



Big idea: De-creation is a summons to repentance.

Context

- Revelation is structured as seven series of sevens.
- The pattern of the seven **TRUMPETS** aligns exactly with the pattern of the seven **BOWLS**
- The first four trumpets and the first four bowls provide the same essential picture of how God's judgment against sin is demonstrated in the physical world.
- The vision of the seven bowls depicts God's **UNRESTRAINED** judgment upon the earth.

Connections between the Seals, Trumpets, & Bowls

1.) They are all phrased as a sequence of **SEVEN**

- Leviticus 26:18, Revelation 10:3-4, Psalm 79:9, 12

2.) They all have a **PATTERN** of four plus three.

- The first five in each series have been occurring since the Christ's resurrection and will continue until he comes again.

- The sixth in the series represents the time of transition that leads right up to the Day of Christ's return.
- The seventh in the series represents the very end when Christ comes again with by thunder, lightning, etc.
- This pattern shows that the sets of sevens in Revelation are not meant to be viewed as future events in chronological order.

3.) Each begins and ends in the **TEMPLE**

- All of the judgments described in Revelation come from God and end with His return.

4.) They are linked to the **EXODUS** plagues (especially the trumpets and bowls).

- These parallels remind us that Revelation is really about God appearing on earth for the glory of His name and the salvation of His people.

The Seven Bowls

- The seven bowls are an image of God's **HOLINESS** being poured out on an unholy world.

De-creation summons us to repentance.

-- Order of Creation (Genesis 1)

- 1.) **The Heavenly Bodies** – Day 1 & 4 – God creates heavenly bodies, such as sun, moon, and stars.

2.) The Waters – Day 2 & 5 – God creates the waters and sea creatures.

3.) The Earth – Day 3 & 6 – God creates the dry land, vegetation, land animals, and people.

-- **Order of Decreation**

-- It is revealed in the first four trumpets (Rev. 8) and the first four bowls (Rev. 16), and it is exactly the **OPPOSITE** of the order of creation.

1.) The Earth – 1st trumpet and Bowl

2.) The Waters – 2nd & 3rd trumpets and bowls

3.) The Heavenly Bodies – 4th trumpet and bowl

-- The whole book of Revelation, and the seven bowls in particular, paint a picture of creation being undone.

-- The de-creation we see every day is a vivid warning from God to believe His Word and **REPENT** while there is still time.

-- God is showing us today that judgment has come against our sin and will one day come without restraint.

-- *Do you hear the countdown of de-creation? Do you hear the warnings from God to repent? Are you ready? (2 Corinthians 6:2).*