

REVIEW





1<sup>st</sup> Seal – The Conquering Entry Of The Church



2<sup>nd</sup> Seal – The Peace Removed From Christian's Lives



3<sup>rd</sup> Seal – Economic Pressures & Discrimination Against The Church



4<sup>th</sup> Seal – The Judgments That Began To Fall Upon Society For Rejecting The Message



5<sup>th</sup> Seal – The Saints Cry For Justice



6<sup>th</sup> Seal – God Assures He Will Bring Justice

THE SEALING OF THE SAINTS



7<sup>th</sup> Seal – JUDGMENT BEGINS!!! (7 Trumpets)

*Up until now, everything we have been covering is a general picture of how God works with world powers.*

**CHAPTER 12-22 is when things get specific.**

John must preach from the "booklet" he ate. When he does, we begin to get a specific message concerning Rome



1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet – The Collapse Of The Sinner's World

2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet – The Fall Of The Great World Power

3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet – The Fall Of Upper Classes & Rulers

4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – The Partial Darkening Of Wisdom & Understanding

**Compare to process of degeneration in Rom 1:18-32**



5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – Satan Unleashed To Torment Ungodly Through Sin

6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – External Attacks Through Wars & Battles

THE GOSPEL CONTINUES

7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet – The Church Has Victory And Its Enemy Is Defeated

**In Chapter 12, we start the story back at the beginning.**



And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called **the devil and Satan**, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. (Rev. 12:9)

- Seven heads
- Ten Horns
- Seven “Diadems”

A ‘diadem’ is a crown of **power** (compared to a ‘stefanos’ crown that is a crown of victory.)



Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; (Mic 4:10)

and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Genesis 22:18)

**Her children are those that keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus.**

**This woman represents God’s people throughout all ages**



And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron (Rev. 12:5)

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. (Ps. 2:9 *a Messianic Psalm*)

**This is without a doubt Jesus the Christ**

**1. The woman appears beautifully attired by God.**

- This woman is God's people  
(Israel before Jesus, the church after Jesus)

**2. The dragon appears with great wisdom, power, and authority.**

- Satan is pictured with terrifying power.

**3. The dragon swipes away a third of her beauty.**

- Might also refer to ability to strike down the most powerful of God's people – like language used in Dan. 8:10 to explain Antiochus Epiphanes.

**4. The dragon seeks to destroy the Christ and fails.**

- this whole event refers to the total 33 years Jesus lived on this planet.

**5. The Christ is caught up to heaven.**

- From this event seen in Acts 1:9-11 until the establishment of the church is ten days. The dragon was defeated and cast out of heaven during those ten days.