

Seven Seals	
The Lamb opens a seven-sealed scroll. The opening of each seal reveals some aspect of the future. The first four seals are distinct in that as they are broken, the four living creatures call forth four horsemen.	
<i>First Seal</i> (6:1-2)	A white horse appears, and its rider goes out to conquer.
<i>Second Seal</i> (6:3-4)	A bright red horse appears. Its rider takes peace from the earth, inducing its inhabitants to kill one another.
<i>Third Seal</i> (6:5-6)	A black horse appears, its rider carrying a pair of scales. Basic food staples are sold for exorbitant prices, perhaps because of a famine.
<i>Fourth Seal</i> (6:7-8)	A pale horse appears, ridden by Death itself. As much as a fourth of the earth's population is killed by warfare, starvation, disease and animal predation.
<i>Fifth Seal</i> (6:9-11)	A group of martyred witnesses is revealed to be present under the altar in heaven, crying out for their blood to be avenged.
<i>Sixth Seal</i> (6:12-17)	An earthquake takes place and several astronomical phenomena occur. All people, regardless of status, hide from the wrath of the Lamb.
<i>Seventh Seal</i> (8:1)	There is silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Seven Trumpets	
Seven angels who stand before God receive trumpets and proceed to blow them one at a time. While the scope of the trumpet judgments seems to be worldwide, the devastation is mostly limited to a third of what it could be. The first five trumpet judgments are patterned after the plagues of Exodus. The last three trumpets, being more calamitous than the first four, are labeled as three woes.	
<i>First Trumpet</i> (8:7)	Hail, fire, and blood are cast to the earth, perhaps symbolizing environmental catastrophe. One-third of the earth's vegetation is said to be burned up.
<i>Second Trumpet</i> (8:8-9)	Something like a large, burning mountain is thrown into the sea. A third of the sea's living organisms and ships are destroyed.
<i>Third Trumpet</i> (8:10-11)	A great star named Wormwood (possibly an angel) falls to earth in a blaze of fire. A third of the fresh water is said to be polluted, and many people die from consuming it.
<i>Fourth Trumpet</i> (8:12)	The sun, moon, and stars are struck. Their light production is reduced by a third.
<i>Fifth Trumpet</i> (9:1-11)	A spirit being unlocks the bottomless pit, releasing "locusts" to torment for five months those who have not been sealed by God.
<i>Sixth Trumpet</i> (9:13-21)	Four angels are released to oversee a massive army that slays a third of mankind, but those who survive fail to repent.
<i>Seventh Trumpet</i> (11:15-19)	Voices in heaven proclaim the eternal kingdom of God and Christ. The twenty-four elders respond with thanksgiving for the forthcoming judgment of the wicked and vindication of the faithful.