

I, John, your brother and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom and perseverance which are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

- Revelation 1:9



Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to <u>cast some of you into prison</u>, so that you will be tested, and <u>you will have tribulation</u> for ten days. Be faithful <u>until death</u>, and I will give you the crown of life.

- Revelation 2:10



I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

- Revelation 2:13

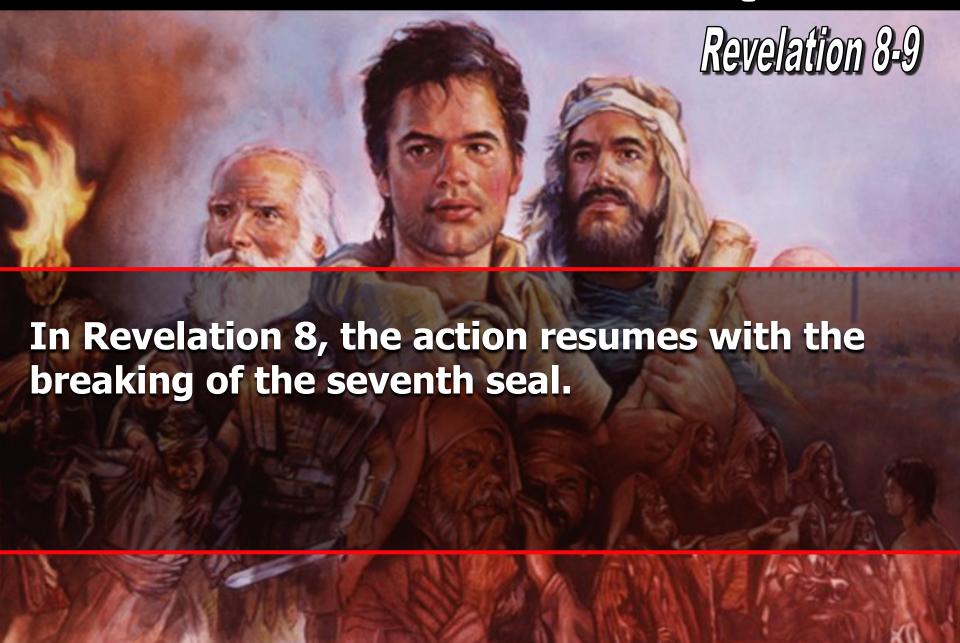




In Revelation 6, Jesus (the Lion and Lamb) began to open a book in the right hand of God that was sealed with seven seals. Six of the seven seals were broken.



Revelation 7 provides a pause in the action while God assures His people that He would take care of them during this difficult time. God also promises to ultimately bring them into heaven.





There are three series of seven that dominates the action found in Revelation.

- Seven Seals (Revelation 6)
- Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8-9)
- Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (Revelation 16)

THE STORY OF REVELATION

The seven seals tell us the basic story!

The seven trumpets represent God's warning.

The seven bowls represent God's full judgment!





There is also a pattern that is followed.

- The first four are similar.
- There is an interlude (break in the action) between the sixth and seventh.
- The seven in the series are transitional.



The seventh seal moves us to a new series of seven. Now the action will center around the seven angels who will sound the seven trumpets. As each one sounds, important events take place.

Chapter 12

The Great Red Dragon

Satan

Chapter 13

The Sea Beast

Political Power of Rome

Chapter 13

The Earth Beast

False Religion of Rome

Chapter 14

Babylon,
The Harlot

Immorality of Rome



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Notes: The silence probably represents the reverence towards this event; this seventh seal being broken is the beginning of God's judgment on the empire. The angels being given the trumpets signifies God giving them authority to carry out His will. The language of verse 3 symbolizes the prayers of God's people. The language of verse 4 signifies God hearing and receiving their prayers.

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Trumpet 4: a third part of the sun, moon and stars darkened.



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Trumpet 6:

External invasion?





Two kingdoms still compete for the hearts of men. Which will we choose?