

The Revelation to John

Chapters 8-9

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Exodus	Trumpets	Bowls
1. Seventh plague (Ex. 9.18-26).	1. Hail, fire, and blood fall on the <i>earth</i> , one third of which is burned up.	1. A bowl is poured on the <i>earth</i> . Malignant sores come on men who had the mark of the beast and worshipped his image.
2. First plague (Ex. 7.19-21).	2. A blazing mountain falls into the <i>sea</i> . One-third of the sea becomes blood, a third of seas-creatures die, and a third of ships are destroyed.	2. A bowl is poured on the <i>seas</i> . They become blood, and every living thing in them dies.
3. No analogous plague, but cf. the bitter waters at Marah (Ex. 15.23-27).	3. A blazing star (Wormwood) falls on a third of <i>rivers</i> and <i>fountains</i> ; their waters are poisoned and many die.	3. A bowl is poured on <i>rivers</i> and fountains, and they become blood.
4. Ninth plague (Ex. 10.21-23).	4. A third of <i>sun, moon, and stars</i> are struck. Darkness results for a third of a night and day.	4. A bowl is poured on the <i>sun</i> , which scorches men with fire.
5. Eight plague (Ex. 10.1-20).	5. The shaft of the pit is opened. Sun and air are <i>darkened</i> with smoke from which locusts emerge to <i>torment</i> men without the seal of God.	5. A bowl is poured on the throne of the beast. His kingdom is <i>darkened</i> and men are in <i>anguish</i> .
6. Since the sixth trumpet and bowl are most directly about peoples' death, perhaps there is a connection with the tenth plague, against the firstborn.	6. Four angels bound at <i>the Euphrates</i> are released, with their 200 million cavalry. A third of men are killed by these.	6. A bowl is poured on <i>the Euphrates</i> , which dries up for kings from the east. Kings of the world assemble for battle at Armageddon.
7. The seventh trumpet and bowl are not woes, but rather the end of the conflict. So there would be no plague associated with them.	7. Loud voices in heaven announce the coming of the kingdom of God and of Christ. Hymn of praise. Temple in heaven opened. <i>Lightening, thunder, earthquake, and hail</i> occur.	7. A bowl is poured into the air, a <i>loud voice from God's throne</i> announces, 'It is done.' <i>Lightening, thunder, and an unprecedented earthquake</i> occur, and terrible <i>hail</i> falls.