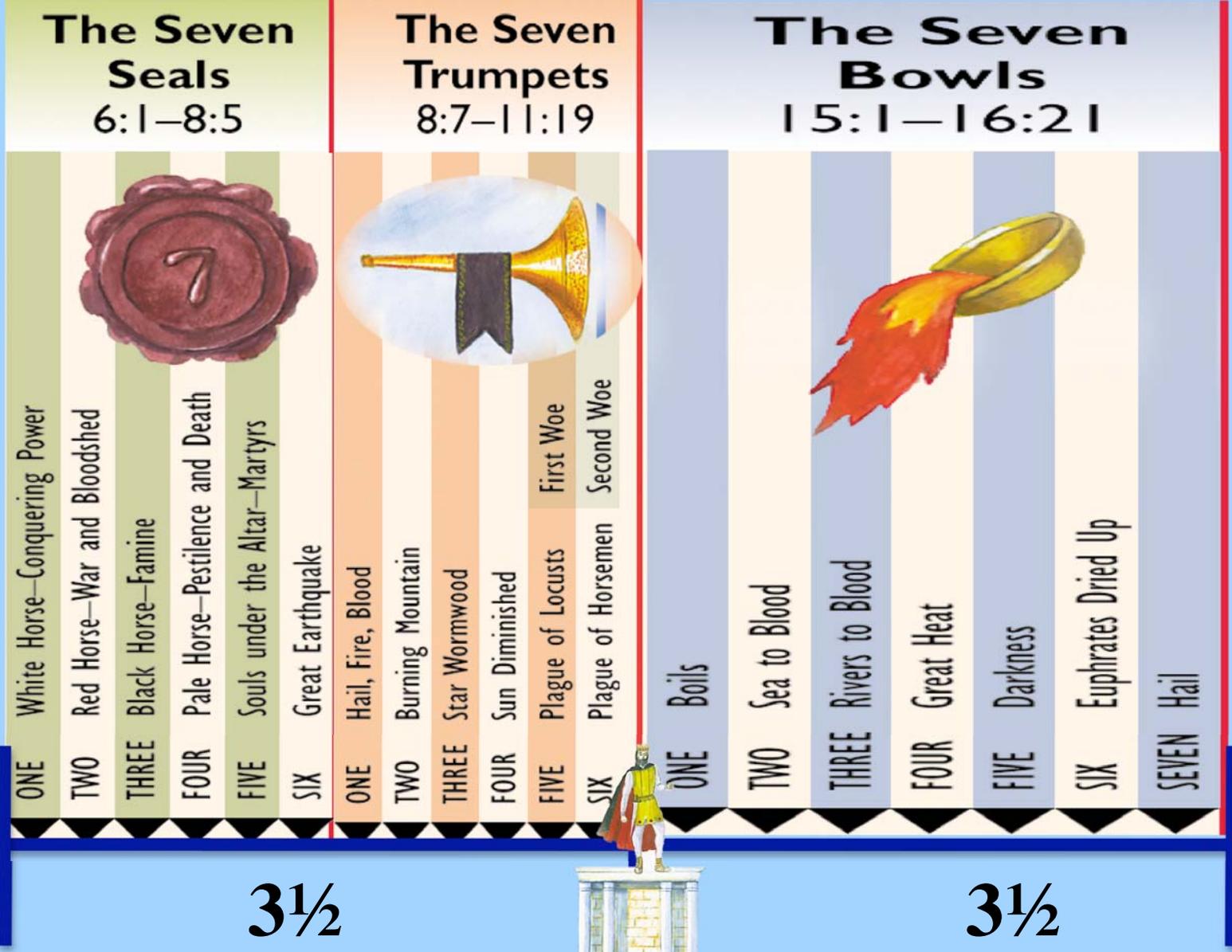


RAPTURE
1 Ths 4:16-17

The Heavenly Vision
4:1-5:14



3½
years

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Trumpet Judgments



Rapture of the Church

Hail, Fire



upon earth

Sun, Moon, Stars



upon heavens

Announces Seven Bowls



Bowls

Burning Mountain

Demonic Locusts



upon sea



upon people

Wormwood

Horsemen



upon waters



upon people



Second 21 Months

First Half of the Tribulation

Midpoint



Rev. 8:6, “And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.”

Rev. 9:3, “Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.”



God then determined a demonstration:

- **To demonstrate His righteousness**
- **To demonstrate His justice**
- **To demonstrate His love**
- **To demonstrate the inability of the creature to rule the Creation**
- **To demonstrate the cataclysmic consequences of sin**

Luke 22:31, “And the Lord said, ‘Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat.’”

**Matt. 16:23, “But He turned and said to Peter,
‘Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to
Me, for you are not mindful of the things of
God, but the things of men.’”**

1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.”

Demon possession occurs when one or more immaterial demons (evil spirits, fallen angels) invade the body of an unbeliever and take over control of his body.

Gen. 6:1, “Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them,

Gen. 6:2, “that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they *were* beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose.”

Job 1:6, “Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them.”

Job 2:1, “Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.”

Job 38:7, “When the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?”

Jude 6, “And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day,

Jude 7, “just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.”

**JUST AS SODOM AND GOMORRAH AND THE
CITIES (fem) AROUND THEM (fem), SINCE
THEY [3PL with the verb *prokeimaī*] IN THE
SAME WAY AS THESE (masc–angels),**

2 Peter 2:4, “For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;

2 Peter 2:5, “and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;”

1 Peter 3:18, “For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

1 Peter 3:19, “in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison,

1 Peter 3:20, “who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through the water.”