

Though the Four Horsemen of the Seven Seals can be spiritually applied, they probably refer to physical trials on man during the Christian Era.

The Seven Trumpets are parallel to them, and show us what is happening in the unseen spiritual world. The Seven Bowls are probably spiritual, and about the end-times. From context, the Bowls are fulfilled in the Middle East.

This below table is only intended as a study guide. Different interpretations are possible. Nevertheless, the Last Trumpet still sets end-time chronology (1 Cor 15:52, and Rev 10:6-7 and 11:15).

Since it does, the seventh Seal, the seventh Trumpet and the seventh Bowl must ALL be fulfilled BEFORE the return of the Lord for the church.

Here is a brief table showing how these visions are fulfilled during the Christian Era:

The Seven Seals

1st Seal -- *White Horse, Conquerors, World Leaders, and Rulers

Rev 6:2 And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

2nd Seal -- *Red Horse, Warfare among Nations

Rev 6:4 And there went out another horse that was red: and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

3rd Seal -- *Black Horse, Rich get richer, and the Poor get poorer (The penny was a day's wage, thus food would be expensive for the poor. Only the rich could afford oil and wine.)

Rev 6:6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny; and see thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

4th Seal -- *Ashen Horse, Natural disasters and man killing man

Rev 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

*These Horsemen are probably the same four destructive angels seen in Rev 7:2.

5th Seal -- Altar of God, Dead in Christ of the Christian Era now with Jesus

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

Rev 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

6th Seal -- Earthquake, Present day to Armageddon

The Seven Bowls of Wrath

Unlike the Seals and Trumpets, the Seven Bowls give us a geographic location of these final trials:

The River Euphrates (Rev 16:12-14).

That is the Middle East, and the domain of Leopard-Bear-Lion, the Islamic World. Since these are the "final" plagues, they probably refer to the end-times which appear to have begun in 1967AD.

As appears to be true of the Seven Trumpets, these plagues seem to be about what is happening behind the scenes, in the invisible spiritual world.

They could have a literal fulfillment (like in the war with Iraq), but the allegorical language employed makes it appear that a literal interpretation is not the Lord's intent for these prophecies.

1st Bowl -- Death and disease (spiritual) on the servants of Satan.

Rev 16:2 And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

2nd Bowl -- Few Christians left in the world.

Rev 16:3 And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea (peoples); and it became as the blood of a dead man; and every living soul died in the sea.

3rd Bowl -- Gospel of truth greatly polluted with false doctrines.

Rev 16:4 And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

Rev 16:6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

4th Bowl -- Because of God's Word, many natural disasters upon mankind.

Rev 16:8 And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun (Jesus); and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

5th Bowl -- Spiritual darkness covers the Islamic World.

Rev 16:10 And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for (spiritual) pain,

Rev 16:11 And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

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6th Bowl -- Present day to Armageddon. Islam again released to scourge the Earth a 2nd time. (see note)

Rev 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.

Rev 16:13 And I saw three unclean spirits (the spirits influencing the Leopard-Bear-Lion) like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the (scarlet) beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet (Muhammad).

Rev 16:14 For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty (Armageddon).

7th Bowl -- Final Judgment on the Wicked, and The Eternal Kingdom of God.

NOTE: Understanding the Day, Month, and Year of Rev 9:13-14 as fulfilled in the time of Two Witnesses (ending in 1948AD); it appears that much of the 6th Trumpet has been fulfilled!

End of study

The room is open for discussion