

REVELATION – November 2008

The Tribulation cannot take place until the church is bodily removed from the earth which is called **the rapture of the church**.

The tribulation is a period of 7 years, split into two halves of three and a half years. (Daniel 9). The Tribulation begins fairly peacefully but the last three and a half years are horrific and are called the **Great Tribulation**. At the end of the Great Tribulation time comes the battle of **Armageddon** when the nations come together near Jerusalem. At this point the Lord returns **2nd Advent**. The **Kingdom of God** is then established which is called the **millennium** – which as it suggests, lasts 1,000 years. During this period of 1,000 Satan is locked away and the Beast and the Antichrist are thrown into the lake of fire.

REVELATION Chapter 1: The Revelation was given to John on the Isle of Patmos in AD 95 when John was about 96 years old.

Verse 19: **Write what you have seen:** Description of Jesus (Chapter 1)

Write the things which are now: The church as far as John was concerned.

The things which shall be hereafter: Chapter 4 to the end.

REVELATION Chapter 4 Begins with the door opening in heaven and an invitation to ‘come up here’.

REVELATION Chapter 5: (1) The Tribulation is a period of **Holy War**.
(1) Tribulation in the book of Revelation is seen from Battle HQ in heaven. John is in the heavenly realm looking down.

VERSE 1 **Scroll** in verse 1 reveals the **Battle campaign of God** in the Tribulation.
Within these 7 seals you have the whole battle plan laid out for all to see.

VERSE 5 Reveals who is worthy to open the scroll and there is only one Person Who is worthy and that is Jesus – the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. (In Genesis 49 you find Jacob prophesying that one from Judah would be the One who would rule the earth). **JESUS IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THAT PROPHECY**. John sees from Heaven the effect on the earth.

REVELATION Chapter 6 **SEALS:**
FIRST SEAL: WHITE HORSE – VICTORY. This will be a world leader (the man of sin as the bible calls him) bringing victory and peace by political means, bow, no arrows.

Verses 2 – 4 **SECOND SEAL: RED HORSE** – BLOODSHED

Verses 5 – 6 **THIRD SEAL: BLACK HORSE** – FAMINE

Verses 7 – 8 **FOURTH SEAL: PALE HORSE (PALE GREEN)** – death breaks out.

Verse 9 **FIFTH SEAL:** God now begins to answer the prayers of all the persecuted saints.

MATTHEW 24 The order you have above is the order Jesus speaks of.

- (1) Wars and rumours of wars.
- (2) Nation will rise against nation.
- (3) Famine
- (4) Pestilence
- (5) Then they will deliver you up and kill you

REVELATION 6:
Verse 12

SIXTH SEAL

God uses SEALS (Chapter 6) TRUMPETS (Chapter 8) and VIALS to show the chronological order of events. Anything else is infill detail. At the end of Revelation 6 you have the 6th Seal and then at the beginning of Revelation 8 you have the 7th Seal. In between these chapters is necessary information which is contained in chapter 7. It does not mean that it happens at that point, it means that He is going to deal with the subject at that point. For example:

At the very end of Revelation 6, verse 17, the 6th seal is so awful that a question is asked –

“the great day of His wrath has come and who can stand?”

Rather than carry on with the seals, God answers the question. Who stands in the Tribulation? The answer God gives is the 144,000 Jewish witnesses who are sealed and He goes on to speak about evangelism during the Tribulation period. So Revelation 7 is infill detail. How do we know then when we are back to the original storyline? The 7th seal is mentioned. If a subject comes up, God deals with it, fills in the information at that point, then goes back to the original storyline.

REVELATION Chapter 8: **SEVENTH SEAL:** Controlled by 7 angels with **7 TRUMPETS**. The 7 trumpets are the 7 *phases* within the SEVENTH SEAL.

REVELATION Chapters 8 and 9 Describe the **SEVEN TRUMPETS** as they come.

REVELATION Chapter 8:

Verse 7:	FIRST TRUMPET
Verses 8 – 9	SECOND TRUMPET
Verses 10 – 11	THIRD TRUMPET
Verses 12 – 13	FOURTH TRUMPET

With three TRUMPETS left, there are now **THREE WOES** spoken, in verse 13

REVELATION Chapter 9:

Verses 1 – 12	FIFTH TRUMPET
Verses 13 – 21	SIXTH TRUMPET

(Revelation Chapters 10 – 11verse 14 are infill detail. They give us essential chronological information.)

REVELATION Chapter 10: Tells us there are other things going on which John was not allowed to record.

REVELATION 11: 1 – 14: Speaks of the specific ministry of the ‘two witnesses’ in the city of Jerusalem.

When the 7TH TRUMPET is sounded it is a proclamation. That is the time when God finally reveals His kingdom on the earth. The 7th TRUMPET contains **7 VIALS** (or goblets).

<u>REVELATION 15:</u>	VIALS containing 7 LAST PLAGUES;
<u>REVELATION 16:</u>	SEVEN VIALS poured out on the earth

(Revelation 12, 13 and 14 are essential infill detail.)

<u>REVELATION 12:</u>	Deals with Satan’s attempts to exterminate the Jews and how God beats Satan.
<u>REVELATION 13:</u> rises.	Deals with the political system that arises in the Tribulation – the Beast that rises.
<u>REVELATION 14:</u>	Deals with Jesus beating the system that arises during the Tribulation.

As soon as that finishes we are back to **chronological order** again with **7 ANGELS** and **7 VIALS** in CHAPTER 15.

<u>REVELATION 16:</u>	Deals with the SEVEN VIALS
<u>REVELATION 17 and 18:</u>	Once again they are really in brackets, they are infill.
<u>REVELATION 17:</u>	Deals with mystery Babylon, the religious system and how God overthrows it.
<u>REVELATION 18:</u>	Deals with mystery Babylon the political system and how God overthrows it.
<u>REVELATION 19:</u>	Deals with the second advent of Jesus Christ which is right at the end of the 7th VIAL.
<u>REVELATION 20,21 AND 22</u>	are future and come after the Tribulation.

Chronological:	Detail:
Revelation 6	Revelation 7
Revelation 8 – 9	Revelation 10 – 11: 1 – 14
Revelation 11:15 – 19	Revelation 12, 13, 14
Revelation 15 – 16	Revelation 17 –18
Revelation 19	