



God's Revelation of the Future

The Seven Seals

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The Book of Revelation

- A brief outline based on 1:19
 - Opening (1:1-8)
 - Things that you have seen (1:9-20)
 - A vision of the Son and the command to write
 - Things that are (2:1-3:22)
 - The “individual” letters to the seven churches
 - Things that are to take place (4:1-22:5)
 - Events following the Rapture to the new creation
 - Closing (22:6-21)

The Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments

The Seals (Background - 5:1-7)

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| 1. | 6:1,2 | one on a white horse - produces peace | } | a group - the four horsemen |
| 2. | 6:3,4 | one on a red horse - brings war | | |
| 3. | 6:5,6 | one on a black horse - indicates famine | | |
| 4. | 6:7,8 | one on a pale horse - indicates death | | |
| 5. | 6:9-11 | martyrs | | |
| 6. | 6:12-17 | earthquakes, sun dark, moon blood, stars fall | | |
| 7. | 8:1 | no content given (silence in heaven) | | |

The Trumpets (Background - 8:2-6 & Three Woes - 8:13; 9:12; 11:14)

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| 1. | 8:7 | hail, fire | } | a group - natural objects involved (note 1/3s) |
| 2. | 8:8,9 | mountains of fire cast into sea | | |
| 3. | 8:10,11 | star from heaven | | |
| 4. | 8:12 | sun, moon, stars smitten | | |
| 5. | 9:1-12 | angel opens pit, sun darkened, locusts | } | a group - the three woes |
| 6. | 9:13-21;11:14a | angels loosed, army seen | | |
| 7. | 11:14b-19 | no content given (temple opens) | | |

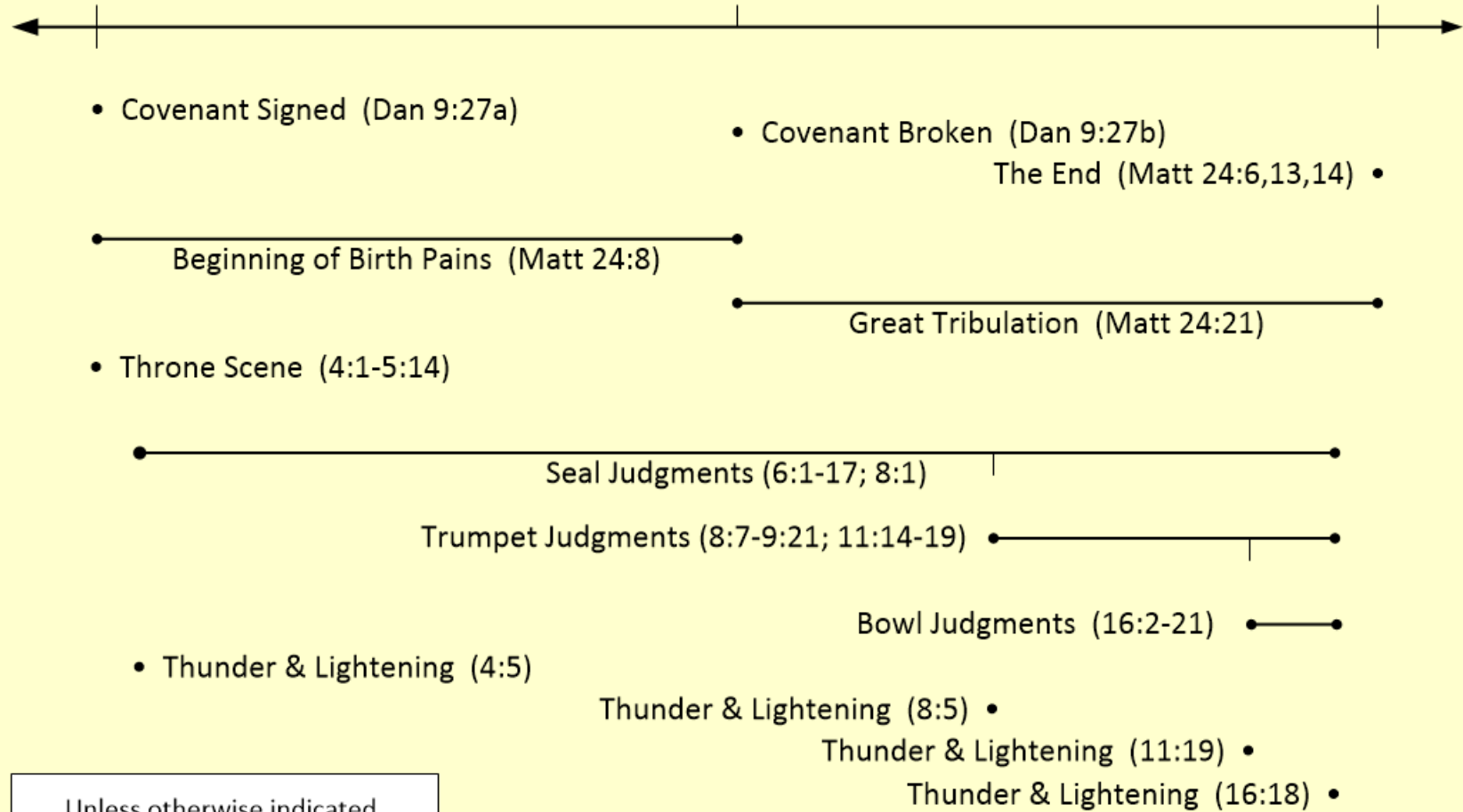
The Bowls (Background - 15:1-16:1)

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| 1. | 16:2 | sore upon those with mark of the beast |
| 2. | 16:3 | every living creature in the sea dies |
| 3. | 16:4-7 | rivers become blood |
| 4. | 16:8,9 | sun scorches |
| 5. | 16:10,11 | darkness |
| 6. | 16:12-16 | river Euphrates dried up |
| 7. | 16:17-21 | earthquake, city divided, hail |

The Judgments Series

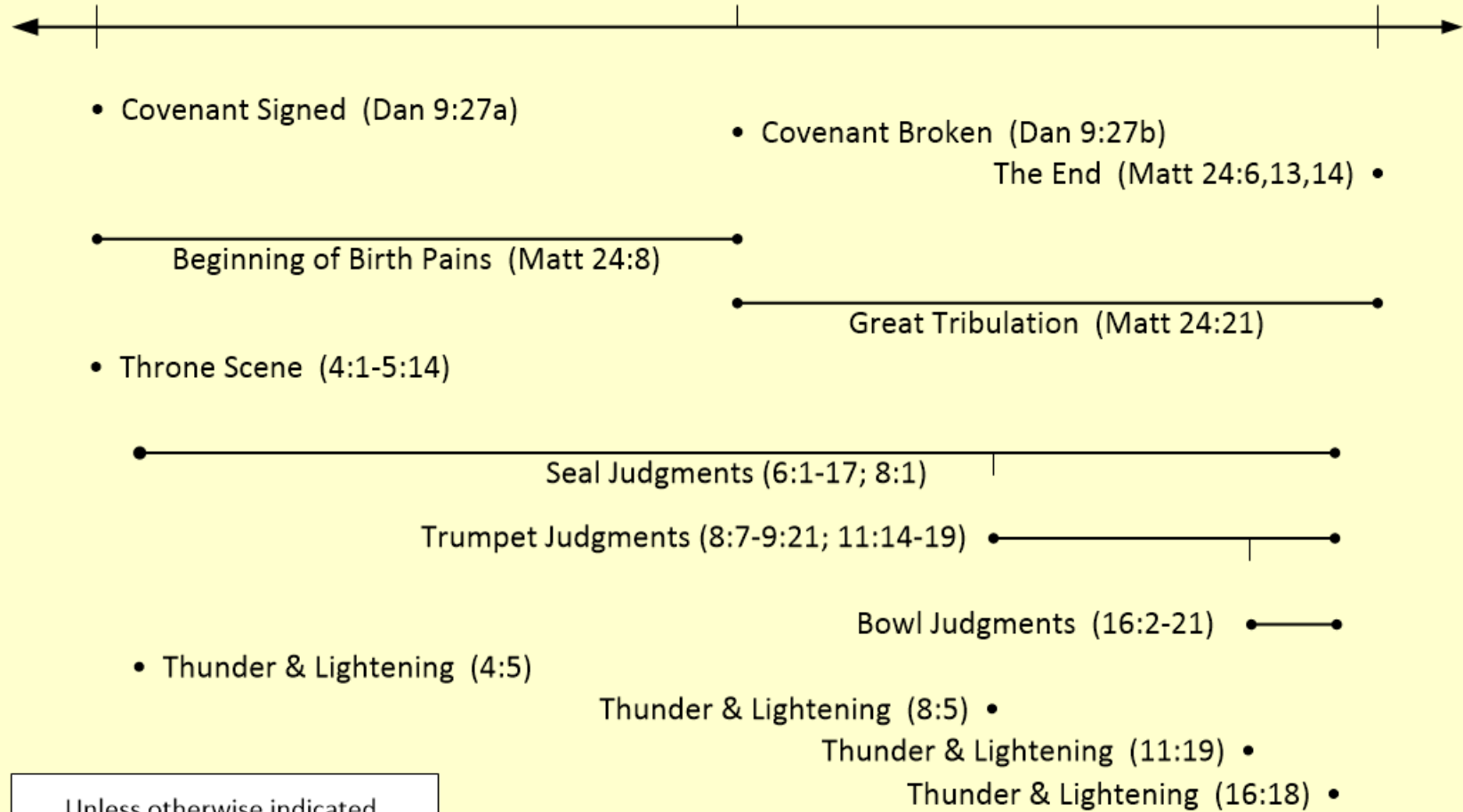
- The Seal, Trumpet, and Bowl Judgments
 - How do the seal, trumpet, and bowl judgments interrelate?
 - To some degree the three series of judgments are successive.
 - However, because the 7th seal consists of the seven trumpet judgments and the 7th trumpet consists of the 7 bowl judgments, there is also overlapping.

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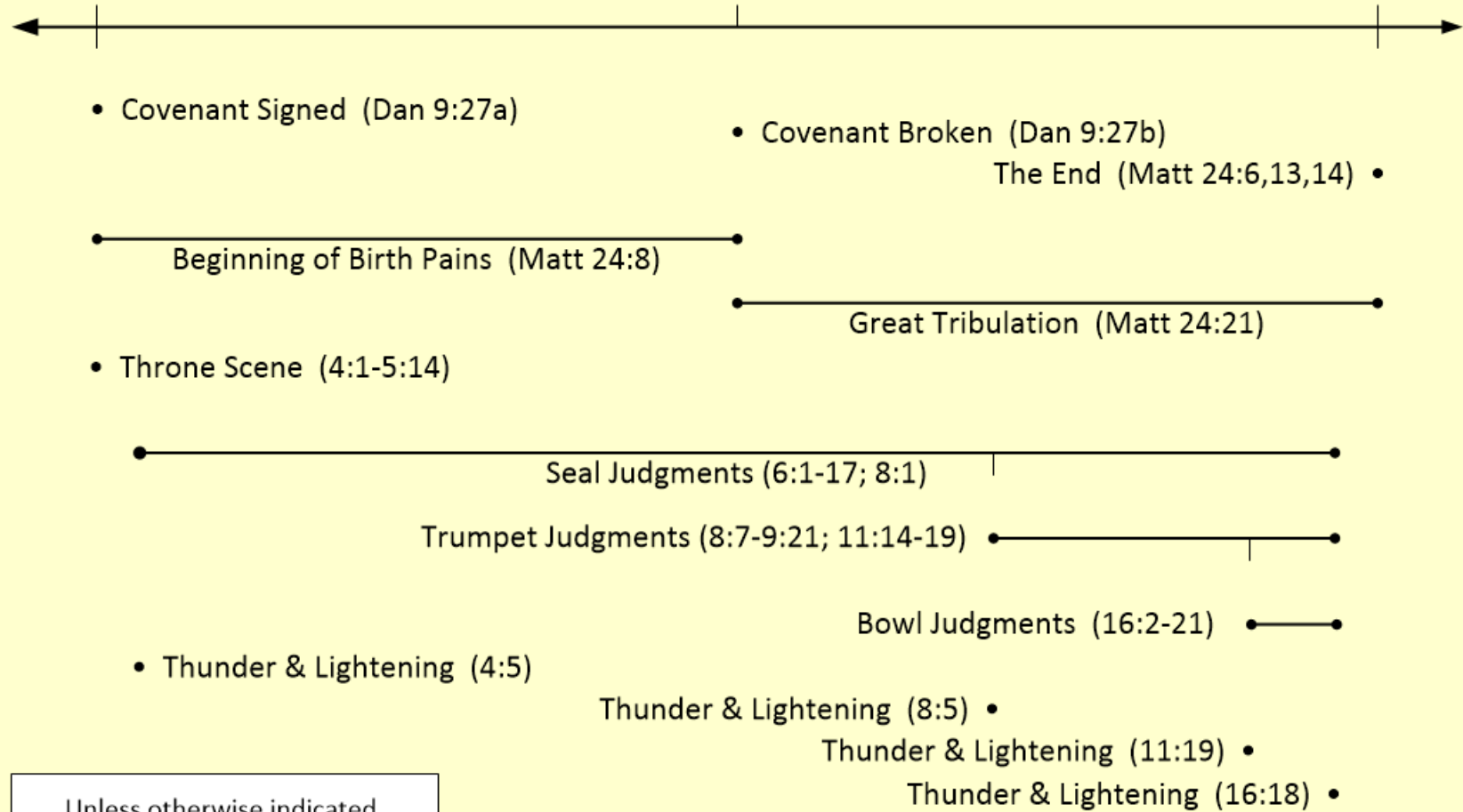
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- The 7th Seal – 8:1

¹ When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.