

# The Cross in Revelation

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# Paradox of The Cross

*For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

*But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are,...*

*1 Corinthians 1:27,28*

*Power through weakness lies at the heart of the mystery of almighty God himself. This is the universe's greatest paradox; creation's deepest and most profound truth: You win looking like you are losing.*

*John Stott*

# The Two Comings

First Coming The Gospels	Second Coming The Revelation
Humble Servant Mark 10:45, Philippians 2:7,8	Unveiled Glory Matthew 25:31, Revelation 19:11-16
Not to judge, but to save John 3:17, John 12:47	Comes as Judge Matthew 25:31-46, 2 Timothy 4:1, Revelation 14:7
Defeat the Enemy at the Cross John 12:31, Colossians 2:15	Destroy the Enemy Revelation 20:10
Atone for Sin, Conquer Death Hebrews 9:16	Save from Sin and Destroy Death Hebrews 9:28, Revelation 20:14

# OT Foreshadow of The Lamb

- Genesis 22:7,8 : God *will* provide the Lamb
- Exodus 12:1-14 The Passover Lamb
- Leviticus : 20 Lamb references
- Deuteronomy : 62 Lamb references
- Isaiah 53:7 Lamb led to slaughter
- Ezekiel 46:13-15 : Millennial Temple

# Lamb NT References

Book	Ref Count	Reference
Mark	1	passover (14:12)
Luke	2	disciples as lambs (10:3), passover (22:7)
John	3	<i>Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! (1:29, 36). Peter "feed my lambs" (21:15)</i>
Acts	1	Isaiah 53 (8:32)
1 Corinthians	1	<i>Christ our passover lamb (1 Cor 5:5)</i>
1 Peter	1	<i>1:18-20 ransomed with blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or spot</i>
Revelation	30	Predominant name for the Revealed Christ.

# Revelation Prologue

## Revelation 1:1-8

*Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.  
To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood*

*Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, **even those who pierced him**, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.*

**Zechariah 12:10, John 19:37**

**Romans 12:10**

*Grace poured out  
on the house of David*

# Unveiled Son of Man

## Revelation 1:9-20

*“Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”*

### Outline of Book 1:19

1. What you have seen
2. Things that are
3. Things that take place after this.

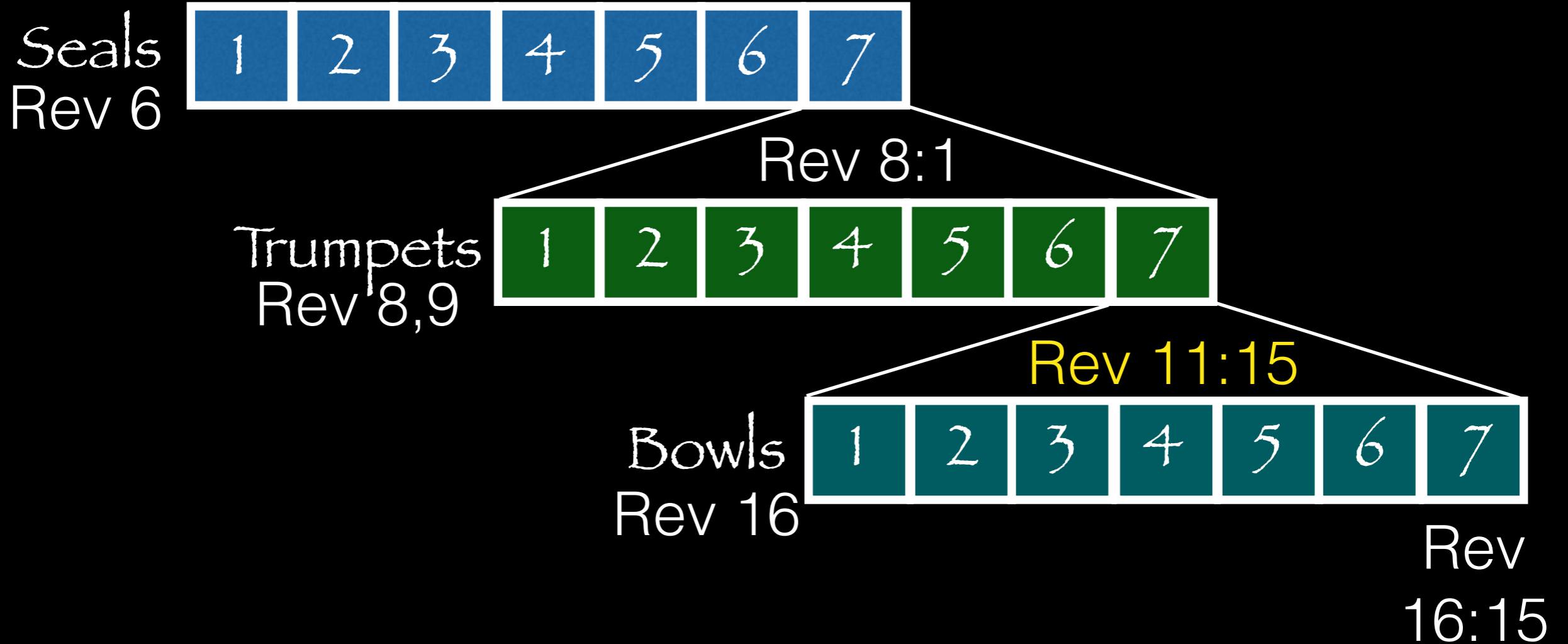
# The Scroll and The Lamb

- Seven Sealed Scroll
  - The heir of all the earth (Psalm 1, Hebrews 1) to receive the title deed. Satan offered the all the kingdoms of the earth in the wilderness -- this would have short circuited the Cross.
- Who is worthy to open the scroll?
  - *“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”*
    - How has He conquered? Colossians 2:15, John 12:31, John 16:11
  - *“I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain”*
  - *“you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation”*



# The Wrath of the Lamb

## Revelation 6



# The Multitude in Heaven

## Revelation 7

Interlude between 6th and 7th seals

*These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb*

# Two Witnesses

## Revelation 11:3-8

- “...where their Lord was crucified.” (11:8)
- Moses and Elijah? visited Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration and discussed His departure (“Exodus”) which he was about to accomplish in Jerusalem. (Luke 9:31)

# Conquered the Accuser

## Revelation 12:11

*And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.*

# Timelessness of The Cross

## Revelation 13:8

*everyone whose name has not been written before  
the foundation of the world in the book of life of the  
Lamb who was slain*

1 Corinthians 2:7-10, 1 Peter 1:18-20,

# The Lamb and the 144,000

## Revelation 14

- 14:1 Lamb on Mt Zion (Psalm 2)
- 14:4 Redeemed from mankind follow the Lamb.
- 14:10 Worshipers of The Beast tormented before The Lamb.

Song of Moses and  
Song of The Lamb  
Revelation 15:1-4

*“Great and amazing are your deeds,  
O Lord God the Almighty!  
Just and true are your ways,  
O King of the nations!  
Who will not fear, O Lord,  
and glorify your name?  
For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come  
and worship you,  
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”*

# War on The Lamb

## Revelation 17:14

*They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.*



# Marriage of The Lamb

## Revelation 19:7-16

*“Hallelujah!  
For the Lord our God  
the Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and exult  
and give him the glory,  
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,  
and his Bride has made herself ready;  
it was granted her to clothe herself  
with fine linen, bright and pure”*

- 19:11-21 Return of Christ
- 21:9 The Lamb's Wife

# New Heaven and New Earth

## Revelation 21

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*

# Revelation 22

*Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.*