

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for
March 9, 2025

*"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet;
for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised
imperishable, and we will be changed." – 1Corinthians 15:52*



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“*” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Revelation 1:1-7

Leader: The Revelation (literally the “Apocalypse”) of Jesus Christ,

People: Which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants,

Leader: The things which must soon take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel

People: To His bond-servant John,

Leader: Who testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ,

People: Even to all that he saw.

Leader: Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it;

People: For the time is near.

Leader: John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come,

People: And from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Leader: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

People: To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood—

Leader: And He has made us to be a kingdom,

People: Priests to His God and Father

Leader: To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.

People: Amen.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Texts – Isaiah 43:25

25 I, even I, am the one who wipes out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

***Hymn #167** (red hymnal) – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Scripture Reading

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]
[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

*Doxology #731 (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Prayer of Dedication

*Sung Psalm #65A – “Awaiting You in Zion”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – Westminster Larger Catechism, 191.

Leader:	<i>What do we pray for in the second petition (of the Lord’s Prayer which is “Thy Kingdom come?”)</i>	Matt 6:10
People:	We acknowledge ourselves and all mankind to be by nature under the dominion of sin and Satan,	Eph 2:2-3
Leader:	<i>We pray, that the kingdom of sin and Satan may be destroyed,</i>	Ps 68:1,18; Rev 12:10-11
People:	The gospel propagated throughout the world,	2Thes 3:1
Leader:	<i>The Jews called,</i>	Rom 10:1
People:	The fullness of the Gentiles brought in;	John 17:9,20; Rom 11:25-26; Ps 67
Leader:	<i>The church furnished with all gospel-officers</i>	Matt 9:38
People:	And ordinances,	2Thes 3:1
Leader:	<i>Purged from corruption, countenanced and maintained</i>	Mal 1:11; Zeph 3:9
People:	By the civil magistrate:	1Tim 2:1-2
Leader:	<i>And the ordinances of Christ may be purely dispensed, and made effectual to the converting of those that are yet in their sins, and the confirming, comforting, and building up of those that are already converted:</i>	Acts 4:29-30 Eph 6:18-20 Rom 15:29-30,32 2Thes 1:11; 2Thes 2:16-17
People:	That Christ would rule in our hearts here, and hasten the time of His second coming,	Eph 3:14-20
Leader:	<i>And our reigning with him for ever:</i>	Rev 22:20
People:	And that He would be pleased so to exercise the kingdom of His power in all the world,	Is 64:1-2
Leader:	<i>As may best conduce to these ends.</i>	Rev 4:8-11

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

*Sermon Text – Revelation 8:1-6

*Gloria Patri #735 (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “The Seventh Seal”
(A Sermon Series on Revelation 4-7)

***Hymn #290** (red hymnal) – “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

***Benediction**

All are welcome for Fellowship & Food downstairs after Worship

Announcements

- **New Members Classes** will start soon. If you are interested in joining the church, or have questions, please contact Pastor Doug.
- As of now, **Wednesday Study** will begin at the standard time of **6:30 PM**.
Gen Alpha Club will start on March 12th and meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday.
- *Snow Cancellation Policy:* Though TRC is loathed to cancel **Sunday worship**, because of the rural location of the Grange, and that Rt 263 seems to be of low snow-plowing priority we are going to take a moderate approach to cancellation. If we cancel, everyone will be emailed, and it will be posted on Channel #3 and the church’s facebook & webpage.
When it comes to **week-day studies**, Pastor Doug is very liberal about canceling (he lives on a rural hill). He will email and call everyone, however, if in doubt, study is probably canceled.

Upcoming Events

- There will be a **Ladies Bingo & Pot-Luck Supper Night** on Friday, March 28th at 6:00 PM (with a snow date of Friday, April 4th) at the Gabelmanns’ pool-house. All adult ladies are welcome!
- Easter is on April 20th.

Regular Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 – c.10:00 AM	Sunday School Children’s curriculum: KVB Publications Women’s Study: Baucham’s <u>Expository Apologetics</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism Worship (Lord’s Supper on the 1 st Sunday of the month) Coffee Hour Fellowship
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	Tuesday Study (Evangelism in Acts) at Pastor Doug’s house
<i>Wednesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	Wednesday Study (on Exodus) at Pastor Doug’s house
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM	Young Adult Discussion Group at Pastor Doug’s house (1 st & 3 rd Fridays)
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	
<i>Saturday</i>	6:30 – ??? PM	Prayer Group at the Gabelmann’s. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	

ONLINE RESOURCES

<i>TRC’s Webpage:</i>	TrinityReformedCT.org
<i>TRC’s Facebook Page:</i>	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
<i>TRC’s Youtube Channel:</i>	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
<i>Pastor Doug’s</i>	youtube.com/simplyreformed
<i>Youtube Channels:</i>	youtube.com/@PilgrimsOfPlunder

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: trcnwprayer@gmail.com. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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Sermon Notes

Revelation 8:1-6

"The Seventh Seal"

A Sermon Series on Revelation 4-7

March 9, 2025

Introduction

- 1) We have been going through Revelation 4-7 and we are at the final sermon of this series.
- 2) Thank you!
- 3) Revelation 4-20 is rarely preached in many churches.
 - a) No other book in the Bible is there such wild different interpretations as with the Book of Revelation.
 - b) Probably the most famous example: Who is the 1st Horseman of the Apocalypse on the white horse who "*went out conquering and to conquer.*" - Rev 6:2b
 - i) Is he the anti-christ in the future? (No.)
 - ii) Or is he Jesus Christ, and with His Gospel, going forth right now to conquer? (Yes.)
- 4) Of course there is freedom on how you interpret this book.
 - a) Many very smart and devout Christians would disagree with Pastor Doug's approach, and that is fine.¹
 - b) And if you disagree then thank you for your patience and charity!
 - c) However, you have to pick a camp to preach it.
 - i) Saying, "*who knows what it means*" is not preaching.
 - ii) Nor is listing various different interpretations and letting the audience pick.

¹ Steve Gregg's book [Revelation: Four Views – A Parallel Commentary](#) (Thomas Nelson, 1997) is a very helpful book that explains the four views and then goes through Revelation, chapter by chapter, in four columns giving each camp's understanding of the text. Also, I have numerous study handouts, from previous studies on Revelation I have lead, if you would like them.

- d) As the Scripture commands pastors: "*preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.*" - 2Timothy 4:2

Preaching means to: Announce in an official capacity (Rev 5:2), especially publicly (Mark 5:20), with the goal to persuade, urge, and warn to comply. (Rom 10:14; 1Pet 3:19; Mark 16:15,20)

- 5) Revelation itself, commands that it be preached, and promises a blessing.

- a) Revelation 1:3 – "*Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed/keep the things which are written in it; for the time is near.*"
- b) To preach it, you have to pick a camp, and Pastor Doug's follows the ***idealist amillennialist*** approach.²

Idealist Amillennialism

- 1) **Idealism** is the idea that the various symbols and figures in Revelation generally represent not a specific event or person but a general concept, the "ideal" of the thing, whether it is for good or evil.

- a) For example, the 2nd Horseman of the Apocalypse, the Red Horseman of Rev 6:3-4, for most Idealists represents war that will continue to the end of the age because man is fallen, and in particular the violent persecution of the church. Matt 10:34; 24:6; John 15:20; 16:33; Rom 8:35; 1Cor 4:12; 2Cor 4:9; 2Tim 3:12

- b) Instead of the Roman siege of Jerusalem in 70 AD (Preterist View), or the period of Roman history from 180 to 240 AD (Historicist View), or a future Russia and its Arab allies (a Futurist View).

- 2) **Amillennialism** teaches that Revelation is mostly not about the future, or the past, but this present age.

- a) By "present age" we mean anytime between Christ's two advents.

- i) 1st Advent = Jesus's birth 2,000 years ago during the Christmas.
- ii) 2nd Advent = Jesus's return at the end of this age to bring in the final age, the perfect New Heavens and New Earth.

- b) So, Revelation speaks to the church in 125 AD, 1025 AD, 2025 AD and 3025 AD - if our Lord hasn't returned by that time.

- c) Most amillennialists believe Revelation is a collection of seven different visions that cover this age, the great tribulation at the end of this age, and the final age to come - the New Heavens and New Earth.

- i) We covered the 2nd Vision in this sermon series on Revelation 4-7.

Rev 4:1-6:11	This present age.
Rev 6:12-7:8	The Great Tribulation at the end of this age.
Rev 7:9-17	The perfect final age to come

² I would strongly recommend William Hendriksen's More Than Conquerors: An Interpretation of the Book of Revelation, (Baker, 1940). In my opinion, it is not only the best commentary on Revelation, it is one of the top ten most influential Christian books on my life.

ii) Thus, Revelation repeats itself seven times.³

iii) Which is not surprising how much Revelation uses the concept of seven.⁴

3) In Pastor Doug's opinion, the idealist amillennialist approach is the best way to interpret Revelation because:

a) It is one of the most ancient ways of reading Revelation.

Goes back to the very beginning of the church.⁵

b) Since the time of the great theologian Augustine (d.430 AD), it has dominated in the history of interpretation.

c) Instead of encouraging wild political speculations, it focuses on the main themes of the book, and all the New Testament, which include:

i) The call to the church to be faithful, even during times of persecution.

ii) To teach that God is sovereign, that He is working out His perfect plan.

iii) Christ is reigning in heaven and His gospel is going out and "pillaging" the nations, by transforming dead sinners into alive saints from all the nations. Thus populating Christ's Kingdom.

iv) Even suffering is by God's plan, thus the evil in this age we endure has meaning and purpose, though we might not understand this side of glory.

v) Revelation is one of the greatest books in the Bible to understand the very nature of God, His holiness, and especially the critical doctrine of the Trinity.

vi) Revelation is one of the greatest books in the Bible to understand worship.

d) I think one of the most powerful arguments for the amillennialist approach is that it makes the book meaningful to the original recipients and all Christians throughout this age.

i) If Revelation is mostly about the future, it has little meaning to the original recipients. Besides Rev 1:1 tells us "*the things which must soon take place*".

ii) If Revelation is mostly about the past (i.e. the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD) then it has little meaning for us today.

e) Amillennialism is not the most exciting way to interpret the book but it is the most calm, balanced, and biblical way to read Revelation to understanding its plain meaning.

³ William Hendriksen argues Revelation is divided into seven visions:

	<u>Vision 1</u>	<u>Vision 2</u>	<u>Vision 3</u>	<u>Vision 4</u>	<u>Vision 5</u>	<u>Vision 6</u>	<u>Vision 7</u>
Present Church Age:	1:1-3:22	4:1-6:11	8:1-12	12:1-13:18	15:1-16:12	17:1-18:24	20:1-6
Tribulation - End of this Age:	---	6:12-7:8	8:13-11:14	14:1-13	16:12-16	---	---
Perfect Final Age to Come:	---	7:9-17	11:15-19	14:14-20	16:17-21	19:1-21	20:7-22:21

⁴ • 7 spirits to describe the Holy Spirit. (Rev 3:1; 4:5)

• Originally written to 7 churches in Asia Minor (modern Western Turkey). (Rev 1:4,11)

• And the churches are shown as seven stars. (Rev 1:16,20)

• Seven golden lampstands. (Rev 1:12)

• Seven angels/ministers watch over the seven churches. (Rev 1:20)

• Seven seals on the scroll which is God's plan for this age. (Rev 5:1,5; 6:1)

• The Lamb (Christ) has seven horns and seven eyes. (Rev 5:6)

• Seven angels have seven trumpets. (Rev 8:2,6)

• Seven peals of thunder. (Rev 10:3-4)

• Even Satan, the red dragon, has 7 heads and 7 diadems. (Rev 12:3)

• And the beast has seven heads. (Rev 13:1; 17:3,7-11)

• There are 7 angels with 7 plagues. (Rev 15:1; 21:9)

⁵ For a very interesting, though technical read, see: *Regnum Caelorum: Patterns of Millennial Thought in Early Christianity* by Charles E. Hill (Eerdmans, 2001).

- i) I realized something new while preaching through Revelation in this series.
 - ii) Though you might agree with how Amillennial interprets one of the various figures in Revelation, however, its conclusion (e.g. be faithful, worship God, etc.) none one will disagree with.
- f) The two key texts to understand Revelation are:
- i) The very beginning of Revelation.
 - Revelation 1:1a - "*The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants . . .*"
 - Revelation is about Jesus and His church!
 - ii) 1Peter 4:7ff is, I think, a great text to have a balanced view of end times things.
 - It begins with "*The end of all things is near . . .*"
 - The next word is "therefore . . ." and what follows is not wild end times speculation but the church should: Be of sound judgment, sober in spirit, be in prayer, have love for one another in the church, including being hospitable, and whatever you're good at do it for the service of others.
- 4) Keep this in mind as we approach today's sermon text.

Revelation 8:1-6

- 1) In Revelation 4-7 we have been hearing about a seven sealed scroll.
- a) It is God the Father's plan for His church, and all creation, to the very end of this age. Rev 5:1ff
 - b) Only the Son, shown as the risen Lamb, can reveal and execute God's plan, opening one seal at a time. Rev 5:3-5
 - c) Seals 1-6 about this present age.
 - i) The 1st Seal is about this present age and is Jesus Christ Himself, and His Gospel, going forth (spiritually) "*conquering and to conquer.*" Rev 6:1-2
 - ii) Seals 2-4 are about this present evil age where the church will be persecuted because of Christ and His Gospel. Rev 6:3-8
Gal 1:4
 - iii) The 5th Seal shows the saints in heaven, especially those martyred, who cry out for justice for their brothers and sisters on earth being persecuted, even though they in heaven have been made perfect (as shown by having white robes) and are at rest. Rev 6:9-11
 - iv) The 6th Seal is about the future, the end of this age, when Christ returns and His saints go into glory. Rev 6:11ff
- 2) But what about the 7th Seal? Why does this section (chapters 4-7) end with the sixth 6th?
Keep on reading chapter 8.
- 3) Revelation 8:1 – "*When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.*"
- a) As C.S. Lewis pointed out, the two greatest sounds are silence and (good) music.
 - i) Unlike noise, which is just hellish.
 - ii) Silence can be profound, powerful, comforting and scary.

b) In Scripture, as in Revelation 8:1, silence by God is a thing of awe, fear, and preparation because God is about to act. Just judgments and justice are about to go forth powerfully.

Ps 31:17; 115:17; Is 47:5;
1Sam 2:9-10; Lam 2:10-11;
Ezek 27:32; Amos 8:2-3;
Hab 2:20; Zeph 1:7; 2:13

4) But I thought with the end of the 6th seal we are in the glorious final age? Judgment is now coming? What is going on?

a) Because the story has rebooted.

b) The 7th Seal starts the story all over again.

c) We are back to the beginning of this church age with Christ's 1st Advent.

d) Don't believe me? Keep on reading.

5) John sees 7 angels are given 7 trumpets.

Rev 8:2

a) We have moved from John's 2nd Vision (Rev 4-7) to the 3rd (Rev 8-11)

b) We are going from 7 seals to 7 trumpets.

c) Remember "7" symbolically represent completeness.

d) The trumpets, like the seals, will cover this age into the next.

Present age: Rev 6:1-11 Rev 8:1-12

Tribulation: Rev 6:12-17 Rev 8:13-11:14

Next age: Rev 7:9-17 Rev 11:15-19

[See the appendix at the end for a complete outline & comparisons of the 2nd & 3rd visions.]

e) The 7th Seal moves to the imagery of the 7 Trumpets, which restarts the story and gives us additional information.

6) What follows are things we have heard before.

7) An angel stands before the altar "*holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.*" – Rev 8:3-4

a) We read in Revelation 5:8 there are "*golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints*" before God enthroned in heaven.

Heb 9:4

b) We learned in Revelation 5:8 that our imperfect prayers here are pleasing incense before God.

c) In Revelation 8:3 we learn heavenly perfection is added to our prayers! Especially the prayers of the persecuted.

d) Our prayers are much more powerful than you realize.

e) Not only do they make heaven fragrant and pleasing to God, which should be enough! They also affect the earth now.

8) Revelation 8:5 – "*Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.*"

a) Thunder, Lightning & Earthquake all represent God's presence & judgment

Ex 19:16-18; Ps 18:7-13; 77:18-19;
Is 29:6; Rev 11:19; 16:18

- b) Our prayers bring judgment to the wicked during this present evil age.
- c) Wait?! I thought . . .
- i) The church doesn't have the power of the sword? Rom 13:1-8; 2Cor 10:4
 - ii) Christians are supposed to love their enemies? Matt 5:43
 - iii) And that we are to prayer for our enemies? Matt 5:44
- d) Yes, yes and yes.
- e) The church does not seek vengeance – but God does! For His glory and to bring justice for His people. (It is amazing how many Christians leave out the underlined parts.)
- f) Romans 12:14-21 – *“Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation. Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*
- 9) Remember, Revelation was originally written to a tiny and greatly persecuted church in the 1st century against the full power of the Roman Empire.
- a) How powerful it is for them to know that their prayers are heard and have great effect.
 - b) In the earthly sense, maybe not immediately, but certainly over time.
 - c) By the 4th century AD, the Roman Empire went Christian.
Their prayers, like ours, will be answered as determined by God.
- 10) We (modern Christians), like them (originally receivers of Revelation) are pilgrims in this fallen age.
- a) There will be persecution and travail.
 - b) And it probably gets very bad right before the end.
 - c) However, this is all by God's plan, and we know who wins in the end, because we have been told – in Revelation!
 - d) As my favorite commentary on Revelation is entitled: *“We are more than conquerors through him that loved us”* – Rom 8:37b
 - e) There are 7 trumpets which announce God's perfect plan for this age and into the next. Like 7 seals.
- 11) As we read in our final verse for today: *“And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.”* – Rev 8:6
- a) The 7th seal restarts the story.
 - b) Trumpets 1-4 proclaim judgment on this fallen earth throughout this age.
 - c) Trumpets 5-6 describe the Great Tribulation.
 - d) The 7th Trumpet calls for the end of the age, final judgment and beginning of the new.

12) Go read the end of this section!

- a) Revelation 11:14-19 is one of the glorious descriptions of the end.
- b) By the way, if you keep on reading into Revelation 12, the beginning of the 4th vision, the story clearly reboots and describes from the heavenly persecutive (oh the blessing of having the Book of Revelation!) the story of the birth of Jesus, the 1st Advent, 2,000 years ago.

Conclusion

1) Why does Revelation repeat 7 times in 7 visions?

- a) Doesn't literally say.
- b) However, repetition is very helpful, especially good news during times of persecution.
- c) And it is good that we can take in such overwhelming heavenly images in smaller sections.
- d) And 7 in the Bible, and especially in Revelation, is the symbolic number of perfection.
 - i) The days of creation are seven. Six of work and one of rest. Gen 1-2
With the sabbath being on the 7th day & 7th year. Lev 25
 - ii) Noah was commanded to taken seven pairs of every clean animal Gen 7:2
into the ark.
 - iii) Many OT rituals required a seven-day period of purification. Lev 14
 - iv) Joshua marched around Jericho to bring its destruction Josh 6:4-15
seven times.
 - v) Naaman was told to dip himself seven times in the Jordan River 2Kgs 5:10
to be healed of leprosy.
 - vi) Seven times the Lord Jesus uses the statement "*I Am*" John 6:35; 8:12; 10:7,11;
in John, thus making Himself out to be God. John 11:25; 14:6; 15:1

2) We are in that place of work, of remaining faithful, however, there will be time of perfect rest.

3) Romans 8:31-39.

- 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
- 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;
- 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.
- 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 36 Just as it is written, "For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."
- 37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.
- 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
- 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Appendix - Comparison of Revelation 6-7 with 8-11

	<u>Rev 6-7</u>	<u>Rev 8-11</u>
<i>Current Church Age</i>	1st Seal - White Horseman (Jesus & the Gospel) Rev 6:1-2	7th Seal - Silence (Censers, Prayer & Trumpets) Rev 8:1-6
	2nd Seal - Red Horseman (Persecution of the church) Rev 6:3-4	1st Trumpet (Judgment on the earth) Rev 8:7
	3rd Seal - Black Horseman (Christian economic hardship) Rev 6:5-6	2nd Trumpet (Judgment on the sea) Rev 8:8-9
	4th Seal - Ashen Horseman (Warfare & martyrdom) Rev 6:7-8	3rd Trumpet (Death by poison) Rev 8:10-11
	5th Seal - Saints in Heaven (Heavenly saints call out for justice) Rev 6:9-11	4th Trumpet (Increased darkness) Rev 8:12
<i>Great Tribulation</i>	6th Seal - Terror (Wrath of God is unleashed) Rev 6:12-17	5th Trumpet & 1st Woe (Demonic forces unleashed) Rev 8:13-9:12
	Interlude (Wrath Restrained for a Bit) Rev 7:1-3 (Saints Sealed & Protected) Rev 7:4-8	6th Trumpet (Massive warfare) Rev 9:13-21
		Interlude (Angelic Little Book, 7 Thunders) Rev 10:1-11 (Temple measured, church protected) Rev 11:1-6
		2nd Woe Rev 11:7-14 (Church defeated!?, Rapture & Wrath)
<i>The End of the Age</i>	Glories of Heaven Rev 7:9-17	7th Trumpet & 3rd Woe Rev 11:15-19 Final Judgment & New Heaven