

# Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls

<p><b>1</b> A white horse. Its rider had a bow, and a crown was given to him. Came conquering and to conquer.</p>	<p><b>2</b> A red horse. Its rider took peace from the earth. People slayed one another. Given a great sword.</p>	<p><b>3</b> A black horse. Its rider had a pair of scales in his hand. "A qt of wheat for a denarius. Three qts of barely for a denarius. Do not harm the oil and wine!"</p>	<p><b>4</b> A pale horse. Its rider's name was Death and Hades followed him. Given authority over ¼ of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, pestilence, and wild beasts.</p>	<p><b>5</b> Souls were slain for the word of God and their witness. They cried to God to be avenged. They were given a white robe and told to rest until the number of their fellow servants, to be killed as they were, was complete.</p>	<p><b>6</b> A great earthquake. The sun became black, the full moon like blood, and the stars fell to the earth. The sky rolled up like a scroll. The mountains and islands were moved. Men hid in the caves and among the rocks.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Silence in heaven for half an hour. Seven angels given 7 trumpets. A golden censer filled with incense and the prayers of the saints came before God. Fire was thrown on the earth. Thunder, rumblings, lightning, and an earthquake.</p>
<p><b>1</b> Hail and fire, mixed with blood, was thrown upon the earth. ¼ of the earth burned ¼ of the trees burned All of the grass was burned up.</p>	<p><b>2</b> A great mountain burning with fire, was thrown into the sea. ¼ of the sea became blood ¼ of the sea creatures died ¼ of the ships were destroyed.</p>	<p><b>3</b> A great star named Wormwood, fell from heaven, blazing like a torch. It fell on ⅓ of the rivers and springs of waters. ¼ of the waters became wormwood. Many died from the bitter waters.</p>	<p><b>4</b> ⅓ of the sun was struck, ¼ of the moon, and ¼ of the stars. ¼ of their light was darkened. ¼ of the day and ¼ of the night was kept from shining.</p>	<p><b>5</b> The shaft of the bottomless pit was opened and smoke darkened the sun and the air. Locusts came to torment, those with out the seal of God on their foreheads, for 5 months. They have a king over them named Abaddon in Hebrew, and Apollyon in Greek.</p>	<p><b>6</b> Four angels were released at the great river Euphrates. There were 200M mounted troops. Three plagues, came from the horses mouths that killed ⅓ of mankind. 1. fire, 2. smoke, and 3. sulfur. The rest of mankind did not repent.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Loud voices in heaven. The temple in heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant was seen. Lightening, rumblings, thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.</p>
<p><b>1</b> Harmful and painful sores came upon those who had the mark of the beast and worshiped its image.</p> 	<p><b>2</b> The sea became like the blood of a corpse. Every living thing in the sea died. "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." Rev 5:9-10</p>	<p><b>3</b> The rivers and springs of water became blood.</p>	<p><b>4</b> The sun scorched people with heat and with fire. They cursed God and did not repent.</p>	<p><b>5</b> The kingdom of the beast was thrown into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish. They cursed God for their pain and sores. They did not repent.</p>	<p><b>6</b> The great river Euphrates was dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east. Out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet came 3 unclean spirits like frogs. They assembled the kings of the whole world for battle at Armageddon.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Lightening, rumblings, thunder, and a great earthquake as never seen before. The great city was split into 3 parts. God remembered Babylon the great. Every island fled away and no mountains were to be found. Hailstones, 100lbs ea., fell on the people.</p>



Digging Deeper

## Answering Tough Questions about the Justice of God

### Bowls, Beasts, Babylon, and the Justice of God

#### Overview of Revelation 15-18

#### Understanding Revelation 17:7-13

This passage seems to us a complicated description of a progression and coalition of powers opposed to God. Most likely, it describes historical kingdoms and rulers of the many evil and anti-God (anti-Christ) rulers and false teachers down through history that will lead to the final stage. In the last, last days, a final Antichrist will arise.

7 Then the angel said to me, “Why are you astonished? I will explain to you **the mystery of the woman and of the beast**, with the seven heads and the ten horns, that carries her.

8 The **beast** that you saw **was**, and **is not**, and **is about to come** up from the abyss and go to destruction. Those who live on the earth whose names have not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world will be astonished when they see the beast that **was**, and **is not**, and **is to come**. 9 This calls for a mind that has wisdom.

“The **seven heads** are **seven mountains** on which the **woman is seated**. They are also **seven kings**: 10 **Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come**, and when he comes, he must remain for **only a little while**.

11 The **beast** that **was** and **is not**, is itself an **eighth king**, but it **belongs to the seven** and is going to destruction.

12 The **ten horns** you saw are **ten kings** who have not yet received a kingdom, but they **will receive authority** as kings with the beast **for one hour**.

13 These have **one purpose**, and they give their power and authority to the **beast**. 14 These will **make war against the Lamb**, but **the Lamb will conquer them** because **he is Lord of lords and King of kings**. Those with him are called, chosen, and faithful.”

#### 7 Marks of Babylon

## **Celebration of the Justice of God against Evil**

### **Understanding the Wrath and Judgment of God**

Overall Biblical Message of God's Holiness and Opposition to Sin and Evil

#### Three Important Considerations

1. Embracing justice often depends on one's perspective
2. God's wrath is connected to his love
3. Ultimately, God gives people what they want – darkness not light

#### God's Wrath/Judgment in Biblical Context

Difficult Biblical Passages on Holy War (esp. the conquest of Canaan) in the Book of Joshua)

#### Transformation and Understanding

#### Why Jesus Matters

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