were not allowed to kill. But the demonic horses are allowed to kill.
- And a third of mankind is killed by fire and smoke and brimstone and by the horses.
- Notice how the pain escalates.
- God continues to be in control!

Rev 9 Trumpet Judgments Trumpet 6: Men are Killed

- •But would men then repent?
- •Rev 9:20 And 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 and of silver and of brass ...
- •Rev 9:21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.

Rev 10 The little book

- •A huge angel descends from heaven, clothed with a cloud, a rainbow on his head, a little book in his hand, and places his left foot on the land, and the right foot on the sea.
- He cries out with a loud voice, and 7 peals of thunder spoke.
- But John was not permitted to reveal to us what the thunder spoke.

Rev 10 The little book

- The angel then says that the final judgment has come. There is no more delay.
- This is the end of the age. The enemies of the Lamb will be judged.
- •We are not told what is in the little book. But John was told to take it and eat it. It was sweet as honey and made his mouth bitter.
- God's judgment is good, and necessary, but it makes the heart heavy.

- There will be a temple during the tribulation. It was probably built before the tribulation.
- •Jewish worship will be carried on there during the first 3½ years of the tribulation.
- But then the antichrist enters the temple.
- •2 Thess 2:4 .. so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.
- The antichrist wants to be worshipped as God!

- •Rev 11:3-6: During the tribulation, there will appear 2 witnesses in the temple courtyard.
- •They will prophesy and preach the Gospel for 3½ years.
- Will they appear in the first half of the tribulation or the second? It is unclear. Ryrie believes it will be in the first half.
- Or it may overlap both halves.

- •The two witnesses preach, warn, and prophesy for 3½ years.
- •Fire from their mouth devours their enemies.
- They can shut of rain, turn waters into blood, strike the earth with every plague.
- Think of Moses on steroids!

- •At the end of 3½ years, a beast comes out of the abyss and makes war with them.
- ·He overcomes them. He kills them.
- Their dead bodies will lie in the street, in the city called "Sodom" where their Lord was crucified ... that is to say, in Jerusalem.
- •And the people of the earth will celebrate that they are killed. They will not permit their bodies to be buried. They will make a spectacle of their bodies.

- But then terror comes to men!
- The two witnesses stand up alive!
- And they go up into heaven as their enemies watched them.
- And then there is a great earthquake.
- A tenth of the city falls, and the people are terrified.
- •For the first time, in Rev 11:13 they gave glory to God.
- •It will not last. Soon in Rev 16:11 they will again blaspheme God.

Rev 11:15-19 The Seventh Trumpet

- •Remember that so far there have been 6 trumpets.
- After the Two Witnesses are taken up, the 7th trumpet sounds.
- This trumpet announces the final Judgment of God.

Rev 11:15-19 The Seventh Trumpet

- •Rev 11:15 ... and their arose 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."
- •Rev 11:16-17... because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.
- At this time, God's reign on earth has started.
- •Rev 11:18 And the nations were enraged ...
- On earth men were enraged that the rule of God has started on earth.

Rev 6-11: Summary

- All believers of today will already be in heaven when the Seal and Trumpet judgments occur.
- We will see the tribulation occur from heaven, but we will not personally experience the tribulation.
- The tempo of suffering and pain goes on escalating.
- Yet men will stubbornly continue to resist.
- •Still, there will be a few who will come to believe.
- ·Some of them will pay for it with their earthly life.