

THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH

1Co 15:51 ¶ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1Co 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Yes, the Seventh Trumpet blows sometime between the 3.5-year mark (middle of the Tribulation) and the end of the 7 years (Great Tribulation). Based on a literal interpretation of Revelation, it occurs in the second half of the 7-year Tribulation, which is also referred to as the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21).

Timeline of the 7-Year Tribulation

Phase	Time Period	Key Events	Revelation Chapters
First Half (3.5 Years)	Years 1–3.5	Seals are opened; the Antichrist rises to power; the world experiences initial judgments and chaos.	Revelation 6–8
Midpoint (3.5 Years)	Start of Great Tribulation	Abomination of Desolation occurs (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15), the Antichrist declares himself as God.	Revelation 11 (Two Witnesses)
Second Half (Great Tribulation)	Years 3.5–7	Trumpet judgments escalate, persecution intensifies, and God's final judgments begin.	Revelation 8–11
Seventh Trumpet Blows	Near the end of Year 7	Final declaration of God's kingdom; preparation for the Seven Bowls and Christ's return.	Revelation 11:15–19
Final Wrath and Christ's Return	Shortly after Year 7	Seven Bowls of Wrath are poured out, culminating in Armageddon and the return of Christ.	Revelation 16–19

When Exactly Does the Seventh Trumpet Blow?

- It occurs during the second half of the 7-year Tribulation, closer to the end of the 7 years.
- The Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15) announces:
 - The establishment of God's kingdom.
 - The beginning of the final judgments (Seven Bowls of Wrath).

This is a pivotal moment, signaling that the culmination of the Tribulation is near and that Christ's return is imminent.

Key Details Supporting Its Timing

1. The Seven Trumpets Follow the Seven Seals:

- The Seventh Seal introduces the Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8:1-2).
- The Trumpet Judgments happen over the second half of the Tribulation.

2. The Seventh Trumpet Precedes the Seven Bowls:

- After the Seventh Trumpet, the Seven Bowls of Wrath are poured out (Revelation 16), which occur rapidly and lead directly to the return of Christ (Revelation 19).
- This places the Seventh Trumpet near the final months or weeks of the 7-year period.

3. The Timing of the Two Witnesses:

- The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:3-14) prophesy for 1,260 days (3.5 years).
 - Their ministry overlaps with the Great Tribulation, and their death and resurrection occur just before the Seventh Trumpet.
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Summary

The Seventh Trumpet blows in the second half of the Tribulation, likely near the 6.5 to 7-year mark, signaling the final stage of God's judgment. It occurs after the 3.5-year midpoint and before the end of the 7 years, setting the stage for the Seven Bowls of Wrath and the return of Christ.

Sequential and Concurrent Interpretations of the Trumpet and Bowl Judgments in Revelation

1. Sequential Trumpets and Bowls

This interpretation views the Trumpet Judgments and Bowl Judgments as distinct and chronological. The Trumpets occur first, and after the Seventh Trumpet, the Bowls are poured out in rapid succession.

Key Features

- Trumpets: Partial judgments (e.g., affecting one-third of the earth).
- Bowls: Total judgments, bringing God's wrath to completion.
- The Trumpets prepare the way for the Bowls, which conclude the Tribulation.

Sequential Chart

Judgment	Trumpets (Revelation 8-11)	Bowls (Revelation 16)
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1st Judgment	Hail and fire burn one-third of vegetation.	Painful sores on those with the mark of the Beast.
2nd Judgment	A blazing mountain turns one-third of the sea to blood.	The entire sea turns to blood, killing all sea life.
3rd Judgment	A great star (Wormwood) poisons one-third of freshwater.	All freshwater turns to blood.
4th Judgment	One-third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened.	The sun scorches people with intense heat.
5th Judgment	Demonic locusts torment people for five months.	The kingdom of the Beast is plunged into darkness.
6th Judgment	A demonic army kills one-third of humanity.	The Euphrates River dries up, preparing for Armageddon.
7th Judgment	Loud voices declare God's kingdom; lightning, earthquake, hailstorm.	"It is done!" Massive earthquake and hailstorm occur.

Strengths of Sequential Interpretation

1. Clear Narrative Flow: The Trumpets are described first (Revelation 8–11), followed by the Bowls (Revelation 15–16), suggesting chronological order.
2. Escalation of Judgment: The Trumpets are partial (e.g., one-third of the earth), while the Bowls bring total destruction (e.g., the entire sea turns to blood).
3. Distinct Introductions: The Trumpets follow the Seventh Seal, while the Bowls are introduced after the Seventh Trumpet.

2. Concurrent/Overlapping Trumpets and Bowls

This interpretation suggests the Trumpets and Bowls describe similar events occurring simultaneously, with the Bowls expanding or intensifying the Trumpets.

Key Features

- Trumpets: Initiate partial judgments.
- Bowls: Represent the final phase of the same judgments, completing what the Trumpets began.
- The parallels between Trumpets and Bowls indicate overlapping descriptions of God's judgments.

Concurrent Chart

Target	Trumpets (Partial Judgments)	Bowls (Total Judgments)
Earth	1st Trumpet: Hail, fire, blood burn one-third of vegetation.	1st Bowl: Sores on those with the Beast's mark.
Sea	2nd Trumpet: One-third of the sea turns to blood.	2nd Bowl: The entire sea turns to blood.
Rivers and Springs	3rd Trumpet: One-third of freshwater poisoned by Wormwood.	3rd Bowl: All freshwater turns to blood.
Sun	4th Trumpet: One-third of the sun, moon, and stars darkened.	4th Bowl: The sun scorches people with heat.

Spiritual Realm	5th Trumpet: Demonic locusts torment for five months.	5th Bowl: Beast's kingdom plunged into darkness.
Euphrates River	6th Trumpet: Demonic army kills one-third of mankind.	6th Bowl: Euphrates dries up for Armageddon.
Final Judgment	7th Trumpet: Proclamation of God's kingdom; earthquake, hail.	7th Bowl: "It is done!" Earthquake and hail occur.

Strengths of Concurrent Interpretation

1. Parallel Events: Both Trumpets and Bowls target the same areas (earth, sea, rivers, sun), suggesting they describe the same events in stages.
2. Escalation in Severity: Trumpets describe initial judgments (partial), while Bowls show the completion (total).
3. Textual Clues: The Seventh Trumpet ('It is done!') and the Seventh Bowl ('It is finished!') both suggest a finality that overlaps.

Key Differences Between Sequential and Concurrent Interpretations

Aspect	Sequential	Concurrent
Timing	Trumpets occur first, followed by Bowls.	Trumpets and Bowls occur simultaneously.
Judgment Nature	Trumpets are preparatory; Bowls are final.	Trumpets initiate; Bowls intensify and complete.
Narrative Flow	Events are linear, progressing step by step.	Events are cyclical, with repetition for emphasis.
Focus of Text	Judgments are distinct phases.	Judgments are two descriptions of the same phase.

Conclusion

Both interpretations have merit, depending on how one approaches the text:

- Sequential Interpretation: Fits a linear reading of Revelation, emphasizing progression and escalation of God's judgment.
- Concurrent Interpretation: Highlights thematic parallels and the interconnected nature of God's judgments.

If interpreted sequentially, the Trumpets and Bowls represent distinct phases of judgment. If interpreted concurrently, they describe the same events with escalating intensity.

1Th 4:16 For Yehusha himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

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4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet Yehusha in the air: and so shall we ever be with Yehusha.

1Th 4:18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Matthew 24:1-51 (KJV) And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to shew him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, *See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.* And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, *Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day: For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here *is* Christ, or there; believe *it* not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, *he is* in the secret chambers; believe *it* not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcase is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other. **Now learn a parable of the fig tree;** When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer *is* nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, *even* at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but*

my Father only. But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two *women shall be* grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 25:1-13 (KJV) Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Trumpet Judgments (Revelation 8-11)

Environmental Castasrophes:

First Trumpet (Revelation 8:7)

Event: Hail and fire mixed with blood are thrown to the earth, burning a third of the trees and all green grass.

First Bowl (Revelation 16:2)

Event: Painful sores afflict those with the mark of the beast and who worship his image.

First Trumpet and First Bowl: Both involve afflictions on the earth, though the trumpet affects vegetation (hail and fire) while the bowl directly targets those who worship the beast (sores).

Second Trumpet (Revelation 8:8-9)

Event: A great mountain burning with fire is cast into the sea, turning a third of the sea into blood, killing a third of sea creatures, and destroying a third of ships.

Second Bowl (Revelation 16:3)

Event: The sea turns into blood like that of a dead person, killing every living thing in the sea.

Second Trumpet and Second Bowl: Both judgments affect the sea, turning it to blood and causing death, though the bowl's impact is more extensive, affecting all sea life.

Water Sources:

Third Trumpet (Revelation 8:10-11)

Event: A great star (Wormwood) falls from heaven, turning a third of the rivers and springs bitter, causing many to die from the bitter waters.

Third Bowl (Revelation 16:4-7)

Event: The rivers and springs of water become blood.

Third Trumpet and Third Bowl: Both judgments turn freshwater sources (rivers and springs) into bitter or blood, rendering them undrinkable and causing death.

Celestial Effects:

Fourth Trumpet (Revelation 8:12)

Event: A third of the sun, moon, and stars are struck, causing a third of them to be darkened, and a third of the day and night to be without light.

Fourth Bowl (Revelation 16:8-9)

Event: The sun is given power to scorch people with fire. They are seared by intense heat, but they curse God and do not repent.

Fourth Trumpet and Fourth Bowl: Both involve the sun, with the trumpet causing partial darkening and the bowl intensifying its heat to scorch people.

Darkness and Pain:

Fifth Trumpet (Revelation 9:1-12)

Event: A star falls from heaven to earth, and the key to the bottomless pit is given to it. Locusts with the power to torment people for five months come out of the smoke from the pit.

Fifth Bowl (Revelation 16:10-11)

Event: The kingdom of the beast is plunged into darkness. People gnaw their tongues in agony and curse God because of their pains and sores but do not repent.

Fifth Trumpet and Fifth Bowl: The trumpet unleashes tormenting locusts from the abyss, and the bowl causes darkness and pain in the beast's kingdom. Both result in severe suffering without repentance.

The Euphrates and Warfare:

Sixth Trumpet (Revelation 9:13-21)

Event: Four angels bound at the Euphrates River are released to kill a third of mankind with an army of horsemen.

Sixth Bowl (Revelation 16:12-16)

Event: The Euphrates River is dried up to prepare the way for the kings from the east. Three impure spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, the beast, and the false prophet, performing signs to gather the kings of the world for battle on the great day of God Almighty (Armageddon).

Sixth Trumpet and Sixth Bowl: Both involve the Euphrates River and prepare for a great conflict. The trumpet releases angels to kill a third of humanity, while the bowl dries up the river to prepare for the battle of Armageddon.

Climactic Judgments:

Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11:15-19)

Event: Loud voices in heaven proclaim the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord. There are flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

Seventh Bowl (Revelation 16:17-21)

Event: A loud voice from the throne says, "It is done!" There are flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, a severe earthquake, and huge hailstones. The great city splits into three parts, and the cities of the nations collapse.

Bowl Judgments (Revelation 16)

Seventh Trumpet and Seventh Bowl: Both culminate in dramatic cosmic disturbances (lightning, thunder, earthquakes) and declarations of God's reign, with the bowl emphasizing finality ("It is done").

Conclusion

While the trumpet and bowl judgments in Revelation are distinct sequences, they share significant thematic parallels. Both series depict escalating divine judgments affecting the environment, human health, and spiritual warfare, ultimately leading to the culmination of God's sovereign plan. The bowl judgments generally intensify and expand the scope of the earlier trumpet judgments, indicating a progression toward the final resolution of God's judgment and the establishment of His kingdom.