

The order of events in Revelation

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Chronological order of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls												
Seals	1	2	3	4				5			6	7
Trumpets					1	2	3	4	5		6	7
Bowls									1,2,3,4,5	6		7

Seals 1,2,3,4 deal with war, famine, and plagues; events dealing with humanity and natural phenomenon [though greatly accelerated and exaggerated].

The fifth seal speaks of martyred saints in heaven awaiting God’s wrath and judgment upon those who martyred them. They are told to wait a “little longer” which would mean that this event would be near the end of the seven years. The timing of this seal is before the fifth and sixth trumpets as well as the bowls because these are the completion of God’s wrath upon unbelievers. So the bowl judgments and the fifth and sixth trumpets would begin the “avenging” of the blood of the saints, which will be fully avenged for when Christ returns.

The sixth seal will immediately precede Christ’s return [Matthew 24:29-31] and will only be followed by the seventh seal, bowl, and trumpet.

The seventh seal, trumpet and bowl deal with the second coming of Christ. But the seventh seal is first [silence in heaven], followed by the seventh bowl judgment just as Christ returns WITH the seventh trumpet, and so it can be declared in the seventh trumpet “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord...” [Rev. 11:15]

Trumpets 1,2,3,4 deal with severe astronomical events. The fourth trumpet may be an astronomical prelude to the sixth seal. If the sixth seal corresponds to the severe disruption of our solar system as a result of the supernova of Betelgeuse, then the 4th trumpet could represent astronomical events that come before the major destruction of the sixth seal.

The fifth and sixth trumpets likely refer to warfare that precedes the gathering before Armageddon.

Bowls 1 and 5 may deal with disease processes which begin with the fifth trumpet. If so, then the distance between bowls 1 and 5 would be five months [Rev. 9:5].

Bowl 6 and Trumpet 6 likely explain the same world event; i.e. the preparation of the Euphrates River for the gathering of military forces at Armageddon.

Armageddon will begin before Christ returns, and He will FINISH that battle!
The final destruction of Babylon will take place at Jesus’ return.