

## A PROPOSED CHRONOLOGY OF THE TRIBULATION—Part 8

### “THE GREAT TRIBULATION”—THE LAST 3½ YEARS

#### Matthew 24:21

<sup>21</sup> *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

#### Daniel 12:1

<sup>1</sup> *And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: **and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time:** and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.*

- The Seven angels are given the seven trumpets.

#### Revelation 8:2

<sup>2</sup> *And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.*

- These seven trumpet judgments are not due to man’s activity, global warming or nuclear war. They are the supernatural judgment of God.

XII. First Trumpet—hail and fire mingled with blood burn up one-third of the earth’s vegetation.

#### Revelation 8:7

<sup>7</sup> *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.*

XIII. Second Trumpet—a great fireball from heaven: one-third of the oceans become blood. One third of the sea life die and one third of the ships are destroyed.

#### Revelation 8:8-9

<sup>8</sup> *And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;*

<sup>9</sup> *And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*

XIV. Third Trumpet—falling star: one third of all fresh water turns bitter and many people die from drinking it.

**Revelation 8:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;*

*<sup>11</sup> And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; **and many men died of the waters**, because they were made bitter.*

XV. Fourth Trumpet—darkness: one third of the sun, moon, and stars darkened.

**Revelation 8:12**

*<sup>12</sup> And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.*

- The three woes are announced.

**Revelation 8:13**

*<sup>13</sup> And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, **Woe, woe, woe**, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!*

XVI. Fifth Trumpet—demonic invasion: fallen angels, like locusts, are released from the bottomless pit to torment men for 5 months lead by their king Abaddon, Apollyon (Satan). **This is the 1<sup>st</sup> woe.**

**Revelation 9:1-12**

XVII. Sixth Trumpet—army of 200 million evil angels as horsemen will kill one third of mankind.

**Revelation 9:13-21**

**This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe.**

**Revelation 11:14**

*<sup>14</sup> The second woe is past; and, behold, **the third woe cometh quickly.***

XVIII. Seventh Trumpet—a vision of the future yet to come

**Revelation 11:15**

*<sup>15</sup> And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

The Seventh Trumpet Judgements are followed by the Seven Bowl (Vial) Judgments.

XIX. First Bowl—Poured upon the earth bringing a plague of terrible sores upon everyone who has denied Jesus Christ and received the mark of the beast.

**Revelation 16:2**

*<sup>2</sup> 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.***

XX. Second Bowl— Poured upon the sea and all of the seas become blood. Every living creature in the sea dies.

**Revelation 16:3**

*<sup>3</sup> And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea.*

XXI. Third Bowl—Poured upon the fresh water and it's turned to blood.

**Revelation 16:4**

*<sup>4</sup> And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.*

XXII. Fourth Bowl—Poured upon the sun which causes intense scorching heat. Men are scorched with great heat, and still blaspheme God and refuse to repent.

**Revelation 16:8-9**

*<sup>8</sup> And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.*

*<sup>9</sup> 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.***

XXIII. Fifth Bowl—Poured upon the Antichrist's kingdom. Every area of land claimed by the Antichrist is covered by darkness. They still refused to repent.

**Revelation 16:10-11**

*<sup>10</sup> 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 pain,*

*<sup>11</sup> And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.*

XXIV. Sixth Bowl—Poured upon the river Euphrates. The drying up of the Euphrates makes way for the armies of the east (China, India, and others) to make their way to Jerusalem, setting the stage for the battle of Armageddon.

**Revelation 16:12-16**

XXV. Seventh Bowl—Poured upon the air. Storms and the largest earthquake ever. The city Babylon is destroyed.

**Revelation 16:17-21**

XXVI. The Destruction of Babylon the Great. **Revelation 18**

The war with Babylon began approximately 4500 years ago when Nimrod established a one world government and a one world religion. God scattered the people at that time but the religious system and the city of Babylon have continued to exist to today.

The book of Daniel brings Babylon back into the picture with Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of the temple and the city of Jerusalem and taking the Jews captive. Nebuchadnezzar's grandson, Belshazzar, desecrates the temple vessels by bringing them into his party and drinking wine from them. Belshazzar was killed that night and the city taken captive by the Persians, but it wasn't destroyed. When the Greeks lead by Alexander the Great captured the Medo-Persian Empire, the city of Babylon was made their capital.

The apostle Peter may have preached at a church in the city of Babylon.

**1 Peter 5:13**

<sup>13</sup> *The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son.*

In 2010, there was a multinational peace force headquartered in the city of Babylon. It was called Camp Babylon.

Through all these times of battle and capture, the city of Babylon has never been totally destroyed. It must be rebuilt and rise to prominence before its destruction at the end of the tribulation. Many scriptures tell that God will one day totally destroy Babylon to the extent that it will never again be inhabited.

**Jeremiah 50:39**

<sup>39</sup> *Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited **for ever**; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.*

**Jeremiah 51:29, 37, 43**

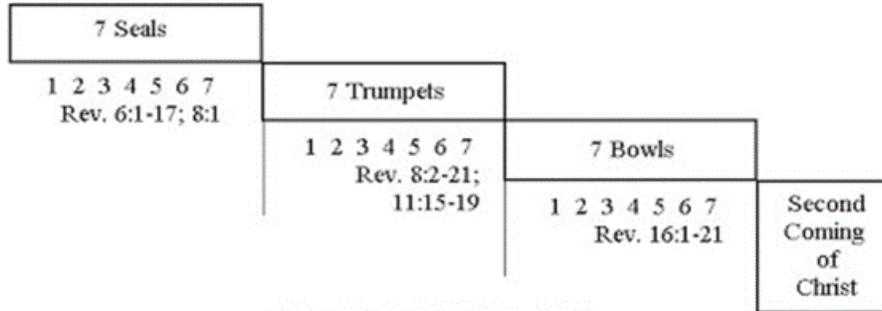
<sup>29</sup> *And the land shall tremble and sorrow: for every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant. ...*

<sup>37</sup> *And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwellingplace for dragons, an astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant. ...*

<sup>43</sup> *Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.*

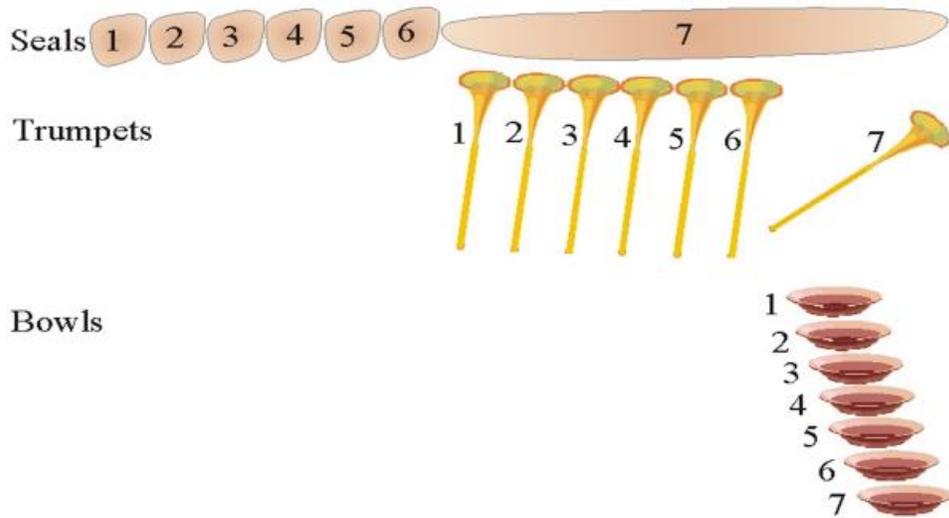
### Order of Judgments

(Revelation 6:1-16:21)



(Adapted from Dr. John F. Walvoord, 1990, "The Prophecy Knowledge Handbook," p. 553.)

### Traditional view



Yr.1	Yr.2	Yr.3	Yr.4 Midpoint	Yr.5	Yr.6	Yr.7	75 Days
				The 1 <sup>st</sup> trumpet 1/3 of vegetation			
				The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trumpet 1/3 of all sea creatures die			
				The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trumpet Falling star			
				The 4 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet Darkness			
				The 5 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet Demonic invasion			
				The 6 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet 1/3 of people killed			
				The 7 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet Vison of the future			

Yr.1	Yr.2	Yr.3	Yr.4 Midpoint	Yr.5	Yr.6	Yr.7	75 Days
				The 1 <sup>st</sup> Bowl Plague of terrible sores			
				The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bowl All sea life dies			
				The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bowl Fresh water turned to blood			
				The 4 <sup>th</sup> Bowl Scorching heat			
				The 5 <sup>th</sup> Bowl On the Beasts Kingdom			
				The 6 <sup>th</sup> Bowl Euphrates dried up			
				The 7 <sup>th</sup> Bowl Babylon destroyed			