





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. The next two are different.
- 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.

Verses 1-4: There is silence in heaven; seven angels are given seven trumpets; the prayers of God's people go before Him; God hears their prayers.

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.



The sounding of the next two trumpets offer even more severe judgments than the first four (Revelation 8:13).





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