

What the Future Holds– Biblical Prophecy

Lesson 7—The Three Series of Judgments During the Tribulation

- I. **The Pattern of Judgments:** Each of the series of judgments in Revelation has a pattern that John uses to give us a perspective of what is happening in the tribulation period.
 - A. The pattern in each of these series of judgments begins with a heavenly prelude, followed by the first six judgments in each group.
 - B. There then follows a parentheses that explains what is happening on the earth, usually followed by the seventh judgment.
 - C. In the second and third series of judgments there is a postlude that follows.
- II. **The “Seal Judgments”:** The first series of these judgments begins sometime after the rapture of the church and goes almost to the return of Christ—*Revelation 6:1-17; 8:1*.

A. Seal one-	The White Horse Rider
B. Seal two-	The Red Horse Rider
C. Seal three-	The Black Horse Rider
D. Seal four-	The Ashen Horse Rider
E. Seal five-	Widespread Martyrdom
F. Seal six-	Cataclysmic Judgments
G. Seal seven-	One-half hour of Silence
- III. **The “Trumpet Judgments”:** This series of judgments brings more of the wrath of God upon the earth—*Revelation 8:2-9:21*.

A. First trumpet-	Judgment on Vegetation
B. Second trumpet-	Judgment on Sea/Marine Life
C. Third trumpet-	Judgment on Fresh Water
D. Fourth trumpet-	Judgment on the Sun and Lights
E. Fifth trumpet-	First Woe Releases the Demons
F. Sixth trumpet-	Second Woe 200,000 from the East
G. Seventh trumpet-	Brings History up to Christ's Return

IV. **The “Bowl Judgments”**: This series of judgments occur in the last half of the final 3 1/2 years of the tribulation period and are the most severe—*Revelation 16:1–12, 17–21*.

A. First bowl-	Wrath of God and malignant sores
B. Second bowl-	Oceans become blood/ marine life dies
C. Third bowl-	Fresh water becomes blood
D. Fourth bowl-	Sun scorches unrepentant
E. Fifth bowl-	Pain on beast's throne and followers
F. Sixth bowl-	Euphrates River is dried up
G. Seventh bowl-	Jerusalem, Babylon, cities judged

Takeaways:

1. If you have not trusted Christ as your Savior, trust Him today. Understand that you are a sinner who deserves judgment, that Christ died on the cross and took your judgment for you, He died and rose again and trust Him to be your Savior. Eternal life is not given because of our works but because of the grace of God—*Ephesians 2:8–9*.
2. If you have trusted Christ as your Savior, pray that He would lead you to someone with whom you could share the gospel of Christ.