

## THE END According to the Experts, Jesus, Paul, Peter, and John Believers Statesboro 10-22-23

Revelation 1:1-3 ...Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near. Today you will be blessed!

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Age. (Now thru Revelation 1-3)

John is not martyred but exiled to that Island of Patmos given information about the past, a revelation of where we are today in the church age and then God shows John what is going to happen in the future. **The End According to John.**

### The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Church. (Revelation 4:1)

(1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55) The End events are pretty much the same across the board in most denominations, but there are different views of when the rapture will occur. I believe in a "Pre-Tribulation Rapture" because in the church age Revelation 1-3 the church is mentioned 18 times, and after Revelation 4:1 we don't see the word church mentioned again. [Revelation 4:1](#)

### The \_\_\_\_\_.

The Tribulation is a 7-year event. In the first 3 ½ years the Antichrist is going to rise to a place of prominence. He will bring peace to the Middle East and make everyone happy. He will somehow be able to explain away the rapture and those that remain will revere and almost worship him.

**Twenty-One Judgements** are released during Seven Years of Tribulation.

- The Seven Seal Judgements (Rev 6) Starts bad and gets worse.
- The Seven Trumpet Judgements Each increasingly worse.
- The Seven Bowl Judgements Last 3 ½ yrs., The Great Tribulation.

**The Seal Judgements** John saw a sealed scroll in heaven and Jesus the sacrificed Lamb of God, is the only one who is worthy and able to break the Seven Seals which release Seven Judgements on the earth.

**1<sup>st</sup> Seal:** (1<sup>st</sup> of Four Horsemen)

The White Horse ridden by a conqueror bringing \_\_\_\_\_.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Seal:**

The Fiery Red Horse that moves Peace on the earth bringing \_\_\_\_\_.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Seal:** The Black Horse brings \_\_\_\_\_. A loaf of bread costs a day's wages.

**4<sup>th</sup> Seal:** The Pale Horse ridden by \_\_\_\_\_ with Hades close behind. 1/4 Earth Killed.

**5<sup>th</sup> Seal:** The Cry of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Avenge our blood. Jesus said, wait a little longer, more to come.

**6<sup>th</sup> Seal:** Physical \_\_\_\_\_.  
Earthquakes, sun black, moon blood red, stars fall.

Even during the tribulation, you can see the long suffering and patience of God. He uses this judgment to get people to repent and turn their hearts towards him. God is always about redemption!

### 7<sup>th</sup> Seal: The Seventh Seal is actually the release of the Seven Trumpet Judgements.

**1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet** – 1/3 \_\_\_\_\_ burned up with hail and fire mixed with blood.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet** – 1/3 \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet** – 1/3 Earth's \_\_\_\_\_  
turned bitter killing many.

**4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** – \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ - 1/3 of the day without light, 1/3 of the night without light.

**5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** - Demonic \_\_\_\_\_ don't kill but \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ for five months to the point where they wish they could die but can't. God's limitation of five months is an act of mercy, a stern warning, and opportunity for people to repent.

**6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** – Four Angels with 200 million mounted troops destroy 1/3 of \_\_\_\_\_. You would think the rest of the world WOULD REPENT! They didn't repent... [Revelation 9:20](#)

**The Two Witnesses** During the first 3 ½ years of tribulation, in Revelation 11, we see the two witnesses that prophesy and after that time they expose the anti-Christ for who he really is. [Revelation 11:7](#) Their bodies will lay in the streets for 3 ½ days and the world will gloat over them and then God will raise them from the dead and the whole world will see it.

### The Antichrist (The Beast Out of the Sea) and The Great Tribulation

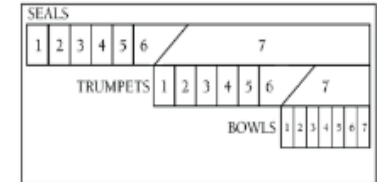
The last 3 ½ years will be a horrible time on the earth when three evil characters show their true colors.

A Satanic Trinity...The Dragon – Satan / The Antichrist / The False Prophet. [Daniel 9:27 \(TLB\)](#) / [2 Thessalonians 2:4](#)

### The False Prophet (The Beast out of the Land.)

He performs miraculous counterfeit signs; he is empowered to work on behalf of the Antichrist. He deceives the earth. He sets up an image of the Antichrist in the Jewish temple and all who refused to worship the image was killed. He gets so evil that he demands people to take his mark of ownership upon their heads or forearms, the mark of the beast, **666**, or they will be killed. [Revelation 13:16-17 \(NLT\)](#)

### 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet Judgement is the act of pouring out the Seven Bowls of Wrath (This is during the last 3 ½ years, The Great Tribulation!)



**Bowl One** – \_\_\_\_\_ poured out on people with the mark of the beast and worship the image.

**Bowl Two** – \_\_\_\_\_ turned to \_\_\_\_\_. Every living thing in the sea dies.

**Bowl Three** – \_\_\_\_\_ turned to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bowl Four** – The \_\_\_\_\_ scorched the people of the earth with fire. No water and severe heat. Did the people repent? No. [Revelation 16:9](#)

**Bowl Five** – \_\_\_\_\_ upon the throne of the Beast.  
[Revelation 16:9-11](#)

**Bowl Six** – The Great \_\_\_\_\_ River Dries Up. This is in preparation for the battle of Armageddon. Evil spirits go out from the mouth of the dragon, the antichrist, and the false prophet to deceive the nations and gather them together for battle against God!

**Bowl Seven** – Severe \_\_\_\_\_, lightning, thunder, and hail.  
\_\_\_\_\_ of The Lamb [Revelation 19:7-8](#)

### The \_\_\_\_\_ Coming of Christ.

This is where Jesus not only comes down halfway like in the rapture, but Jesus comes to the Planet Earth! Jesus comes on a White Horse with an army from heaven and all of us who are already in heaven at this time will come with Him. Jesus comes to defeat His enemies and to reclaim the earth and give it to the rightful owners. Jesus comes like a kinsman redeemer for you and me!

**Armageddon** The final war will take place in a valley called Armageddon and with one swipe of the sword Jesus will annihilate that army and He will win! [Revelation 19:11-16](#) The Antichrist and False Prophet are thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur (Rev. 19:20).

### The \_\_\_\_\_ (1000 Year) Reign (Revelation 20)

Satan is bound in the bottomless pit and the earth will be free of sin and beautiful as it was in the Garden of Eden before sin entered the world!

Now toward the end of the 1000-year reign Satan (the Dragon) will be released and deceive the nations of the earth and then there will be the final defeat of the enemy and he will finally be thrown into the

Lake of Fire.

### The Great \_\_\_\_\_ Judgment.

This is a Heaven or Hell issue. Who goes to Heaven and who goes to Hell?

[Revelation 20:11-12](#) God will probably ask, "What did you do with my son Jesus?"

**Today's Next Step: I will consider what my defense will be when I stand before God at the Great White Throne Judgement.**

## The \_\_\_\_\_ Heaven and New Earth. [Revelation 21:1-6](#)

### How Do We Get Ready for The End?

- **Take Heart The End is Near** [Revelation 1:3](#)
- **Encourage One Another With the Rapture and The Coming of Christ**  
[1 Thessalonians 4:18](#)
- **Live Holy, Godly, Spotless, Blameless and at Peace with Christ.**  
[2 Peter 3:11-15](#)
- **Rejoice, Be Gentle, Don't Be Anxious, Pray with Thanksgiving.**  
[Philippians 4:4-7](#)

### Life App and Family Devotional Questions

1. What are we promised in Revelation 1:1-3?
2. In the book of Revelation where does the church cease to be mentioned and where in the book does the rapture most likely occur?
3. How long does the tribulation last? Read Rev. 9:20, Rev. 16:9; 10-11. These texts and many others seem to indicate that the tribulation was an extended period to try to get mankind to do what?
4. In the 5<sup>th</sup> Seal, who were the Martyrs and what were they crying out for Jesus to do? What did Jesus tell them? (Rev. 6:9-11)
5. What types of people did John see in heaven? (Rev. 7:9-10)
6. After the rapture, can people still be born again, will people be saved during the tribulation? (Rev. 7:13-17)
7. Look at the chart in your notes and make sure you understand how the Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgements tie together.
8. Who is the Dragon? Who is the Sea Beast? Who is the Land Beast?
9. Read Rev 19:11-16, the glorious return of Christ to the earth. Note the difference Jesus' first coming to the earth in a manger and his second coming. What is his purpose this time? What is his name (vs. 23)? Who is the army riding with him? Christ is described as the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is the Great White Throne Judgement? (Rev. 20:11-15)  
What will be your defense when you stand before God?

*Answers: Church / Rapture / Tribulation / Cold – War / Open – War / Famine / Death / Martyrs / Cosmic – Disturbance / Earth / Sea / Fresh – Water / Sun – Moon – Stars / Locusts – Torment – Ungodly / Mankind / Boils / Sea – Blood / Fresh – Waters – Blood / Sun / Darkness / Euphrates / Earthquakes / Marriage – Supper / Second / Millennial / White – Throne / New*