

The Lord of History

An overview of Revelation
6-18

How has it been interpreted?

- It's mostly already happened – soon after writing. **The Preterist view**
- It's mostly yet to happen – shortly before the End. **The Futurist view**
- It's happening right now – it covers all of history. **The Historicist view**
- It doesn't “happen” at all – it describes timeless truths. **The Idealist view**

Some starting points to interpret it

- It was written to Christians in a historical context
- It is relevant at all times, everywhere.
- It is consistent with the rest of the Bible.
- It is in “Apocalyptic” style & the source for symbolism is the Old Testament.
- It is prophetic literature, and can have many layers of fulfilment.

Revelation 6-18

6:1-8:5

Seven Seals

Interlude: The 144,000 and the Multitude

8:6-11:19

Seven Trumpets

Interlude: The scroll and the Witnesses

12:1-15:8

Seven(?) Signs

Including Woman, Dragon, Beasts & Harvest

16:1-18:24

Seven Bowls

Followed by The fall of Babylon

A linear view of history?

Heaven

R

Seals

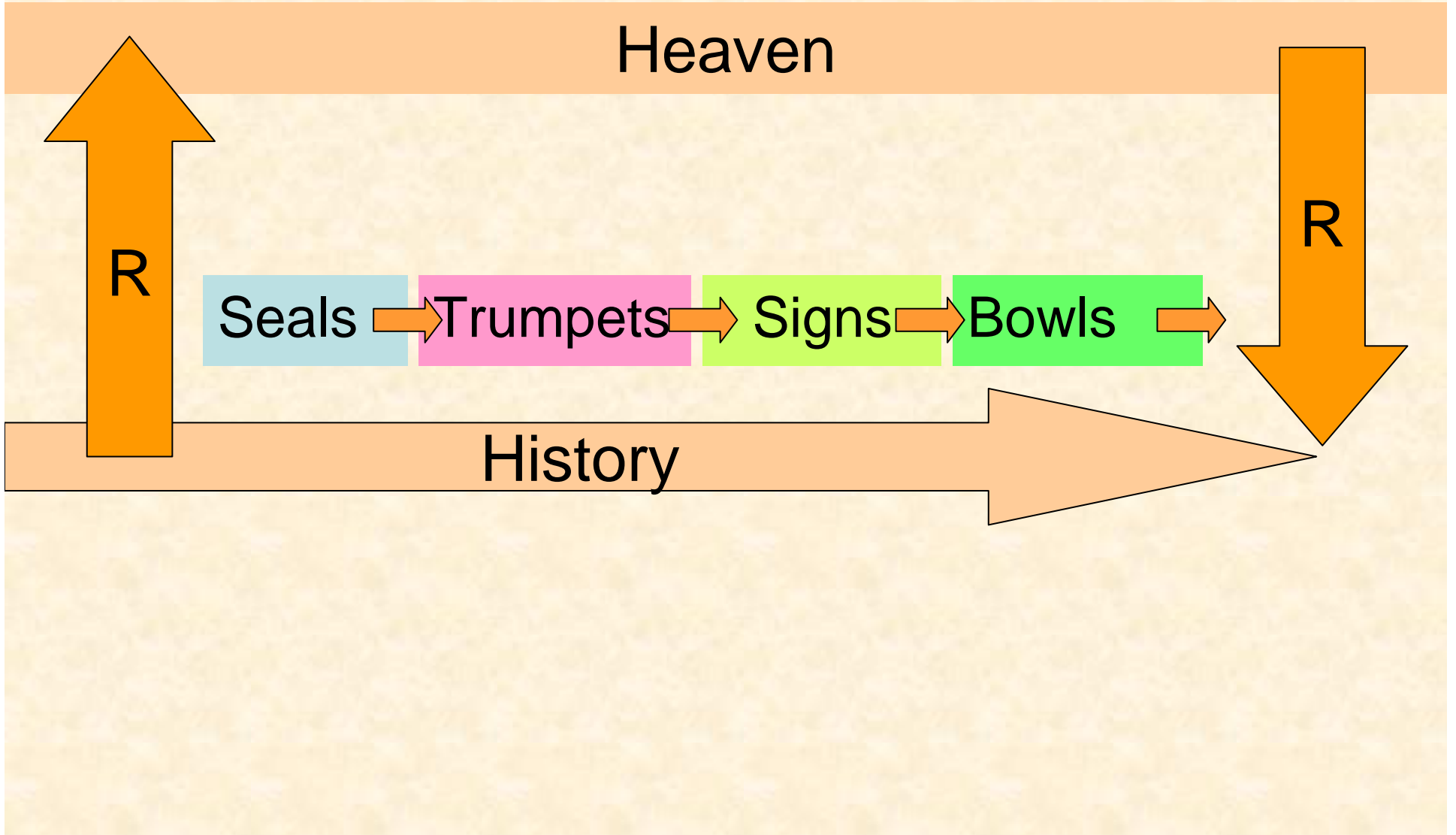
Trumpets

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History



Or a cyclical view of history?

