

Biblical Plagues¹

All through the Bible we find plagues brought against people of the earth. In the Exodus we find the following plagues brought against Egypt and the Pharaoh to make them let God's people go, to set them free from slavery.

Plagues Directed against Egypt in Exodus

Plague	Reference	Possible Egyptian Deity
Nile Turned to Blood	Exodus 7:14-25	Khnum, Hapi and Osiris - Gods of the Nile
Frogs	Exodus 8:1-15	Heqt; form of frog, god of resurrection.
Gnats (Mosquitoes)	Exodus 8:16-19	
Flies	Exodus 8:20-32	
Plague on Cattle	Exodus 9:1-7	Hathor, Apis and Mnevis, sacred cattle.
Boils	Exodus 9:8-12	Imhotep, god of medicine
Hail	Exodus 9:13-35	Nut-sky goddess; Isis-goddess of life; Seth
Locusts	Exodus 10:1-20	Isis: goddess of life;; Seth: protector of crops
Darkness	Exodus 10:21-29	Re, Aten, Atum, Horus: all sun gods of sorts
Death of First born	Exodus 11:1-12:36	

The plagues and judgments of Revelation come at different times and are directed toward the earth and those who dwell here .

Order	Seal Plagues	Trumpet Plagues	Two Witnesses	Final Bowls of Wrath	Egyptian Plagues from Exodus
1	Conqueror	Fire-blood	Water to blood	Sores	Water to Blood
2	War/1/4 killed	Sea to blood	Water to blood	Sea	Frogs, Gnats, flies
3	Famine	Bitter water	Killed	Water to blood	Plague on cattle
4	Death symbol	Darkness	Eqk	Burning	Boils, Hail
5	Martyrs	locusts		Darkness	Locusts
6	Eqk - terror	Army from East war- 1/3 killed		War-all killed	Darkness
7		Eqk		Eqk	Death

Please notice that in all the listings of plagues above, only the plagues of the Seals are out of order when compared to the plagues of the Trumpets, Two Witnesses, final Bowls of Wrath and the plagues against Egypt. We know from Scripture that God initiated

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the plagues of Egypt, the Two Witnesses and the Last Bowls of Wrath and the order is the same. In the plagues of Egypt, God was demonstrating through Moses that He was superior to all the gods of Egypt. He brought the plagues to persuade the Pharaoh to let his people go and as a final result He let death come to the first born. It would appear that God warns the people, then turns the water into blood, then brings pestilence, then darkness, and the final plague is death. He wanted the Pharaoh to turn His people loose, to give them freedom. He is doing the same thing in the Trumpets, God is showing them that He is in charge by controlling the water and light, the two things required for life, those that respond to His warnings and the warnings of the 144,000 witnesses are rescued from the earth (Daniel 12:1-3) and then death comes to many of those who remain. In the final bowls of wrath the same thing is occurring, the warning, the water turns to blood, the darkness comes and then death. However in the Seal judgments the order is reversed. The war and death come first and this brings on the pestilence. This is the way man does it. He institutes a war and the result of the war is the pestilence. I conclude from this that the War covered in the Seals is man instigated. I believe that the war indicated in the Seals of Revelation, Ezekiel's War and the Rapture all occur at the same time. The Scripture does not say this, this is my opinion for the following reasons. In all the battles and wars in the Scripture, it reveals who is involved in the war in detail, why they are fighting and detailed results that come from the war and usually the aftereffects of the war. The Seals do not tell us who is involved in the war, it only gives the symbolic four horsemen, but it does give us insight into the results and the aftereffects, ie, putting the world in a state of chaos so the Antichrist can come into power. Ezekiel's war tells us in detail who is involved and why, but the only results it gives is that the army is stopped in the hills of Lebanon and all but one sixth of the army is killed. The description in Ezekiel does show us that it is possibly a nuclear war (the flesh is burnt off the bodies, implies the bones left are radioactive (See Ezekiel's War for more details). The Scriptures on the normally Rapture do not involve a war, but in 2 Peter 3:10 it states:

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless. 2 Peter 3:10-14

The phrase "**in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat**" would tend to imply a fire ball or nuclear explosion. In fact almost the exact phrase was used in the head lines of the Tokyo papers after the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima. I believe that the Antichrist will use this war where one fourth of the population of the earth are killed to cover up the Rapture. The millions of Christians taken in the Rapture will just be part of the casualties of this war. We leave these mortal bodies here, we take on an immortal glorious body like Christ had upon resurrection.