

**THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE
DAY OF THE LORD**

**THE TIME OF THE POURING
OUT OF GOD'S HOT ANGER ON
THIS EARTH**

“NOW AS TO THE TIMES AND THE EPOCHS, BRETHREN, YOU HAVE NO NEED OF ANYTHING TO BE WRITTEN TO YOU. FOR YOU YOURSELVES KNOW FULL WELL THAT **THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME JUST LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT.”** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

“WHILE THEY ARE SAYING, ‘PEACE AND SAFETY!’ THEN DESTRUCTION WILL COME UPON THEM SUDDENLY LIKE BIRTH PANGS UPON A WOMAN WITH CHILD; AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE.”

1 Thessalonians 5:3

THE “DAY OF THE LORD”

THE DAY OF THE LORD

= A SPECIAL TIME OF DIVINE INTERVENTION. (70+ times in the OT)

2nd Coming

TROUBLE (Trib.)
7 years

BLESSING (Kingdom/Messiah)
1,000 years

THE DAY OF THE LORD IS A UNIQUE TIME OF JUDGMENT

- **JOEL 2:2 – “...THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT, NOR WILL THERE BE AGAIN AFTER IT...”**
- **JEREMIAH 30:7 – “ALAS! FOR THAT DAY IS GREAT, THERE IS NONE LIKE IT; AND IT IS THE TIME OF JACOB’S DISTRESS...”**
- **JESUS (Matt. 24:21) – “FOR THEN THERE WILL BE A GREAT TRIBULATION, SUCH AS HAS NOT OCCURRED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD UNTIL NOW, NOR EVER SHALL. AND UNLESS THOSE DAYS HAD BEEN CUT SHORT, NO LIFE WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED...”**

THE PRIMARY PURPOSES FOR THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD

(1) TO PREPARE ISRAEL FOR HER MESSIAH.

- **The Tribulation focuses on the nation of Israel. Dan. 9:24; Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:15-20**
- **The Tribulation is designed to bring Israel into the New Covenant. Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 31:31-34; Rom. 11:25-27; Matt. 23:37-39; Ezk.39:22**

(2) TO JUDGE UNBELIEVING MEN AND NATIONS.

- **All the nations will be judged.**
- **Psa.2:5; Jer. 25:30-32; Zech. 12:3; Rev. 6:15**

A WORD FROM JESUS ABOUT THE COMING DAY OF THE LORD---Matt. 24

**LORD, WHEN WILL
YOUR COMING TAKE
PLACE? WHAT WILL
BE THE SIGN OF
YOUR COMING; OF
THE TEMPLE'S
DESTRUCTION; AND
OF THE END OF THE
AGE?**

**PETER, ANDREW,
JAMES AND JOHN,
LET ME REMIND
YOU OF WHAT THE
PROPHETS SAID,
AND OUTLINE THE
COMING FUTURE,
EVENTS FOR YOU.**

MATTHEW 24-25

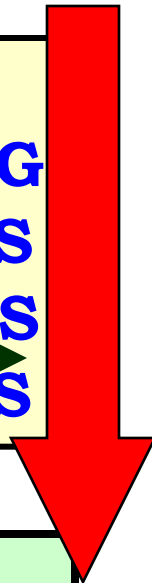
THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”

- **24:4-31—JESUS’ OVERVIEW.**

1. FALSE CHRISTS 2. WARS/RUMORS 3. FAMINES/DISEASE 4. EARTHQUAKES	ABOM. OF DESO.	1. WORLDWIDE GOSPEL PREACHING 2. WORST OF TIMES 3. FALSE PROPHETS 4. MIRACLES/SIGNS
“BIRTH PAINS” BEGIN	24:15	
3 ½ YEARS	3 ½ YEARS	

24:4-8

24:9-14; 15-31



THE CONCEPT OF “BIRTH PAINS”

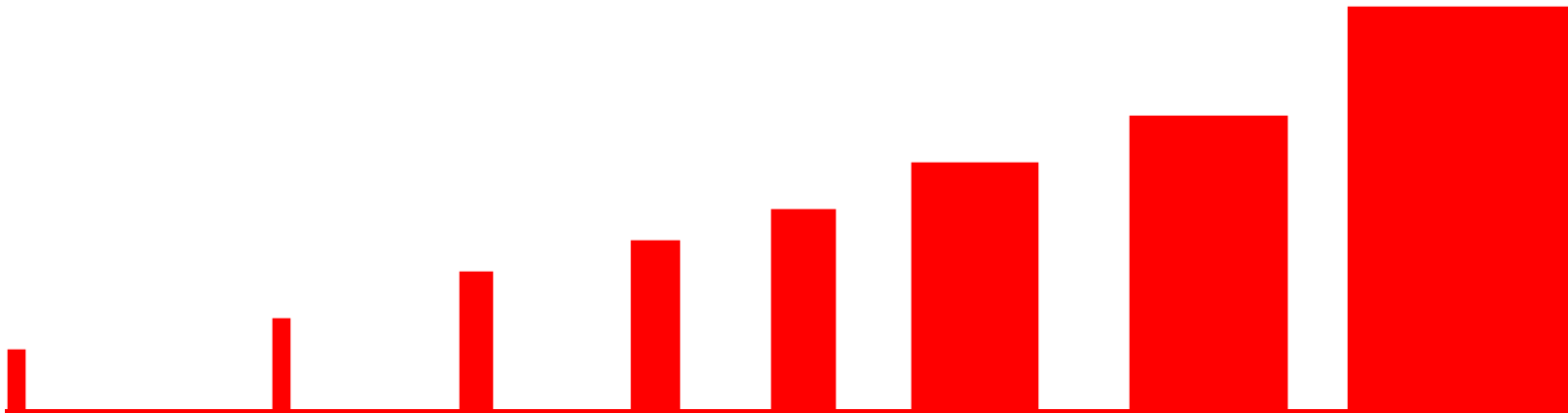
- (1) ONCE THEY BEGIN THEY DO NOT STOP UNTIL THE BIRTH OCCURS.**
- (2) THE TIME BETWEEN THE PAINS BECOMES SHORTER AND SHORTER AS THE BIRTH DRAWS NEAR.**
- (3) THE PAINS BECOME MORE SEVERE AS THE BIRTH DRAWS NEAR.**

***The Tribulation (Day of the Lord) judgments are the “birth pains of the Messiah”. The judgment “pains” result in the “birth” of His great Kingdom on earth.**

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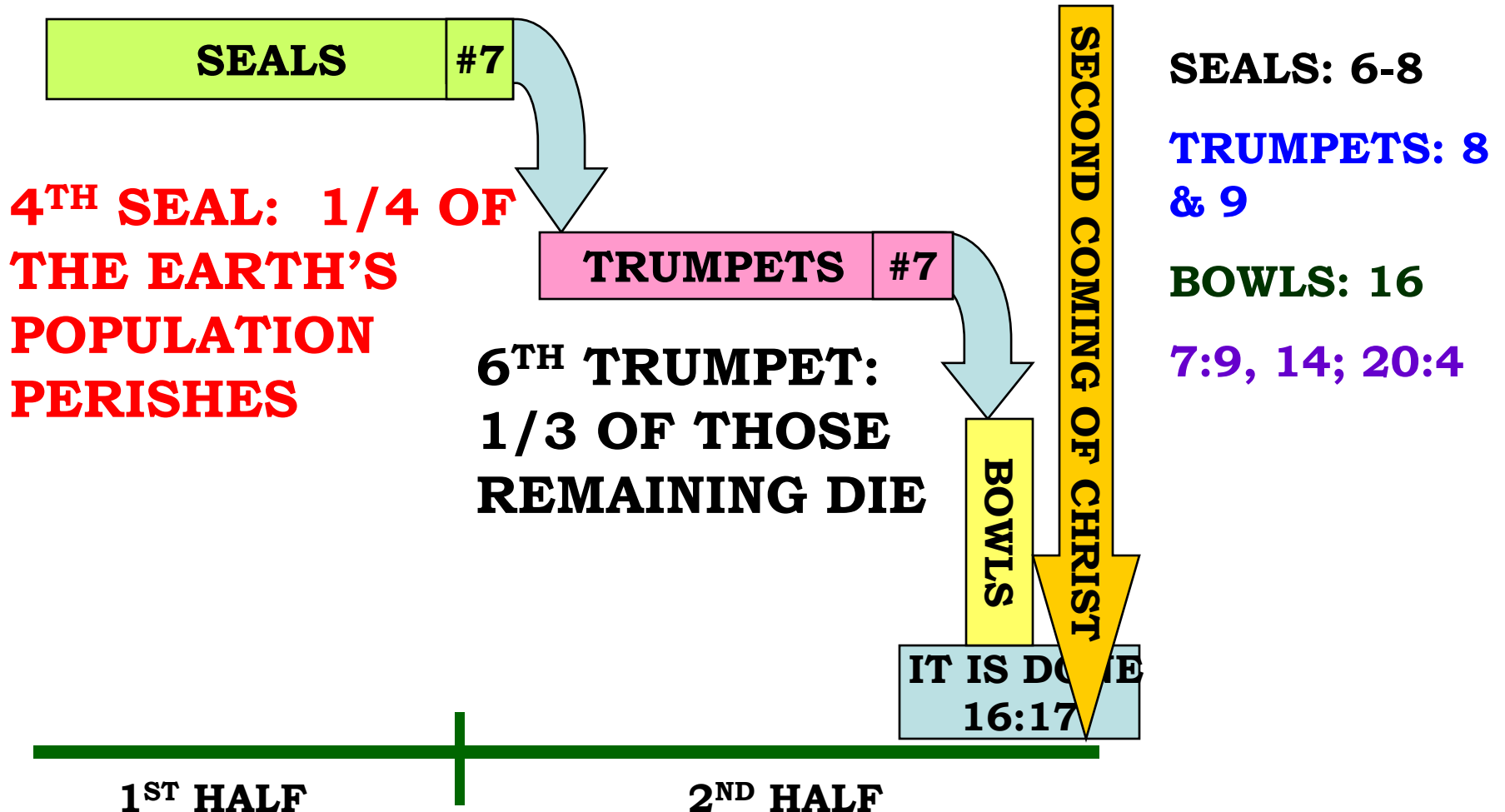
Isaiah 13:8; 26:17-19; 66:7-9

Jeremiah 30:7-8; Micah 4:9-10



THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

A VIEW OF THE "DAY OF THE LORD" JUDGMENTS OF REVELATION



3 AREAS OF RESPONSE ACCORDING TO THE LORD JESUS

➤ BE WATCHFUL

- **Am I? Do I have a sense of expectation of Jesus' return?**
- **How can this be enhanced? (Memorizing)**

➤ BE PREPARED

- **Am I personally prepared for His return because He is my personal Savior?**
- **Are there doubts about this?**

➤ BE SERVING

- **Am I “doing business” for the Master?**
- **Do I give focused attention to “today”: to my responsibilities; to my family relationships; to my local body of believers; to those who do not have Jesus Christ as their Savior.**

3 AREAS OF RESPONSE

➤ **BE WATCHFUL**

- Does the return of Jesus Christ normally enter my mind Monday-Saturday?
- Do I live anticipating His coming?

➤ **BE PREPARED**

- Based on my present spiritual status, will I face Jesus Christ as Savior or as Judge?

➤ **BE SERVING**

- Is pleasing Jesus Christ in my mind as I am involved (working) in my many relationships and responsibilities?

DURING THE 2ND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

24:21-22 – The absolute worst of times coming on planet earth.

- **Why is it the worst of times?**
- **About a dozen very intense “BIRTHPAINS” come on the earth.**
- **There is a focused attempt to exterminate Israel from off the earth (along with true believers).**
- **“cut short” = from what one might expect. (e.g. if it were 20 yrs. all life would have been eliminated from the earth).**

DURING THE 2ND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION

24:23-25 – Many False Prophets

- **Tribulation primarily a time of spiritual struggle for the souls of people.**
- **Unparalleled deception/confusion and powerful signs and miracles.**
- **2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:2b**
- **Also an unparalleled time of God saving people.**

AT THE END OF THE TRIBULATION

**24:26-31 – The 2nd Coming of the King
Himself.**

- ❖ **When He comes everyone will know it!**
- ❖ **It is a powerful, glorious, visible event---
witnessed by all on the earth.**
- ❖ **Connected with is mankind's very last
chance....will it be JUDGMENT or will it
be SALVATION.**
- ❖ **ALL SHALL BEHOLD HIM!**

THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”: AN OVERVIEW

“RAPTURE” OF THE
CHURCH.

THE 2ND COMING

VERY LITTLE
TROUBLE
FOR ISRAEL

7 years of “**TRIBULATION**” on earth

ABOMINATION
OF
DESOLATION

TERRIBLE
TROUBLE
FOR ISRAEL

3 ½ YEARS

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Matt. 24:4-8

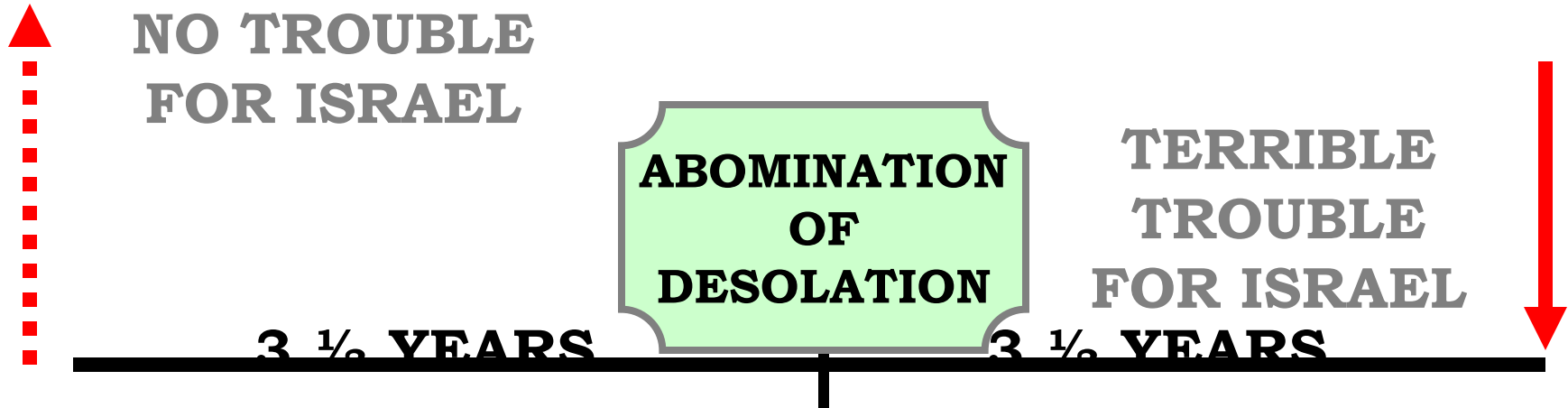
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REV. 6:1-8:1

REV. 8:2-18:24

THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”: AN OVERVIEW

THE 2ND COMING



Matt. 24:4-8

REV. 6:1-8:1

**Matt. 24:9-14;
24:15-25**

REV. 8:2-18:24

MATTHEW 24-25

THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”

- ❖ **The First Half** of the Tribulation.
- **24:4-5** – False “Christs”—Religious deception. Always an issue. Past, present and future.
 - Jeremiah 23; 1 John 2; 2 Thess. 2:3-4
 - Revelation 6 – The First “Seal” Judgment
- **24:6-7** Wars/rumors of wars (Seal Judgment #2)
- **24:7** Famines (Seal Judgment #3)
- Diseases are always a consequence of war and so becomes part of the “birth pains”. Rev.6:6-8.

MATTHEW 24-25

THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”

❖ The First Half of the Tribulation

**These are evidences
of God’s WRATH.**

**Ezek. 14:21; Deut. 32:22;
28:21-26; Lev. 26:22;**

❖ THE SECOND HALF OF THE TRIBULATION:

- Increasing evil; false prophets; worldwide preaching of the gospel of the kingdom.**

MATTHEW 24-25

THE “OLIVET DISCOURSE”

AT THE MID-POINT OF THE TRIBULATION.

- ❖ **A radical change takes place.**
- ❖ **Antichrist breaks his treaty with Israel and now becomes Israel’s enemy.**
- ❖ **“Great tribulation” begins.**
- ❖ **Israel begins to come to faith in Jesus, Messiah, which is **THE PREREQUISITE** for His 2nd Coming.**
- ❖ **The “Abomination of Desolation” is set up in the Jerusalem Temple.**

THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

- **THE BEGINNING AND LENGTH**



- **THE PRIMARY PURPOSES**

- **TO SAVE ISRAEL.**

- **TO JUDGE UNBELIEVERS.**

THE CONCEPT OF BIRTH PAINS

**“The great day of their
(God/Lamb) wrath has
come; and who is able
to stand?” Rev. 6:17**

**MEN BLASPHEME
THE GOD OF
HEAVEN & WILL
NOT REPENT.
Rev. 16:9,11,21**

**DANIEL'S SEVENTIETH WEEK
(The Tribulation)**

THE 3 SERIES OF JUDGMENTS IN REVELATION

- (1) **THE 7 SEALS (6:1-8:1) on the Scroll.**
Cf. Ezekiel 2:9-10
- (2) **THE 7 TRUMPETS (8:2-9:21; 11:15).**
Cf. Numbers 10:2.
- (3) **THE 7 BOWLS (15:1-16:21).**
Cf. Psalm 75:7-8.

CONTEMPORANEOUS

-----TRIBULATION PERIOD-----

SEALS
TRUMPETS
BOWLS

THE SEAL JUDGMENTS and THE WRATH OF GOD

- Rev. 6:1-8.** The first 4 Seals involve the **SWORD** (war), **DISEASE** (pestilence), **FAMINE** and **WILD BEASTS** of the earth.
- ❖ These are expressions of God's anger and wrath.
 - ❖ **EZEK. 5:13-17; 14:19-21** – These “four severe judgments” are said to be the pouring out of His wrath.
 - ❖ **LEV.26:21-28** – These four are expressions of God's “wrathful hostility.”
 - ❖ **DEUT.32:22-25** – These four are clear evidences of God's hot anger.

GOD'S WRATH, THE CHURCH AND THE TRIBULATION

- ❖ **WHEN DOES THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH TAKE PLACE (in relationship to the Tribulation/Daniel's 70th week)???**



- (1) **The Church is exempt from God's wrath (1 Thess. 1 & 5). And the Seal Judgments are clearly the wrath of God (**Ezekiel 5, 14, etc**). This points to the church's removal prior to the pouring out of God's wrath.**
- (2) **Christ (who is God) alone has the authority to break the seals, making these divine judgments...all are demonstrations of His wrath.**
- (3) **The church (ecclesia) is not found in Revelation 6-18.**

THE 7 SEALS

❖ **Matthew 24:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-3**

#1 – The Antichrist (false Messiah) appears and goes forth to conquer. Cf. Daniel 7. $1+3+7 = 11$



#2 – Unprecedented warfare breaks out on the earth. Cf. Matt. 24:6-7.

#3 – Worldwide famine where famine is not usual. Cf. Matt. 24:7.

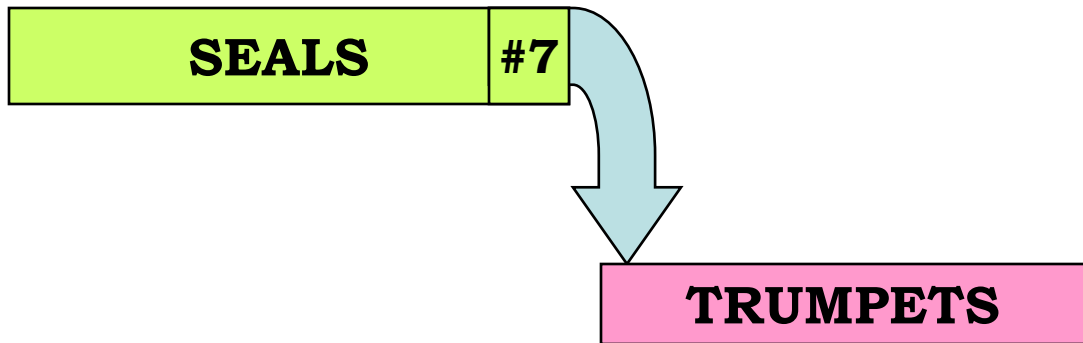
#4 – An incredible number of people die during these seals. 25% of the world's population will perish.

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- #4 – Incredible amount of death. 25% of the world's population perishes.**
- #5 – The death of believers.**
- #6 – Powerful upheavals on the earth accompanied by great cosmic disturbances affecting the sun, moon and stars.**
- It is at this point that mankind begins to realize that these are Divine judgments and not simply a terrible set of horrible events and circumstances.**

THE 7 TRUMPETS - 8:1-9:21

- ❖ 7th SEAL broken...preparation for the 7 TRUMPETS.



- ❖ 8:3 WITH 6:10. Trumpet judgments are apparently a result of the prayers of God's people to avenge their blood.
- ❖ Trumpets seem to focus on those who are unbelievers.
- ❖ The first 4 Trumpets affect nature, which always cause men to die.

THE TRUMPETS AND THE “WOES” – 8:13 (9:12)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				WOE #1	WOE #2	WOE #3
						B O W L S

**THE JUDGMENTS GET
PROGRESSIVELY WORSE,
WHICH SUPPORTS THE
IDEA OF BIRTH PAINS**

THE 7 TRUMPETS

8:1-9:21

❖ **FIRST TRUMPET (8:7)**

1/3 of earth burned up. Nuclear???

The important matter is **WHAT** God is going to do and not **HOW** He is going to do it.

❖ **SECOND TRUMPET (8:8-9)**

1/3 of sea becomes blood. Real blood?

Apparently it is real blood. Cf. Rev. 16:3-7.

❖ **THIRD TRUMPET (8:10-11)**

1/3 of fresh water supply affected/Cosmic disturbances. Cf. Joel 2:28-32

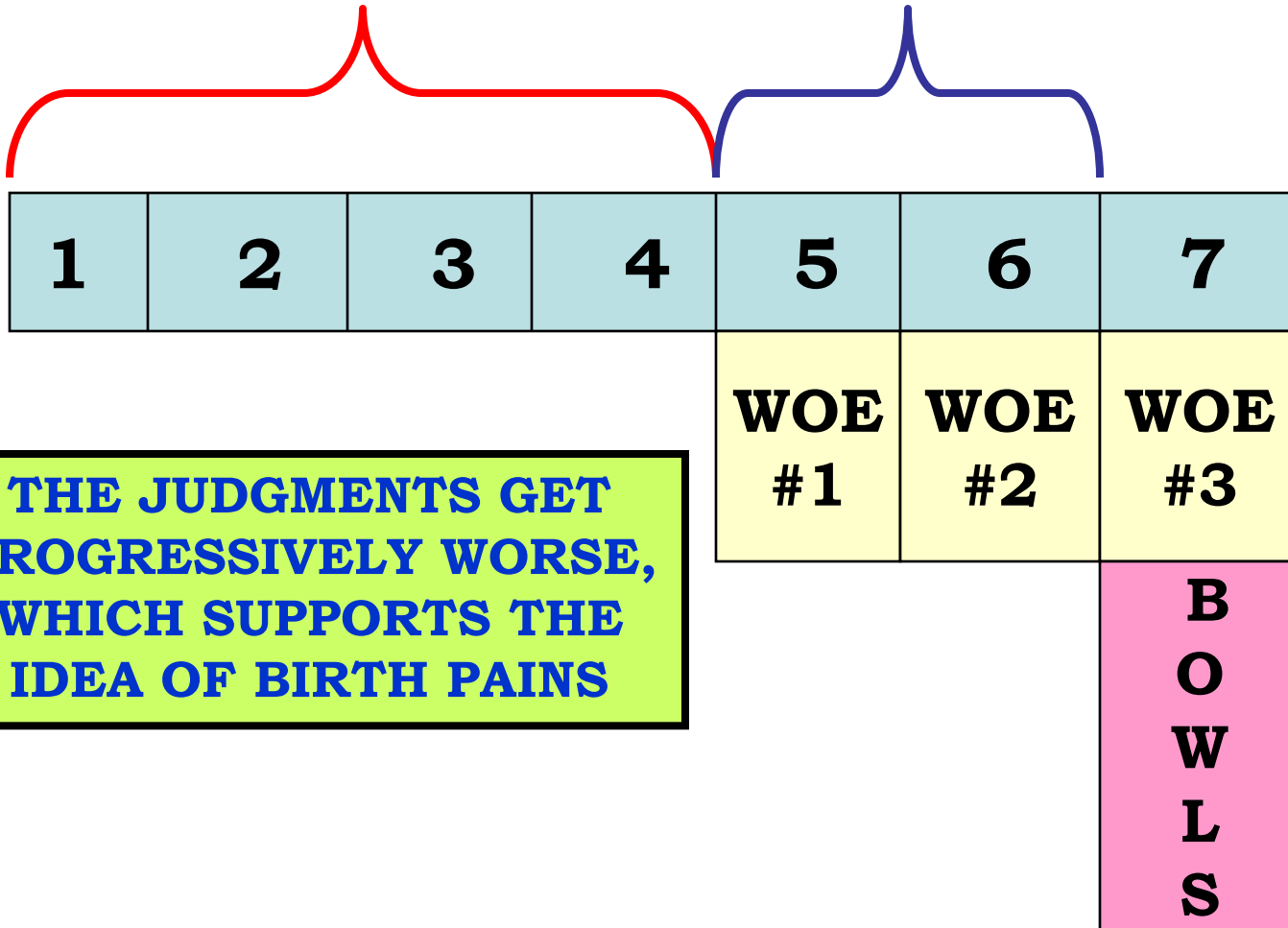
❖ **FOURTH TRUMPET (8:12)**

1/3 of sun, moon, stars smitten. Actually or language of appearance?

THE TRUMPETS AND THE "WOES"

REVELATION 8

REVELATION 9



THE JUDGMENTS GET PROGRESSIVELY WORSE, WHICH SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF BIRTH PAINS

9:1-21

TRUMPET JUDGMENTS

❖ TRUMPET JUDGMENT #5

- The “star” that falls from heaven is a person to whom temporary authority is given. Satan (9:11).
- Unleashes unique demonic activity.
- No killing allowed but great torment
- They are seen as invincible, attractive, intelligent, destructive.

❖ TRUMPET JUDGMENT #6

- Demonic and human activity.
- Army of 200,000,000 kills 1/3 of earth.
- Men do not repent even in the face of these horrible judgments.

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CHAPTER 9 11:15

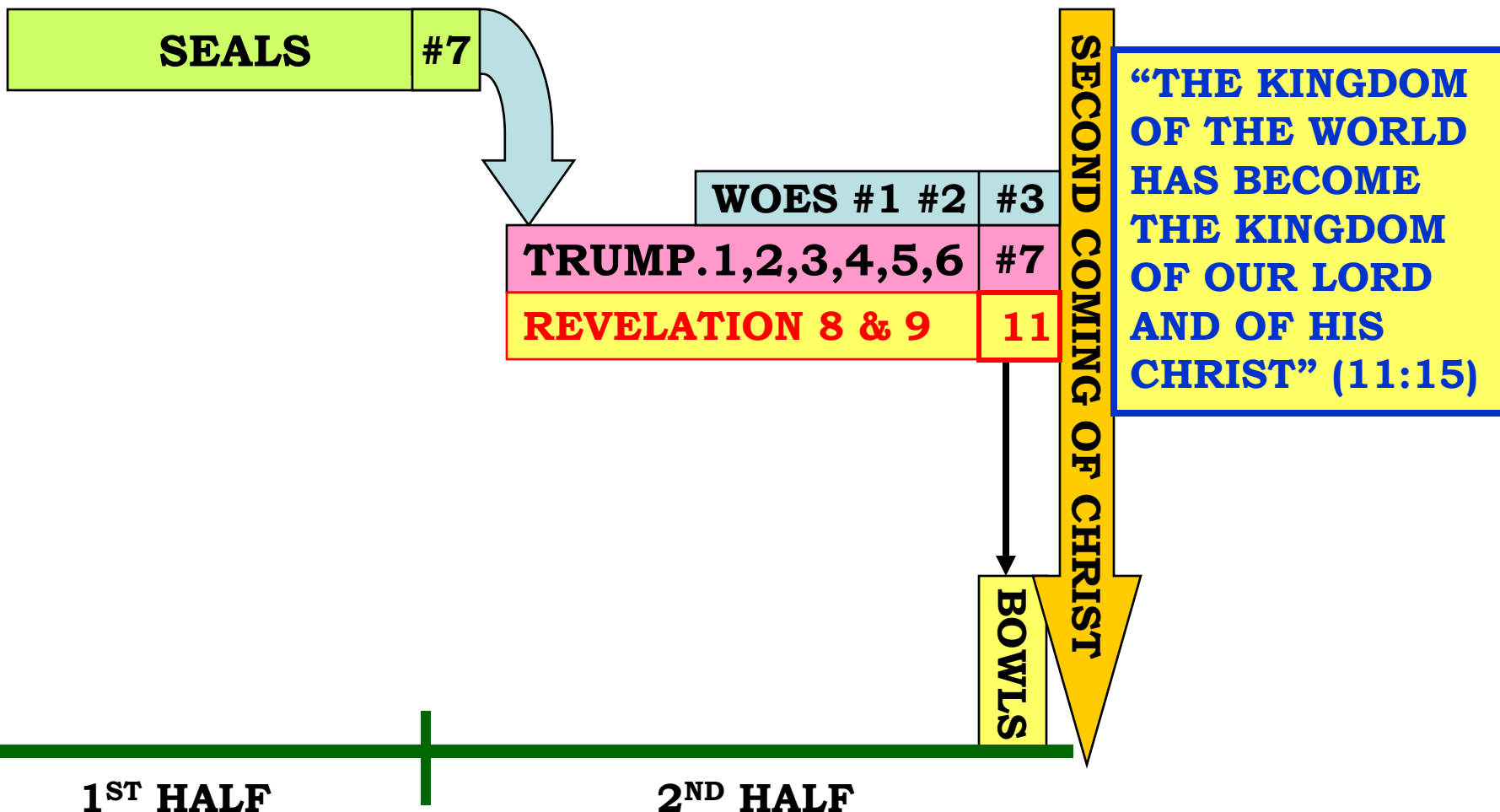
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**CHAP.
15/16**

11:15-19: THE 7th TRUMPET

- **2nd WOE** is completed (6th trumpet).
- The **3rd WOE** (7th trumpet/bowls) is suddenly (and apparently soon) coming.
- **11:15** compare with **19:1, 6**.
- In heaven there is a final preparation for the end of the tribulation events on the earth.
- *“The Lord God, the Almighty”* (11:17; 19:6) will now begin His rule over the nations of the earth. (**Psalm 2**: 11:18; 12:5; 2:27).
- His servants will be rewarded (11:18)
- After the judgments, believers will enjoy full fellowship with God. (the Ark of the Covenant points to the place of God’s appearance and fellowship).

“THERE SHALL BE DELAY NO LONGER” 10:6 (11:14-15)



REVELATION 15 & 16

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

- **Heaven prepares for the final judgments which will end the rule of Satan and his followers.**
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #1** **Terrible sores on all those who follow the Beast.**
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #2** **All the seas turn into blood, causing the death of all creatures in the sea.**
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #3** **All the fresh waters on earth are also turned into blood. The observation of the “angel of the waters” is that the judgment is appropriate.**

REVELATION 15 & 16

THE BOWL JUDGMENTS

- **BOWL JUDGMENT #4** Terrible heat on the earth; great suffering.
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #5** Supernatural darkness over AC's kingdom.
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #6** Euphrates dries up and demonically inspired men head for Armageddon.
- **BOWL JUDGMENT #7** Greatest earthquake ever; 100 pound hailstones hit the earth.

GOD'S JUDGMENTS ARE NOW COMPLETE.