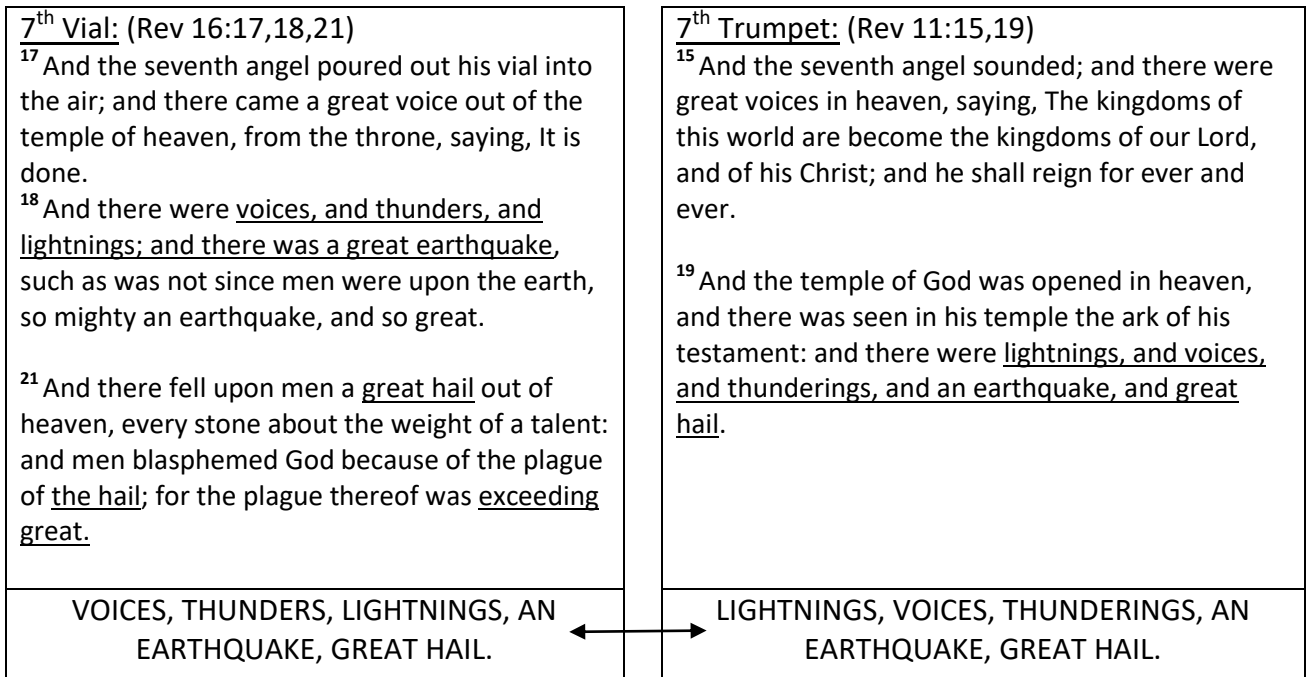


**REVELATION 16:**

1. Positioning on the time line?



2. V1

a) What are the 7 angels instructed to do? (Rev 15:7)

3. V2

1<sup>st</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:2)  
 Poured upon the earth.  
 Fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men with mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image.

1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 8:7)  
 Hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth.  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  part of trees was burnt up and all green grass was burnt up.

- a) How bad will these sores be if they are “noisome and grievous”?
- b) Do you think there will be men that have not received the mark of the beast? Will they be affected by these sores?
- c) Do you think there are any similarities between the 1<sup>st</sup> vial and the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet?

3. V3

2<sup>nd</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:3)  
 Poured upon the sea.  
 Sea became blood, every living soul died in the sea.

2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 8:8-9)  
 Great mountain burning with fire cast into the sea.  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  part of sea became blood  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  part of creatures in sea died  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  part of the ships were destroyed

- a) All the seas are connected. Therefore do you think only an isolated third part of the sea can remain 'blood' and not affect the rest of the sea?
- b) Do you think it is possible that the 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet shows us the beginning stages of turning the sea into blood and then when the 2<sup>nd</sup> vial is poured out, the entire sea is turned into blood?
- c) What are the implications when all sea life dies?
- d) Do you think there are any similarities between the 2<sup>nd</sup> vial and the 2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet?

**4. V4-7**

3<sup>rd</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:4-7)  
 Poured upon the rivers and fountains of water.  
 Became blood.

3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 8:10-11)  
 Great star burning like a lamp, fell from heaven upon 1/3 part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters.  
 Name of the star is Wormwood.  
 1/3 part of the waters became wormwood.  
 Many men died from the waters, became bitter.

- a) What do you think is the "job" of the angel of the waters? (v5)  
 What does v5 teach us about the angels?
- b) Why do you think is the Lord "righteous and true" to judge accordingly? (v5-7)
- c) What do you think is the meaning of "for they are worthy" in this context? (v6)
- d) Do you think there any similarities between the 3<sup>rd</sup> vial and the 3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet?

**5. V8-9**

4<sup>th</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:8-9)  
 Poured upon the sun.  
 Power given to scorch men with fire, great heat.  
 Repented not.

4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 8:12)  
 1/3 part of sun, moon and stars darkened.  
 1/3 part of day no sun  
 1/3 part of night no stars

- a) How do you think will men be scorched with "fire and great heat"? (v8-9)
- b) How is it possible that after such a severe plague, men will still "blaspheme the name of God" and still "repent not"? (v9,11)  
 What does this tell us about mankind?
- c) What do you think is the meaning of "repented not"? (v9, 11)
- d) Do you think there are any similarities between the 4<sup>th</sup> vial and the 4<sup>th</sup> trumpet?

## 6. V10-11

5<sup>th</sup> Vial: (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.

5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: ( 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.

- What is the “seat of the beast” and who is reigning in “his kingdom”? (v10, Rev 13:1-8)
- Do you agree that the 5<sup>th</sup> vial will happen before the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet? Why? (Rev 11:15)
- How bad do you think the pain will be when it says “they gnawed their tongues for pain”? (v10)
- What do you think is the meaning of “repented not of their deeds” in this context? (v11, Rev 9:20-21)
- How do you think men that did not have the mark of the beast are affected at this point? (Rev 16:2)
- Do you think there are any similarities between the 5<sup>th</sup> vial and the 5<sup>th</sup> trumpet?

## 7. V12-16

6<sup>th</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:12-16)  
Poured upon the great river Euphrates.  
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.

6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 9:12-21)  
Loosed 4 angels bound in great river Euphrates.  
Prepared for hour, day, month and year.  
1/3 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.

- What is the main purpose of the Euphrates River being dried up? (v12)
- What is the “false trinity” of Satan in verse 13”?
- What do you think are these “frogs” coming out of the mouths of the dragon, the beast and the false prophet? (v13-14) Are they real frogs?
- What is “the battle of that great day of God Almighty” in this context? (v14-16)  
When will this battle happen? (Rev 19:11-21)

- e) What will Satan do to get the kings of the earth to gather for this battle? (v14)  
Where will they be gathered? (v16)
- f) Who do you think are the kings of the earth? Will the whole world be represented at this battle? (v14)
- g) Where do you think will the women and children be at this point?
- h) Jesus says: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame." Why do you think Jesus is saying these words in this context?
- i) Do you think there are any similarities between the 6<sup>th</sup> vial and the 6<sup>th</sup> trumpet?

**8. V17-21**

7<sup>th</sup> Vial: (Rev 16:17-21)  
Great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne:  
"It is done".

Voices, thunders, lightnings, a great earthquake.  
The great city was divided into three parts.  
The cities of the nations fell.  
Great Babylon in remembrance before God.  
Every island fled away, mountains not found.  
Great hail.

7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet: (Rev 11:15-19)  
Great voices in heaven saying:  
"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."  
The temple of God was opened in heaven, the ark of His testament was seen.

Lightnings, voices, thunderings, an earthquake

Great hail.

- a) What do you think is the significance of "it is done" and "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Christ"? (v17) What is the meaning of "it is" and "are become" in this context?
- b) Describe the intensity of this earthquake. (v18, 20)
- c) What city do you think is "the great city"? What do you think does it mean when the city is divided into three parts? (v19)
- d) What do you think makes Babylon so great? (v19) Why would God give unto Babylon "the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath"? (v19, Rev 17:2)
- e) Can you imagine if we have a hailstorm where the hailstones are ±30kg? Why will men still blaspheme God? (v21)
- f) Do you think there are any similarities between the 7<sup>th</sup> vial and the 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet?

9. To think about:

- a) After comparing and discussing the 7 trumpets and the 7 vials, in what order do you think do they occur?

Do you think there is a possibility that the 7 trumpets and 7 vials happen concurrently or staggered?

Any ideas or suggestions?

- b) Review the verses below:

Rev 3:7	".....These things saith he that is holy, he that is <b>true</b> ....."
Rev 3:14	".....These things saith the Amen, the faithful and <b>true</b> witness....."
Rev 6:10	".....O Lord, holy and <b>true</b> ....."
Rev 15:3	".....Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and <b>true</b> are thy ways....."
Rev 16:7	".....Lord God Almighty, <b>true</b> and righteous are thy judgments....."
Rev 19:2	"For <b>true</b> and righteous are his judgments....."
Rev 19:9	".....These are the <b>true</b> sayings of God."
Rev 19:11	".....he that sat upon him was called Faithful and <b>True</b> ....."
Rev 21:5	"..... for these words are <b>true</b> and faithful."
Rev 22:6	".....These sayings are faithful and <b>true</b> :....."

- i. What do the verses above tell us about God?
- ii. How important is it to worship God in truth? (John 4:23-24)
- iii. What is "truth"? (John 14:6, Eph 4:21)
- iv. What effect does truth have on us? (John 8:31-32)
- v. How will we know "truth"? (John 16:13-15, 1 John 2:27, John 14:17, John 15:26)
- vi. What happens to those who hold the "truth in unrighteousness"? (Rom 1:18, Rom 2:8, 2 Thess 2:10-12)
- vii. What is your understanding of 1 Cor 1:21b "it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe"?
- viii. How do you think can one get the balance between:
  - "...teach all nations ..... teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you....." (Matt 28:18-20)
  - "ye need not that any man teach you"? (1 John 2:27)
  - "not putting our trust in man" (Ps 146:3)?