

Comparison Chart — Letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation

	Ephesus (2:1-7)	Smyrna (2:8-11)	Pergamum (2:12-17)	Thyatira (2:18-29)	Sardis (3:1-6)
Portrayal of Jesus	7 stars in hand Walks among lampstands				
Praise for the Church	Patient endurance Toil, sound doctrine (hates Nicolaitans)				
Criticism of the Church	Abandoned earlier love				
Exhortation: A. Correction/ Encouragement	Remember, repent, do earlier works				
B. Penalty/ Reward	Lampstand can be removed				
Promises to Overcomers	Eat of the tree of life				
General Admonition	“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”				

	Philadelphia (3:7-13)	Laodicia (3:14-22)
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Praise for the Church		
Criticism of the Church		
Exhortation: A. Correction/ Encouragement		
B. Penalty/ Reward		
Promises to Overcomers		
General Admonition	Copyright © 2003, Ralph F. Wilson., pastor@joyfulheart.com	

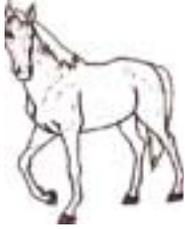
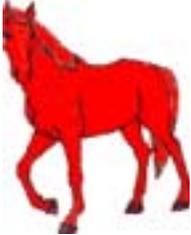
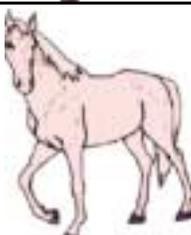
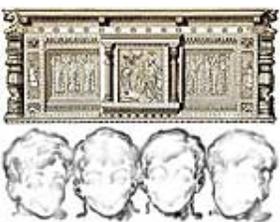
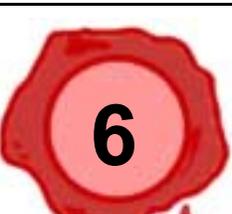


Instructions:

1. Print out both pages of this table.
2. Cut off the left column of page 2, align page 2 with the right side of the table on page one, and hold it in place with transparent tape or glue.
3. Use this chart to record your observations as you study the Letters to the Seven Churches in Revelation 2-3.

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The Seven Seals (Revelation 6)

		<p>White horse Bow Crown Conquering</p>	<p>6:1-2</p>
		<p>Bright red horse Great sword Take peace from the earth</p>	<p>6:3-4</p>
		<p>Black horse Balance Famine</p>	<p>6:5-6</p>
		<p>Pale horse Death and Hades 1/4 of earth Death</p>	<p>6:7-8</p>
		<p>Souls of martyrs under the altar “How long?”</p>	<p>6:9-11</p>
		<p>Signs in heavens Sun, moon, stars, sky Day of Wrath</p>	<p>6:12-17</p>
		<p>Silence</p>	<p>8:1</p>

The Seven Trumpets (Revelation 8-11)

 1		Earth burned 1/3 destroyed	8:7
 2		Sea to blood 1/3 sea, 1/3 fish 1/3 ships	8:8-9
 3		Water poisoned “Wormwood” Star 1/3 water bitter	8:10-11
 4		Sun, moon, stars 1/3 darkened	8:12
 5		Locusts Torture 5 months from bottomless pit	9:1-12
 6		Calvary host kills 1/3 4 angels, 200 million horses	9:13-21
		Little Scroll eaten Bitter — Sweet	10:1-11
		Two Witnesses prophecy 1260 days, slain 3-1/2 days, resurrection, rapture	11:1-14
 7		Consummation: Christ reigns Kingdoms > Christ	11:15-19

Parallelism in Revelation

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<http://www.jesuswalk.com/revelation/parallelism.pdf>

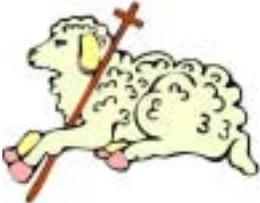


You'll find all sorts of theories of how Revelation fits together. Some see the series 7 Seals, 7 Trumpets, and 7 Bowls chronologically following one after another. The interpretation I think works best is a partial parallelism, suggested below. You'll see many parallels, but some don't fit so well. Certainly, parallelism has some weaknesses -- but so do all the other views.

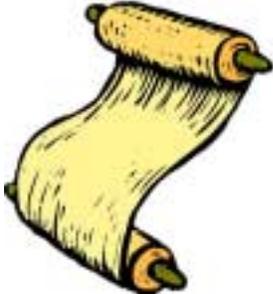
Matthew 24	7 Seals (Revelation 6)	7 Trumpets (Revelation 8-9, 11)	7 Bowls (Revelation 16)
Many come in my name (5)	1. War horse (false messiah?), conquering (1-2)		
Wars & rumors of wars (6-7a)	2. Red horse, war (3-4)		
Famines & earthquakes (7b-8)	3. Black horse, famine (5-6)		
	4. Pale horse, pestilence, famine, death (7-8)		
Tribulation of church, many fall away, false prophets (9-11)	5. Heavenly vision of martyrs (9-11)		
Love grow cold, endure, gospel preached (12-14)			
Desolating sacrilege (15)			
Fleeing judgments on Jerusalem (16-20)			
Great tribulation (21-22)			

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		1. Hail & fire (8:7)	1. Sores (2)
		2. Seas turn to blood (8:8-9)	2. Sea like blood (3)
		3. Wormwood, bitter (8:10-11)	3. Fresh water turns to blood (4)
Powers of heavens shaken (29)	6. Earthquake, sun dark, moon blood, stars fall, earth moves (12-14)	4. Sun, moon, stars darkened (8:12)	4. Sun scorches people (8-9) 5. Darkness on beast's kingdom (10-11)
Nations mourn (30a)	Ungodly leaders hide in caves, cry out for fear of wrath of the Lamb (15-17)	5. Locusts torture unbelievers, but not believers (9:1-12)	
		6. 200 million cavalry kills 1/3 (9:13-19)	6. Demonic spirits assemble nations for battle of Armageddon (12-16)
	7. Silence (8:1)		
Christ appears (30b)		7. Kingdoms are Christ's, dead judged, servants rewarded, destroyer destroyed (11:15-19)	7. "It is done." Lightning, thunder, earthquake, Babylon falls, hailstones, cursing God (16-21) Marriage Supper of the Lamb, judgment (chapters 19-20)
Trumpet call, rapture (31)			

The Seven Mystic Figures (Revelation 12-14)

1		The woman with child	12:1-2, 6, 13-16
2		Red Dragon, 7 heads, 10 horns, 7 diadems on heads. = Devil = Satan = Ancient serpent	12:3-4
3		Male child	12:5
4		Archangel Michael	12:7-12
5		Beast from the Sea. 10 horns, 7 heads, 10 diadems on heads (= Antichrist)	13:1-10
6		Beast from the Earth. 2 horns, like lamb, spoke like dragon. Number is 666	13:11-18
7		Lamb and the 144,000 on Mt. Zion	14:1-5

Visions of Final Judgment (Revelation 14:6-20)

	<p>Eternal Gospel Worship God</p>  <p>First Angel</p>	<p>14:6-7</p>
	<p>Fallen, fallen is Babylon the Great</p>  <p>Second Angel</p>	<p>14:8</p>
	<p>God's wrath Judgment of fire and brimstone</p>  <p>Third Angel</p>	<p>14:9-11</p>
	<p>Reap the harvest of the earth</p>	<p>14:14-16</p>
	<p>Reap the vintage of the earth</p>	<p>14:17-20</p>

The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath (Revelation 16)

 1		Foul and evil sores	16:2
 2		Sea becomes as blood of a corpse	16:3
 3		Fresh water becomes blood	16:4-7
 4		Sun scorches men with fire	16:8-9
 5		Darkness on the throne of the beast. Torment.	16:10-11
 6		River Euphrates dries up. Armies march to Battle of Armageddon.	16:12-16 17:7-18
 7		Great earthquake. Babylon and major cities destroyed. Hailstones.	16:17-21 Ch. 18

Chronologies of the Millennium and Christ's Return

Theories of the Order of Events

Great Tribulation — The “7 year” period marking the rise of the Antichrist, increase of evil, persecution of Christians (Matthew 24:21, 29; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Revelation 7:14;), just prior to Christ's return in glory (Matthew 24:30-31; Acts 1:11). One's theory of the time of the rapture is described as pre-trib, mid-trib, or post-trib.

Rapture — (from Latin *raptus*, “snatch away”), the catching up of Christians to meet Christ in the End Time (Matthew 24:29-31; 1 Corinthians 15:51-52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 2:1).

Millennium — “1,000 year” period of Christ's earthly reign, during which time Satan is bound (Revelation 20:1-6). One's theory of the timing of Christ's return is described as pre-millennial or post-millennial (before or after the millennium). Amillennialists believe the millennium is not a literal period time, but coincides with the Church Age.

Church Age — The period of time the Church has to declare the Gospel before Christ's return (Matthew 24:14; Luke 21:24; Romans 11:25)

Satan loosed — Satan is released at the end of the millennium for final conflict (Revelation 20:7)

