

# Structure of the Second Vision

Rev 6:1-8

4:1-16:21, Coming Judgments

4-8:1, The Seven Seals

4-5, Introduction: Heavenly Actors

6, Six (!) Seals

7, Prep for Trumpets: Faithful Multitudes

8:1-5, Seventh Seal

8:6-11:19, The Seven Trumpets

8:6-9:21, Six (!) Trumpets

10:1-11:13, Prep for Vials: Witnesses

11:13-19, Seventh Trumpet

12-16, The Seven Vials

12-14, Introduction: Satanic Actors

15-16, Seven Vials

Nested Judgments

Seals

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Trumpets

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Vials

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# Matthew 24 and the Seals

Matt 24: Beginning of Sorrows	Revelation 6: Seals
<p>5 For many shall come in my name, saying, <b>I am Christ</b>; and shall deceive many.</p>	<p>1 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. 2 And I saw, and behold a <b>white horse</b>: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.</p>
<p>6 And ye shall hear of <b>wars and rumours of wars</b>: see that ye be not troubled: for all <i>these things</i> must come to pass, but the end is not yet.</p>	<p>3 And when he had opened the second seal, I heard the second beast say, Come and see. 4 And there went out another horse <i>that was</i> red: and <i>power</i> was given to him that sat thereon to <b>take peace from the earth</b>, and that they should kill one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.</p>
<p>7 ...there shall be <b>famines</b>...</p>	<p>5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. ...</p>
<p>7 For <b>nation shall rise against nation</b>, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be <b>famines</b>, and <b>pestilences</b>, and <b>earthquakes</b>, in divers places. 8 All these <i>are</i> the beginning of sorrows.</p>	<p>7 And when he had opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth beast say, Come and see. 8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with <b>sword</b>, and with <b>hunger</b>, and with <b>death</b>, and with the beasts of the earth.</p>
<p>9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and <b>shall kill you</b>: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.</p>	<p>9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of <b>them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held</b>: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they <i>were</i>, should be fulfilled.</p>

# Helpful References

Dan 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, **shut up the words, and seal the book**, even to the time of the end: ...  
9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for **the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end**.

Rev 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 And he had in his hand **a little book open**: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, ... 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take **the little book which is open** in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. 10 And I took **the little book** out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. 11 And he said unto me, **Thou must prophesy again** before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

Ezek. 2:8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. 9 And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; 10 And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. 3:1 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. ... 14 So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

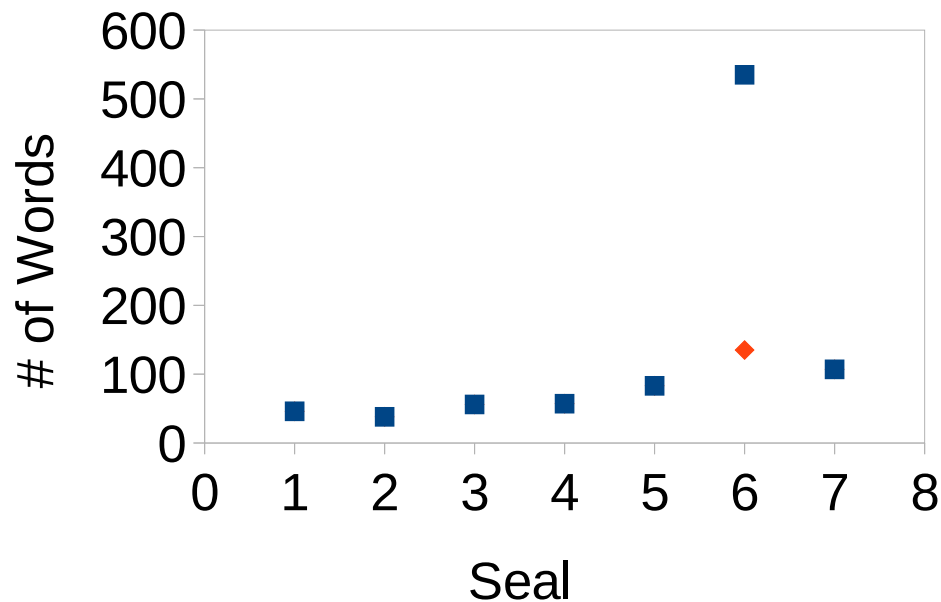
# Ezekiel 2-3 connects Revelation 2 and 10

Ezekiel 2-3	Revelation 5	Revelation 10
2:9 And when I looked,	1 And I saw	1 And I saw
behold, <b>an hand</b> was sent unto me;	in the right <b>hand</b> of him that sat on the throne	2 And [the angel from heaven] had in his <b>hand</b>
and, lo, a roll of <b>a book</b> was therein	<b>a book</b>	... a <b>little book</b> ...
10b ... and it was <b>written within and without:</b>	<b>written within and on the backside,</b>	
10a And he <b>spread it</b> before me;		2 ... a book <b>open</b> ... 8 Go and take the little book which is <b>open</b> in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
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2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. ... 3 ... <b>Then did I eat it;</b> and it was in my mouth <b>as honey for sweetness.</b> ...		10 And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and <b>ate it up;</b> and it was in my mouth <b>sweet as honey:</b>
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# Getting to Know the Seals ...

## The Dilemma of the Sixth Seal

Law of Proportion—notice how much space the writer gives to each section.



Is ch. 7 part of the sixth seal (blue dot), or a digression (orange dot)?

## The First Four stand Apart

- **Speaker:** four living creatures (then martyrs, mighty men, and trumpets)
- **Invitation:** “come and see.” 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, **Come**. And let him that heareth say, **Come**. And let him that is athirst **come**. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.
- **Pattern** of Zechariah 6
- God’s **Four Judgments**

# Zechariah 6 and the Horsemen

Zech 6:1 And I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. 2 In the first chariot were **red** horses; and in the second chariot **black** horses; 3 And in the third chariot **white** horses; and in the fourth chariot **grisled and bay** horses. 4 Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? 5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from **standing before the Lord of all the earth**. 6 The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled go forth toward the south country. 7 And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, **Get you hence**, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

1 Ki 22:19 And [Micaiah] said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and **all the host of heaven standing by him** on his right hand and on his left. 20 And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. 22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: **go forth, and do so**. 23 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

# The Four Judgments

Rev 6:8b And power was given unto ~~them~~ him over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with **sword**, and with **hunger**, and with **death**, and with the **beasts** of the earth.

Eze 14:21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the **sword**, and the **famine**, and the noisome **beast**, and the **pestilence**, ...

Ezek14:21	Lev 26:3 If you walk in my statutes ...	Lev 26:14 If ye will not hearken unto me ...	Revelation 6
Sword	6c neither shall the <b>sword</b> go through your land. 7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the <b>sword</b> .	17 And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you.	6:4, Red Horse
Famine	10 And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.	20 And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.	6:5, Black Horse
Evil beast	6b I will rid evil <b>beasts</b> out of the land,	22 I will also send wild <b>beasts</b> among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.	6:2, White Horse (!)
Pestilence	(Exo 15:26 I will put none of these <b>diseases</b> upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.)	16a I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, <b>consumption, and the burning ague,</b> 25 I will send the <b>pestilence</b> among you;	6:8, Pale Horse