

## Chronology of Prophetic Biblical End-Time Events

Why does God reveal the future? To encourage the righteous to strive for their reward and as a warning to those who persist in doing evil (1 Peter 1:19-20; 3:9-13). Jesus Christ's prophetic signs of His second coming give an overview of events at the "time of the end" (Dan 8:17) and are equivalent to the 7 seals (Rev 6:2-17; Dan 12:1-4, 6-9; Mark 13:22-23; Luke 21:8-9).

The first four seals (the four horsemen) are described by Jesus Christ as "the beginning of sorrows," (Mat 24:8). He explains that "the end will not come immediately" (Luke 21:9)

**1<sup>st</sup> Seal** = White horse of **False Christs and False Prophets** (Mat 24:5; Mark 13:5-6, 22; Luke 21:8; Rev 6:2)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Seal** = Red horse of **Wars and Rumors of Wars** (Mat 24:6-7; Mark 13:7-8; Luke 21:9-10; Rev 6:3-4)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Seal** = Black horse of **Famine** (Mat 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev 6:5)

**4<sup>th</sup> Seal** = Pale horse of **Pestilence and Earthquakes** (Mat 24:7; Mark 13:8; Luke 21:11; Rev 6:7-8)

**5<sup>th</sup> Seal** = **The Great Tribulation** which is Satan's wrath of 3½ years on the modern-day nations of Israel (including Britain, the United States and other British-descended peoples) and on the Jewish people. It is described as "a desolation," "a time of trouble," "Jacob's trouble" (Mat 24:21; Luke 21:20-23; Rev 7:14; Dan 12:1; Jer 11:12-14, 30:5-7, 46:10)

- a) War breaks out in heaven and Satan and his demons are cast down to the earth (Rev 12:7-14)
- b) Beast rises "up out of the sea," "to continue forty and two months" (3½ years) (Rev 13:1-9)
- c) False prophet, "another beast," arises; numbered 666; performs great wonders and miracles; causes people to receive the "mark" of the beast" (Rev 13:11-18)
- d) Intense persecution on the people of God; church is hated because of the truth of God; martyrdom occurs (Dan 12:10,12; Mat 24:9,13; Luke 21:12-15, 17-19; Rev 6:9-11; Rev 13:7)
- e) Many become offended due to abuse and mistreatment and they begin to "betray one another and shall hate one another" (Mat 24:10; Luke 21:16-17; Mark 13:12;)
- f) Iniquity (lawlessness) multiplies and as a result, the love of many grows cold (Mat 24:12)
- g) Falling away (abandonment, departure) from the truth occurs (2 Thes 2:3; 1 Tim 4:1)
- h) Temple or structure is set-up in Jerusalem and daily animal sacrifices begin (Mat 24:15; 2 Thes 2:4; Dan 9:27)
- i) The "king of the south" pushes at the "king of the north," who in turn attacks him with military force and enters into Judea and other middle eastern countries (Dan 11:40- 43, 45)
- j) Jerusalem is "compassed with armies" and is "trampled by gentiles" (overrun and subjugated by non-Israelites) for 3½ years (Luke 21:24; Rev 11:2; see also Zech 12:2-3)
- k) Christians in Judea must "flee into the mountains." It will be 1,290 days (3 years and 7 months) until the second coming of Christ (Dan 12:11; Mat 24:15-20; Luke 21:21 Rev 12:14-15)
- l) Abomination of desolation, "the abomination that makes desolate," is set up in the temple in Jerusalem (Mat 24:15; Mark 13:14)
- m) Sacrifices in the temple cease for 1,290 days (3 years and 7 months) (Mat 24:15; Dan 12:11)
- n) False prophet, "man of sin," "son of perdition," exalts himself and sets himself up in the temple in Jerusalem and claims to be God (2 Thes 2:3-4)
- o) Invasion, destruction, death, captivity and enslavement of the nations and people of modern-day Israel and Judea (Luke 21:23-24; Joel 3:1; Rev 13:10; Jer 4:7; Ezek 6:6; Ezek 19:7)
- p) Satan is permitted to "scatter the power of the holy people" for 3½ years (Dan 12:7)
- q) Church flees to a place of safety ("her place") for 3½ years (1,260 days). Satan pursues and the earth helps the "woman" (church) (Mat 24:16-20; Luke 21:21; Rev 12:1, 6, 14)
- r) Satan departs to make war with the "remnant of her seed;" many true Christians are martyred (Mat 24:9; Rev 6:9-11; Rev 12:17; Dan 11:33)
- s) Two Witnesses, the "two olive trees," "two candlesticks," begin preaching at the temple site in Jerusalem for a period of 3½ years (1,260 days) (Rev 11:3-6; Zech 4:3, 11-14)

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**6<sup>th</sup> Seal = Heavenly Signs and Great Earthquake;** a period of "distress of nations" and a time of "men's hearts failing them for fear" (Mat 24:29; Luke 21:25-26; Rev 6:12-17)

- a) Sealing of the 144,000 "servants of our God" and "a great multitude" (Rev 7:4-9; Rev 14:1-5; see also Ezek 9:4; Eph 1:13-14)
- b) Separate angels preach the Gospel to every human, announce Babylon's fall, and warn all not to worship the Beast or receive his mark (Rev 14:6-11)
- c) Silence in heaven for "about the space of a half an hour" (Rev 8:1)

**7<sup>th</sup> Seal = The Day of the Lord; = 7 Trumpets;** one-year period ("day for year" Isa 34:8) of God's wrath upon rebellious mankind; "a day of vengeance." It is the last year of (overlaps) the 3½ year Great Tribulation (Isa 13:6, 61:2, 63:4 Ezek 7:1-27; Jer 46:10, 50:15; Joel 2:1, 3:1, 2-1; 3:14; Nah 1:2; Zech 14:1-4; Zeph 1:14-17; 1 Cor 1:8; 2 Thes 2:2; Rev 1:10; Rev 6:15-17; 14:19; 15:1)

**1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet =** hail and fire; 1/3 of trees and all grass is burned up (Rev 8:7)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet =** "great mountain" (asteroid) falls into sea; 1/3 of sea-creatures die; 1/3 of ships destroyed (Rev 8:8-9)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet =** "great star" (asteroid and meteorites) falls and poisons 1/3 of rivers; 1/3 of population dead from drinking this water (Rev 8:10-11)

**4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet =** 1/3 of daylight and 1/3 of moonlight and starlight become darkened (Rev 8:12)

**5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet =** 1<sup>st</sup> "woe" = beast's armies make war against Asiatics after "tidings out of east and north trouble him;" torturous afflictions on men (Dan 11:44; Rev 8:13 – 9:11)

**6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet =** 2<sup>nd</sup> "woe" = 200 million-man Asiatic army attacks beast's forces; warfare kills 1/3 of world population; beast turns on "whore" (false church) (Rev 9:13-21; Rev 17:16-18)

Two Witnesses killed by beast in Jerusalem after having preached 3½ years. After lying dead for 3½ days, they stand up and ascend "up to heaven in a cloud" (Rev 11:7-12)

**7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet = Jesus' Second Coming and 1<sup>st</sup> Resurrection = 7 Last Plagues;** = 3<sup>rd</sup> "woe", "wrath of God" (Zech 14:1-4; Matt. 24:30; 2 Thes 4:16-18; Rev 11:15-18, 16:1, 19:1-20:3)

**1<sup>st</sup> Plague =** grievous sores inflicted on those who have the "mark of the beast" (Rev 16:2)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Plague =** sea becomes black ("blood of a dead man"); all sea creatures die (Rev 16:3)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Plague =** rivers and streams become blood-like (Rev 16:4)

**4<sup>th</sup> Plague =** sun scorches men who blaspheme God and who refuse to repent (Rev 16:8)

**5<sup>th</sup> Plague =** the kingdom of beast is afflicted with darkness and men are given painful sores, yet they still will not repent (Rev 16:10-11)

**6<sup>th</sup> Plague =** Euphrates river dried up for the "kings of the east" to cross to gather at Armageddon for the "battle of the great day of God Almighty" (Rev 16:12-16)

**7<sup>th</sup> Plague =** earthquake, hail; Babylon falls; merchants cry; beast/prophet killed, Satan bound (Rev 16:17-21; Rev 17:14; Rev 18:1-24; Rev 19:1-21; Rev 20:1-4)

**What must we do as these prophesied events draw near?** The answer is found in Luke 21:34 "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and to stand before the Son of man."