



THE STORY OF REVELATION

Revelation Review

1. Chapters 1-3: The message to the churches.

- **This book is a revelation of Christ (Revelation 1:1).**
- **This is a book of prophecy (Revelation 1:3).**
- **This is a book of signs and symbols (Revelation 1:1).**
- **This is a book written for a specific audience (Revelation 1:4).**
- **The background is one of tribulation (Revelation 1:9).**
- **These things must “shortly take place!” (Revelation 1:1, 3).**

Message of the book: Christ Wins (17:14)!

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1. Chapters 1-3: The message to the churches
2. Chapters 4-5: The Visions of the Father and the Lamb
3. Chapter 6: The story of Revelation is told (breaking of the first 6 seals)
4. Chapter 7: The fate of God's people is disclosed
5. Chapters 8-9: God's warning judgments (the first 6 trumpets)
6. Chapter 10: No more warnings! Judgment is coming!

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**The seven seals tell us
the basic story!**

**The seven trumpets
represent God's warning.**

**The seven bowls
represent God's full
judgment!**



THE SERIES OF SEVEN!

The Seven Trumpets

Revelation 8-9

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.**

REVELATION 8

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.

SEAL [7]

The Seven Trumpets Sound!

REVELATION 8

Trumpet 1: hail and fire burn the earth's trees and grass. Vegetation is destroyed.

Trumpet 2: a third part of the sea becomes blood.

Trumpet 3: a third part of the land waters are used as instruments to bring the wicked to repentance.

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



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Trumpet 6:

External invasion?



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REVELATION 10

Chapter 9 concluded with the sounding of the sixth trumpet. In keeping with the pattern we find in these series of seven, chapters 10-11 follow with an interlude. This break in the action is designed to give comfort and hope to the people of God during these difficult times. We need to keep this in mind as we try to interpret the visions of this interlude.



An Interlude: The Angel and the Little Book

THE REVELATION

The background image is a dramatic illustration of the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse. They are depicted riding their respective horses across a landscape that appears to be a giant, unrolled scroll. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds. The horses are white, red, black, and pale, each with a rider. The overall tone is apocalyptic and intense.

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