

# Seven Churches of Revelation

## Judgements

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**Series Thread:** “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

**Message Thread:** God is trying to BLESS you with this revelation.

### God’s saving grace:

- He comes for us - I Thessalonians 4:16-18, I Thessalonians 1:10, I Thessalonians 5:9 – 11 ESV

### How are we saved from this wrath?

- Death – those in Christ
- Rapture - not a Bible word but describes Jesus’ words about an event we know as our blessed hope.
  - Jesus comes:
    - He comes for us: rapture - to save us from the wrath coming on evil and injustice.
    - He comes to remove His Church from the coming judgement on evil’s reign of pain.

### Critical to know for the coming visions:

- Revelations’ visions are given in the eastern mindset of time.
  - Western: Linear - Emphasis on the sequence of events to create a timeline from start to finish.
  - Eastern: Holistic - Emphasis on seeing the whole picture. Timeline details are important, but less important than what the whole picture is meant to convey.
- The chapters moving forward from here are meant to give conviction, comfort, and clarity.
- A general timeline can be understood from the visions but after the whole picture has been viewed.

The 7 Seals - Play out over the course of 7 years

- 1 - The white horse - Conqueror, evil masquerading as good
- 2 - Red horse - Bloodshed
- 3 - Black horse - Greed, injustice, hunger, and famine
- 4 - Pale horse - Lingering death
- 5 - Souls of the Great Tribulation martyrs under the altar
- 6 - The great earthquake

The 7 Trumpets - Play out over the course of 7 years

- 1 - Hail, fire, and blood - 1/3 of earth’s trees and grass destroyed
- 2 - Burning mountain - 1/3 of sea life and ships destroyed
- 3 - Star Wormwood - 1/3 of rivers are turned bitter causing many to die
- 4 - Sun diminished - 1/3 of heavens turn to darkness shielding sun, moon, and stars; 1/3 of day and night has no light
- 5 - Plague of locust - loosed from the abyss to torment humanity for 5 months
- 6 - Plague of horsemen - 200 million horsemen kill 1/3 of mankind with fire, smoke, and sulfur
- 7 - The Kingdom of God has brought justice for the sins of mankind

The 7 Bowls - Play out over the course of 7 years

- 1 - Plague of boils
- 2 - Plague of sea turning to blood
- 3 - Plague of rivers turning to blood
- 4 - Plague of heat
- 5 - Plague of darkness
- 6 - Plague of Euphrates drying up
- 7 - Plague of hail

The 7 thunders - Revelation 10:4 - 11 ESV

The 2 witnesses - Takes place between the 6th and 7th trumpet.  
Revelation 11 ESV

**Key Text:** Revelation 12:1 - 17 ESV

### Insights:

- Those who follow Jesus are to be comforted by this knowledge.
- God’s justice and judgement is coming. We are simply awaiting the trial.
- We can trust God’s justice and judgement.
- God offers His Grace even in the time of Judgement.
  - Rev. 9:20-21
- What are we the Church to do with this knowledge?
  - Matthew 22:37 – 40 ESV
  - “follow me” Matthew 4:19 ESV

### Challenge:

- What have the words of Jesus exposed? Will you place your FAITH in what has been revealed?
- How does the revelation of Jesus enable you to remain faithful?