

The cosmic events in the 6<sup>th</sup> seal resemble the cosmic event in Matt 24:29-31 as follows:

Rev 6:12-16 (6 <sup>th</sup> Seal)		Matt 24:29-31
Great earthquake		
Sun became black as sackcloth of hair	<->	The sun shall be darkened
Moon became as blood	<->	Moon shall not give her light
Stars of heaven fell unto the earth	<->	Stars shall fall from heaven
Heaven departed as a scroll, rolled together	<->	Powers of the heavens shall be shaken
Every mountain and island moved out of their places		
Men hid themselves, said rocks fall on them and hide from One who sat on throne	<->	Tribes of earth mourn, Son of Man appears in power and glory Send angels with sound of a trumpet <b>Gather together the elect</b>

- a) Review the 7 trumpets and the 7 vials in the tables below. Highlight the differences and also consider possible similarities?

7 Trumpets	7 Vials (PLAGUES)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 8:7) Hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon <u>the earth</u> . ¼ part of trees was burnt up and all green grass was burnt up.	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:2) Poured upon <u>the earth</u> . Fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men with mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 8:8-9) Great mountain burning with fire cast into <u>the sea</u> . ¼ part of sea became blood ¼ part of creatures in sea died ¼ part of the ships were destroyed	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:3) Poured upon <u>the sea</u> . Sea became blood, every living soul died in the sea.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 8:10-11) Great star burning like a lamp, fell from heaven upon ¼ part of <u>the rivers</u> and upon <u>the fountains of waters</u> . Name of the star is Wormwood. ¼ part of the waters became wormwood. Many men died from the waters, became bitter.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:4-7) Poured upon <u>the rivers</u> and <u>fountains of water</u> . Became blood.
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 8:12) ¼ part of <u>sun</u> , moon and stars darkened. ¼ part of day no <u>sun</u> ¼ part of night no stars	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:8-9) Poured upon <u>the sun</u> . Power given to scorch men with fire, great heat. Repented not.

7 Trumpets	7 Vials (PLAGUES)
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet:</b> ( Rev 9:1-11) Star from heaven fell with key, opened bottomless pit, smoke came out. Sun and air darkened. Locusts out of smoke, upon the earth. Locusts have power as scorpions. Commanded to hurt men, no seal of God in their foreheads. Not kill men but torment for 5 months.	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:10-11) Poured upon the seat of the beast. His kingdom full of darkness. Gnawed their tongues for pain. Blasphemed God because of their pains and their sores. Repented not.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 9:12-21) Loosed 4 angels bound in <u>great river Euphrates</u> . Prepared for hour, day, month and year. ¼ part of men slain/killed. Army of horsemen = 200 million. Horses with lion heads. Riders, breastplates of fire, jacinth and brimstone. Riders' mouths: fire, smoke and brimstone. Power in their mouth and tails (like serpents with heads). Repented not.	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:12-16) Poured upon the <u>great river Euphrates</u> . Water dried up. Way of the kings of the east prepared. Unclean spirits, mouth of dragon, beast, false prophet. Spirits of devils, working miracles, goes to kings of the earth and whole world. Gather to battle, great day of God Almighty. Place gathered, Armageddon.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet:</b> (Rev 11:15-19) Lightnings, voices, <u>thunderings</u> , an earthquake and <u>great hail</u> .	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Vial:</b> (Rev 16:17-21) Voices, thunders, lightnings, an earthquake, <u>great hail</u> .

- b) Read Rev 8:5b, Rev 11:19b and Rev 16:18-21.

Compare the similarities between the verses in the table below:

Rev 11:19b (End of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Trumpet)	Rev 16:18-21 (End of the 7 <sup>th</sup> Vial)
Voices	Voices
<u>Thunderings</u>	Thunders
Lightnings	Lightnings
Earthquake	Earthquake
Great hail	Great hail

- c) Read Rev 19:11-16. Compare the table below with the Matt 24:30 coming of Jesus in the clouds as discussed in question 5a.

Rev 19:11-16
White Horse
Faithful & True, the Word of God, King of Kings, Lord of Lords
Eyes as flame of fire, head many crowns, clothed in vesture of blood
Armies from heaven followed him upon white horses
Sharp sword out of mouth to smite nations
He shall rule with a rod of iron