

Disk 2

The Structure of Prophecy

Part 1

Why is prophecy locked in prophetic language? – to protect it from corruption. Prophecy can only be encoded and decoded by the Bible. You have to 'learn' the language of prophecy from the Bible (much like looking through a stencil).

Amos 3:7 *'Surely the Lord God will do nothing but revealeth his secret unto his servant the prophet'*.

Reasons for prophecy

- To prove that **Jesus is God**
- To prove that the **Bible is Divinely inspired**
- To allow us to recognize where we are in the **stream of time**
- To assist mankind to escape **deception**
- Gives us the **confidence**, that even when we look at the confusion around us and even when it does not seem like it, **God** is always in **control**

Satan does not have the ability to look into the future, as every created being (including angels) live **inside the timeline**. Satan has to **study the same prophecies** as we do, to try to understand what is going to happen.

[A trip into the supernatural](#) by Roger J Morneau – was at the time a **devil worshipper** as well as a **satanic high priest** communicating directly with satan. He became a Christian and wrote a book about what transpired there: *"At the beginning of the eighteenth century, satan and his spirit counselors held a great general council to prepare for the **industrial age** that would soon break upon the world. Satan foresaw that an Age of scientific discovery and intellectual enlightenment would immediately follow upon its heels. It would usher in the end-times, the close of the struggle between the forces of good and evil. Since satan had been studying the prophecies of the Bible, he understood the meaning of **Daniel 12:4** that described the time of the end, how **many shall run to and fro** and how **knowledge** would be **increased**. After lengthy deliberations, it closed after having produced plans for **deceptions** that would disqualify vast numbers of people from Christ's kingdom. They would then automatically become part of satan's kingdom. The spirits would encourage people to listen to their **feelings** instead of the **Word of Christ** and His **prophets**. In no surer way could the spirits obtain control of people's lives without the individuals realizing what was happening. The spirits would suggest all kinds of erroneous doctrines and ideas and humanity would readily accept them because they **felt** strongly about them."*

Most Christians understanding of the Bible is very limited and they often rely on feelings to determine their relationship with God. There is an absence of being able to say: **'it is written'**. Satan is bargaining on us not spending the time to diligently study the Bible by **keeping us extremely busy**.

II Kor 11:3 ..disputes the fact that the Bible is complicated and contradicting.

Rev 22:18-19 *'For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add** unto these things, God shall add unto him the **plagues** that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life and out of the holy city and from the things which are written in this book.'*

Rev 22:14 – is different in the new Bible (New International Version) than that in the Old Bible (King James Version) [discussed later]: *'Blessed are they that **do** his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city.'*

Rev 1:3 *blessed is he that read and understand...*

Symbols and how to interpret them

II Pet 1:10 *'**no prophecy in the scripture is of any private interpretation'***

The Bible unlocks the Bible. It takes diligent study (theme-study) and understanding of the **original meaning** of words (Concordance). Nuclear bombs today wouldn't make sense in the olden times

- Rev 12:13, 17; 13:4 **'dragon'** – who is the dragon – Rev 12:9 = **satan**
- Dan 7:6 **'wings'** = Ezek 1:9 – wings describe a type of **determination, momentum; action** Ezek 1:24; 10:16, 19 – **movement**, power, strength, speed. The Hebrew word **'cornorth'** means edge, or wing of a bird, or flap of clothing, extremities, outskirts etc. Isaiah 11:2 **'corners'** = original Hebrew word **'cornorth'**; Job 39:13. The kingdom represented by the leopard in Daniel 7 went further south than any other kingdom.

Recapitulation is used in the Bible with prophecy– this means repeating information and adding on to it.

Daniel 2: Dream of Nebukadneser

Biblical prophecy will be compared with extra-Biblical historical sources.

The king can't remember what he dreamt, but he knows that it disturbed him. Daniel interprets: *'He has made known to the king, what will be in the latter days: (from then until the end days)*

Daniel 2	Daniel 7	Daniel 8*	Interpretation & time period
Head of Gold	Lion	-	Babylon [606BC – 539BC]
Chest of arms & silver	Bear	2-Horned Goat	Mede & Perse [539BC-331BC] – one slightly stronger than the other
Hips of Bronze	Leopard	Shaggy Goat	Greece [331BC-168BC] - Alexander the Great - look at the weaponry and armor of Greece – bronze . Within 10 years at age 32, he conquered the whole world and then burst into tears, because he had no one else he could conquer. He died at a very young age. History of Rome , it is written: "On June 22, 168 BC, at the Battle of Pydna, 'perished the empire of Alexander the Great..'"
Legs of Iron	Dreadful beast with Iron Teeth	Large Horn	Rome [168BC – 476AD] – armor and weaponry mostly iron . The History and Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire that "the images of gold or silver or brass that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the iron monarchy of Rome . Ante-Nicene Fathers in Second Century , Hippolytus writes: "Rejoice blessed Daniel! Thou has not been in error.. already the iron rules ".
Feet of Clay & Iron	10 Horns		Divided Europe [476AD – present] Throughout history, man has been trying to unify these countries but have never succeeded. Thomas Arnold wrote "The deliverance of Europe from the dominion of Napoleon was effected neither by Russia, nor by Germany, nor by England, but BY THE HAND OF GOD. " Napoleon was stopped by the weather. Hitler was stopped by the weather (thick mist). Others tried to unify Europe, including – all defeated. They are still trying through the EU to unify Europe, but God said ... <i>'they shall not cleave..</i>
	Little horn		Antichrist
The rock			Dan 2:44 <i>'kingdom that will never be destroyed'</i> Jesus is coming to destroy the kingdoms that have been built up in this world Revelation 11:15 <i>'the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and He shall reign forever and ever!'</i> Not a united Europe/Africa or world, but Jesus. God is in control.

Head of gold [606BC-539BC]

Nebukadneser's kingdom

Chest and arms of silver (539-331BC)

Kingdom with 2 parts (King Belzazer Dan 5:5 – your kingdom has been **divided** and given to the Medes and Persians. (539-331BC). Two separate entities, the one being slightly stronger than the other (raised up on one side)

Hips of bronze *'Will rule over the whole earth'* (331BC – 168BC)

King of Greece – **Alexander the Great** - look at the weaponry and armor of Greece – **bronze**. In the book [Historical Library](#), Arian writes: "I am persuaded that there was no nation, city, nor people...where his name did not reach..there seems to me to have been some divine hand presiding both over this birth and actions. He started in the west, conquering nation after nation, moving at startling speed east and south." **Within 10 years at age 32, he conquered the whole world** and then burst into tears, because he had no one else he could

conquer. He died at a very young age and Greece was then ruled by the four most influential generals of Alexander's army. This is the representation of the leopard with wings. In book 3, chapter 10 of the Book, [History of Rome](#), it is written: "On June 22, 168 BC, at the Battle of Pydna, 'perished the empire of Alexander the Great.'" [140 years after the death of Alexander].

Legs of iron Daniel 2:40 '*and the fourth kingdom will be as strong as iron*' [168BC-476AD]

Rome – armor and weaponry mostly **iron**.

Edward Gibbon (historian) writes in his book [The History and Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire](#) that "the images of gold or silver or brass that might serve to represent the nations and their kings, were successively broken by the **Iron monarchy of Rome**. Ante-Nicene Fathers in [Second Century](#), Hippolytus writes: "Rejoice blessed Daniel! Thou has not been in error..**already the iron rules**".

Feet of clay and iron Dan 2:41 '*..this will be a **divided kingdom**..*' and :43'*..but they will **not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay***' [476 AD to today]

Rome at the time consisted of **10 kingdoms** (10 toes). Today, Europe is **divided**, King James version Daniel 2:43 '***they shall not cleave one to another***'. Throughout history, man has been **trying to unify** these countries but have never succeeded. **Napoleon** couldn't succeed either. Even through bloodlines, they tried to unify the monarchs, could never succeed. 30 Years after Waterloo, Dr Thomas Arnold wrote "*The deliverance of Europe from the dominion of Napoleon was effected neither by Russia, nor by Germany, nor by England, but **BY THE HAND OF GOD***." Napoleon was stopped by the weather. Hitler was stopped by the weather (thick mist). Others tried to unify Europe, including Charlemagne, Charles V, Louis XIV, Kaiser Wilhelm – all defeated. They are still trying through the EU to unify Europe, but God said ...'***they shall not cleave***..' FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY.

The rock Dan 2:44 '*kingdom that will never be destroyed*'

Rock cut out not by human hands. **The rock hits the toes!!** Where are we today – at the toes in the **toenails!!** Jesus is coming to destroy the kingdoms that have been built up in this world Revelation 11:15 '*the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and He shall reign forever and ever!*' Not a united Europe/Africa or world, but Jesus. God is in control.

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Daniel 7:2 *..four winds of the heavens...four great beasts came up from the sea..* explained/unlocked in Revelations 17:15 *'the waters which you saw are peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues.'* Daniel 7:17 explains the 4 beasts: *'Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth'*. A **beast** is therefore either a **king/kingdom**.

A **lion** with eagles wings (size/powerful/area of coverage/magnitude/power) = typology for the **head of gold** (Babylon).

A **bear** in Dan 7:5 *..'raised up itself on one side'* indicating Chest and arms of silver. Indicate the **Medes and Persians** where one is slightly stronger than the other.

A **leopard** with 4 wings of a fowl and 4 heads Daniel 7:6 indicating a 'fast' kingdom (wings – speed) = hips (**Greece** = Alexander the Great). The four heads indicate the **four generals** (Cassander, Lysimachus, Ptolemy and Seleucus) that took over when Alexander died Dan 8:22 *'four kingdoms that will emerge from his nation but will not have the same power'*

Daniel 7:7 *'After this I saw in the night visions and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible and strong exceedingly and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it and it had ten horns'*. (vs 24) *'ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise..'*

The **10 kings** represent **Rome** at the time when it was taken over and split up into 10 kingdoms = 10 toes of the statue. Vs 8: *..'there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots..in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man and a mouth speaking great things.'*

Vs 21 *'the same horn made war with the saints and prevailed against them.'* (Vs 25) *'And he shall speak great words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High and think to change times and laws and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.'*

Declared:

This is a **recapitulation** of the information given in the statue – he now has 4 separate beasts but the Lord now expands in the **4th beast (Rome)**, giving additional information.

The **little horn** represents the **Antichrist**

Recapitulation again in Daniel 8:8-22 *'the two-horned ram that you saw represents the kings of Media and Persia. The shaggy goat is the kind of Greece [Alexander] and the large horn between his eyes is the first king...'* etc confirming the original statue. He now sees **only 3 beasts** because he **had the vision at the time when Babylon had already fallen**.

Danielle 2 and 7 and 8 all fits together:

- Head of Gold = Lion with eagles wings
- Chest and arms of silver = Bear one sided lifted up slightly and Ram with two horns
- Hips = Greece = Leopard with 4 wings = Ram with horn between eyes
- Legs of iron = dragon type figure = ten other kings out of which = little horn.

The first half of Revelation also explains this.

The Chiasm (God's signature within prophecy)

Chiasm is proof beyond a doubt that the Bible is **divinely inspired**.

Daniel 12:4&9 *'but thou, o Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book even to the time of the end'*

Revel 22:10 *'and he saith unto me, seal not the saying of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.'*

Chiastic style is a technique used in writing styles where things are **repeated**, but in the **middle** it is **repeated in reverse order** ([Oxford Advance Dictionary 7th edn.](#)) In the olden days, the most important 'punch line' was in the **middle** of the book:

One points to the other: (first chapter – last chapter)

Rev 1:3

Rev 22:7

Blessed is he that readeth blessed is he that keepeth the saying..

First 2 chapters of the Bible pointing towards the last 2 chapters in Revel:

Gen 1&2

Rev 21 & 22

Speak of paradise before sin Tell of paradise restored

Third chapter in Genesis points to 3rd last chapter of the Bible

Gen 3

Rev 20

Tells of satan bringing sin Tell of satan being punished for bringing sin into the world
the world

And so the Bible starts to work its way towards the middle called the '**Area of Great Controversy**'

Revelation is broken into two parts (**history** and then **eschatological half**– split again into **5 sections** each). History broken into i.e. a,b,c,d,e and eschatological split into a,b,c,e,d (**swapped around**).

One is pointing to the other...:

Historical half

A Interlude (1:1-8)

B 7 Churches (1:9-3:22)

C Seals (4:1-8:1)

D 7 Trumpets (8:12-11:18)

E Great Controversy (11:19-14:20)

Eschatological half

A Conclusion (22:6-21)

B New Jerusalem (1:1-22:5)

C Millennium (19:4-20:15)

D Last Plagues (16:1-16:21)

E Fall of Babylon (17:1-19:3)

(E fulfilled in the opposite in this half)

This cross over (chiastic-style) could not have been thought out by any man = '**x**' marks the **spot** comes from **revelation**.

Isaiah 46:9-10 '*I am God and there is **none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning and from **ancient times things that are not yet done.*****'

REVELATIONS 777

Part 1

No 6 = number of **imperfection** and **sin** and the **antichrist**

No 7 = **perfection/fulfillment/Godly**

John on the island Patmos saw Christ for the first time in his Godly form.

Rev 1:20 The **7 stars** are the **angels** of the **7 lamp stands**, which is the **7 churches**. This refers to 7 prophetic time-slots of the 7 churches – from Christ's first appearance to Jesus' return. Jesus firstly identifies Himself every time. Every message has a **local application**, i.o.w – (literal application) where they were at that moment and secondly, it has a **prophetic message** explaining where we are in the timeline and stretches from Christ to end of world and thirdly, each one has a **personal application**. The time-periods are not specific, but rather indicative in this prophecy. The 7 Churches of Asia (when seen on a map) – the **postal route** was used – this is also the way in which Revelations is written.

7 Churches (Rev 2)	Identifying characteristics	7 Seals covering the same period (Rev 6:12)	Seals declared	History confirms
1. Efese (Christ-100AD)	1 st Prophetic period of the church. The Nicolaitins (also despised by this Church) thought they were released from the 10 commandments by faith and considered it a matter of indifference if they practiced adultery.	The White horse coming out of the seal covers the same period (recapitulation)	Powerful pure faith that went into the world	Time of the Apostles and their taking the gospel out into the world
2. Smyrna (100AD-323AD)		Red horse	Takes peace from the earth	Persecution started in 303 AD when Smyrna was destroyed by fire (Rev 2:10 ' <i>you will suffer persecution for 10 days</i>) thus 10 years – ended in 313AD with Decree of Constantine.
3. Pergamum (323-538AD)	Seat of paganism, Temple of Zeus	Black horse (scales/balances)	Scales indicate a compromised faith.	State interference and traditions Under Constantine, Christianity becomes the religion of the Roman Empire and Constantine initiates Sunday observance in 321AD. (Christianity established on a firm basis as the state-religion of the Roman Empire in 324AD, but this was a paganised Christianity).
4. Thyatira (538-1517AD)	Spiritual immorality refers to not	Pale/bland horse (Death – power to)	Doctrine of death (skeletal figure)	Dark ages. Union took place between church and state – this has never happened before.

	keeping the 10 commandments	kill ¼ of earth with sword/hunger/death)	goes into the earth typifying a Christian religion without substance –	538AD Uprooting of 3 kingdoms completed and recognition of the supremacy of the pope through the Decree of Emperor Justinian – will rule for 1260 days (Rev 11:2-4; 12:6; 13:5,6; Dan 7:25, 12:7 – 42 maande; 1260 dae; tyd en tye en die helfte van 'n tyd) [538 + 1260 = 1798AD] Rise of Islam and the age of Rationalism (east) and Contemporary humanism (west) – Rev 9:6 'They shall be tormented 5 months' (150 years). On July 7, 1429 Othman first invaded Nicomedia + 150 years = July 7, 1229 Constantine took the throne 'they shall not burn the grass, nor cut down.' The Decree of Abu Bekr confirms "Destroy not the palm trees, nor burn any fields of corn."
5. Sardis (1517-1755 AD)	Archeology/Architecture, Reformation scholars.	Souls of those slain for the Word of God – white robes given to them. Asking how long before judgment? Until the killing of their fellow servants in the same way as they were, are fulfilled..		1517 – Luther pins 95 theses to church 1534 – Jesuit order set up 1562 – Council of Trent – Entire reformation failed because of Sunday observance not being based on scripture In 1611 a lot of persecution took place – more than 100 million killed Reformation . Protestants were killed in their millions for saying 'the Bible and the Bible alone – not a combination with state'
6. Philadelphia (1755-1844AD)		Earthquake, sun became black, moon as blood, stars fell to earth Sealing of the servants of God in-between 6 th & 7 th seal - 12 x 12 144 000	Fullness x fullness of time	1755 – Lisbon earthquake 1776 – American Revolution 1780 – "A wonderful dark day of May 19, 1780 – Read below 1789 – French Revolution & original human rights declaration 1798 – Rev 13:10 'fatal wound' The murder of a Frenchman in Rome in 1798 gave the French an excuse for occupying the Eternal City and putting an end to the Papal temporal power. Berthier entered Rome – the papacy was dead . 1798 – Rev 13:11 'And I beheld another best coming up out of the earth..' America recognized by France 1823 – Spanish Revolution 1827 – Ellen White was born 1831 – Polish Revolution 1833 – Falling of the stars (read below) – Meteoric shower – 240 000 meteors visible above Boston skyline at 1 time.
7. Laodicea (1844-present)	Increase in wealth – only church with no positive praise	Silence in heaven – Jesus and the angels leave heaven for the final confrontation 7 Angels with 7 trumpets	To announce something, iow to warn about the 7 plagues – this takes place before the Day of Atonement	1844 Commencement of judgment (Miller Write Movement predicted end of the world in 1843)) 1844 – Karl Marx joins the league of communists & Darwin starts pinning together the Origin of Species. Sinaitic manuscript discovered 1847 – Ellen White called to prophesise after William Foy and Hasen Foss rejected it. 1848 – Recognition of birthplace of modern spiritualism 1848 – Italian and German Revolution 1863 – Bahai Faith established and Seventh Day Adventists 1864 – Lucifer unleashed 1871 – Albert Pike writes about 3 wars that will be necessary to unify the world under one government 1929 – Italian Vatican Treaty – Pope's power restored (Rev 13:3 The wound was healed' 1950 – Call for one world government – various unions formed 1986 – First coming together of all world religions under the Pope in Asisi (snake worshippers, fire worshippers, spiritists, animists, protestants, Buddhists, muslims, hindus, north-american withdoctors, shintuist chanters) 1987 – The Vatican declares: 'Genesis is nonsense'. 1997 – Document compiled regarding Civilian Prison Camps 1999 – 1986 Repeated but at a much larger scale

				<p>2000 – Y2K – the biggest non-event enabling all computers of the world to communicate; <i>“True bible believers denounced at Papal conference Power of Prophecy”</i></p> <p>2001 – 9/11 (Global political threat)</p> <p>2001 – October 26, 2001 – Bush signed the US Patriot Acts (5 days after 9/11 which also resulted in FICA law in SA – people can now be traced via bank a/c etc.</p> <p>2003 – Rome re-issues challenge (1893) to Protestants re Sunday observance</p> <p>2004 – <i>Church and state merge under Bush</i></p> <p>2005 – Catholic Church casts doubt on parts of Bible and America bow's down to the beast. 100 Catholic priests signed up for world's first university course in devil worship and Satanism.</p> <p>2006 – France enforces Sunday Rest; Pope's evolution seminar to be published</p> <p>2007 – <i>‘Christians not true Churches’</i>; Pope boosts Latin mass; Israel – Sunday Bill survey shows support (56%); Vatican calls verbal attack on the pope – terrorism; Pope declares Catholicism the Only True church.</p> <p>2008 – Global financial Crisis & US Government to take stake in banks</p> <p>2010 – Catholic Churches enforces Sunday Law in Europe</p>
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Explained:

Ephesus: [Christ - 100AD] [Rev 2:1-7](#) – first prophetic period of the church

'..you hate the practices of the Nicolaitins which I also hate..' and

'You've abandoned your first love...'

Who are the Nicolaitins? – they **claimed to be Christians**, but considered it a matter of indifference to practice adultery. They felt the faith had **released** them from the **10 commandments**. Salesmen sold 1000's of pagans figurines that represent the goddess of fertility. ([Rom 3:20](#)) As Jesus' apostles taught the world about Jesus, people became convinced of their sin, people stopped buying these figurines. [Revelations 6:12](#) (the **white horse** coming out of the seal – covers the same period of Ephesus = recapitulation)

Smyrna [100AD – 313AD] [Rev 2:8](#)- second prophetic period of the church

Today it's called Izmir by the Turks

This was a time of terrible persecution. Christians were slaughtered. Looking into the seals (the **red horse** refers to this **persecution** = recapitulation). In 303AD, Smyrna was destroyed by fire. The Emperor tried to blame the Christians for the fire and slaughtered them even more (used as an excuse) [Rev 2:10](#) *'..you will suffer persecution for 10 days..'* (10 days in a prophecy, refers to **10 years**). In other words, if this persecution **started** in **303AD** it should have **ended** in **313 AD**. **History confirms** this when the **decree of Constantine** was issued in **313AD**.

Pergamum [313AD – 538AD] [Rev 2:13](#) – third prophetic period

'I know where you live – where satan has his throne....where satan lives..' In other words, there where you are, is the seat of satan and paganism = Temple of Zeus. *'..the teaching of the Nicolaitins..'* Pagan temples were built (Wharey, [Church History](#) p54). [Hagia Sophia in News week](#) said: *"Constantine became revered as the **equal of the apostles** and the vice-regent of God on earth. Blending the temporal powers of Caesar with the spiritual authority of the church, he rules supreme over both **church and state**."*

Thyatira [538 AD – 1560's AD] - [Rev 2:18](#) - fourth prophetic period

*'..you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess....misleads my servant into **sexual immorality**..'* (Spiritual adultery refers to not keeping the **10 commandments**). The **pale/bland horse** refers to this period – no flesh

Sardis [1560's – mid 1700's] [Rev 3:1](#) – fifth prophetic period of the church.

Archeology and architecture. Reformation scholars ([Roland H Bainton](#)) speak of the Anabaptists that spread throughout Switzerland – Rhyne valley and down into the Netherlands. In 1611 a lot of persecution took place.

Philadelphia [mid 1700's AD – 1844AD] – sixth prophetic period. [Rev 3:7](#).

Laodicea [1844AD – second coming] second prophetic period [Rev 3:14](#)

*...you say, 'I am rich; I have acquired **wealth** and do not need a thing.'* But you do not realize *that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.'* The 21st century is marked by **wealth** and an increase in wealth. Archeology and History confirm the Bible. Image shown of Laodicean water pipes bringing water into the city – as it would come down, it would cool down and determine by the temp, how close you are to the city. People are neither hot/nor cold...Laodicea is the only church that does not receive a commendation (positive praise).

Part 2

7 seals and 7 trumpets overlap one another

A seal is something used to seal a document of **lock something** – can only be unlocked by the one who sealed it, or a higher power ([Rev 5:1](#)).

[Rev 6:2](#) (A White horse)

Indicates a **powerful, pure faith** that went out into the world and refers to the first prophetic period from Christ' first coming to 100AD (Ephesus)

Second seal (Red horse) [100-313AD] [Rev 6:4](#)

Persecution (*take piece from the earth..*) of Christians

Third seal (Black horse) [313-538AD] [Rev 6:5](#)

Indicates a compromised faith – not the pure faith anymore. 'Scales' indicate compromise

Fourth seal (Pale horse) [538AD – 1500AD] [Rev 6:8](#)

Doctrine of death (skeletal figure) goes into the earth – typifying a Christian religion without any 'substance' to it. Referred to as the **dark ages** (Thyatira). A union took place between church and state (persecuting power)– this has **never** happened before.

Fifth seal () [1500 – 1755AD] [Rev 6:9](#)

'..the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God..' Refers to Sardis = **reformation**. Protestants were killed in their millions for saying '*the Bible and the Bible alone – not a combination with state*'.

Sixth seal () [Rev 6:12](#) [1755-1844] refers to Philadelphia period

- *..the sun turned black..'*
- *'..the whole moon turned red...'*
- *..the stars fell from the sky..'*

The Lord speaks of specific happenings (planetary) – and once again, this is confirmed by history: [Great Events of the past century](#): Section 3 refers to “**a wonderful dark day** of May 19, 1780. *“This darkness was not caused by an eclipse, is manifest by the various positions of the planetary bodies at that time, for the moon was more than 150 degrees from the sun all that day and according to the accurate calculations made by the most celebrated astronomers, there could not, in the order of nature, be any transit of the planet Venus or Mercury upon the disc of the sun that year; not could it be a blazing star, much less a mountain, that darkened the atmosphere, for this would still leave unexplained, the **deep darkness** of the following night. Nor would such excessive nocturnal darkness follow an eclipse of the sun; and as to the moon, she was at that time more than 40 hours motion past her opposition.”* Thus, for no astronomical reason, the sun went dark.

[The sublime meteoric shower all over the United States](#) (1833): *“The most grand and brilliant celestial phenomenon ever beheld and recorded by man.”* It speaks of stars being flung at the earth from one central source. *“Extensive and magnificent showers of shooting stars have been known to occur at various places in modern times; but the most universal and wonderful which has ever been recorded is that of the 13th of November, 1833, the **whole firmament**, over all the United States, being then, for hours, in **fiery commotion**. No celestial phenomenon has ever occurred in this country, since its first settlement, which was reviewed with such **intense admiration** by one class in the community or with so **much dread and alarm** by another. It was the all-engrossing theme of conversation and of scientific disquisition, for weeks and months. Indeed, it could not be otherwise, than that such a rare phenomenon, - next in grandeur and sublimity to that of a total solar eclipse, or a great comet stretched athwart the starry heavens, in full view of a **wonder-struck universe**, should awaken the deepest interest among all beholding it. Nor is the memory of this marvelous scene yet extinct; its sublimity and awful beauty still linger in many minds, who also remember well the error with which the demonstration was regarded and the mortal fear excited among many people.”* [Arago](#) computes that not less than **240 000 meteors** were at the same time visible above the horizon of Boston!. To form some idea of such a spectacle, one must imagine a constant succession of fireballs, resembling skyrockets radiating in all directions, from a point in the heavens near the zenith and following the arch of the sky towards the horizon.”

Seventh seal [1844 -] Laodicea [Rev 6:15](#)

...the skies will recede like a scroll..'

Rev 7:4 ...'**144 000**' – this is not a literal number. The number 12 is the number of 'efficiency', 'fullness' etc therefore 12 x 12 is fullness x fullness.

The 7 seals and 7 trumpets overlap one another

The 7 Trumpets	Declared	The 7 last plagues	Comparison with 10 plagues
Earth (1/3 of the earth)	Grievous sores	First plague is on the earth – grievous sores that affect men on earth who worshipped the beast	6
Sea (1/3 of the sea)	No fish/animals in sea – all dead	Second plague in the sea	1
Rivers/fountains (1/3 of the rivers and fountains)	No water to drink	Third plague targets rivers and fountains	1
Sun, moon, stars (1/3 affected)	Scorched with heat	Fourth plague = scorch	9
Darkness on the throne of the beast (demonic doctrines to confuse people – satan realizes time is running out and launches fierce attacks on humans). Die twee kragte wat die Bybel gefundeerde Christenskap 'displace' het is Islam en Humanisme.	This plague hits the Vatican and Roman system directly. Not a universal plague – targeted into specific areas, mostly cities – that's why there's a call to come out of her and be separate	Darkness for 3 days (yrs?) and then very intense cold	9
River Euphrates	Plague on river – dried up in preparation for Armageddon	Armageddon – withdrawel of human support from Babylon (Wicked fully united with satan to war against God)	
Loud voices and Kingdom	Fulfillment of seal – rock hits the toes! Thunders, lightning, great earthquake, mountains and islands disappear	Hael – universal plague	7

The 7 trumpets:

A trumpet is used

- To announce something: (the heralding of a subject)
- They take place before the Day of Atonement.
- 7 trumpets warn about the plagues – plagues follow:
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1st trumpet is about Earth and the first plague is on the earth [Rev 8:7](#)

2nd trumpet ([Rev 8:8](#)) is about the Sea - second plague in the sea

3rd trumpet ([Rev 8:10](#)) is about the rivers & fountains – plague hits them

4th ([Rev 8:12](#)) sun, moon and stars – plague talks of darkness

5th ([Rev 8: 13](#)) darkness – darkness on the throne of the beast – (demonic doctrines to confuse people are launched) - satan realizes his time is running out and launches fierce attacks on Christianity.

Question: which powers displaced Bible based Christianity and which philosophies arose to dethrone Christ after the dark period? Islam (east) and the Age of Rationalism and contemporary humanism (west). [The humanist manifesto](#) has this quote pp16: "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves." John Draper in the "[History of the Intellectual Development of Europe](#)" pp329 "Four years after the death of Justinian, 571 AD was born at Mecca, in Arabia, the man who, of all men, has exercised the greatest influence upon the human race." Further reading in "[The Life of Mohamed](#)" by Dermengehem.

Rev 9:6....'they shall be tormented **5 months**' (150 years) – July 7, 1429 (Thyatira), Othman the fist invaded Nicomedia (E gibbons – Historian) + 150 years = July 27th 1449 = the last of

the Greek emperors (**Constantine**) took the throne. *'they should not burn the grass, nor cut down'* [The Decree of Abu Bekr](#): "when you fight the battles of the Lord, acquit yourselves like men, without turning your backs: but let not your victory be stained with the blood of women or children. **Destroy not the palm trees, not burn any fields of corn...."**

6th river Euphrates – plague on river 200 000 000 ([Rev 9:16](#))

7th Loud voices and kingdom – loud voice saying *'it is done'*. Fulfillment of the seal, the rock hitting the feet, the 7th trumpet. [Rev 8:1-3](#)

The 7 churches are a specific message for the various era's of history, they are also indicative of a certain time period in which specific things will take place and they are a warning message to us of what we should be wary. The 7 seals are a clearer depiction of the character of the religious convictions of those eras's explaining to us how people will react and feel towards God. The 7 trumpets increase our knowledge and understanding of this demonic attack on Christianity.

If not understood – please watch the dvd – explained better than in the text.