

The key section in Revelation: What is now for?

Inauguration	Pause	Consummation
6:1-17	7:1-17	8:1-3
8:1-9:20	11:1-14	11:15-19
12:1-17	13:1-14:13	14:14-15:4
(19:11-21)	(20:1-10)	20:11-21:8

- 1:1-8 Prologue
- 1:9-3:22 7 Churches
 - 4:1-5:14 Throne room and the slain lamb
 - 6:1-8:5 7 Seals (**with a delay**)
 - 8:6-11:19 7 Trumpets (**with a delay**)
 - 12:1-15:4 7 visions of a holy war**
 - 15:5-16:21 7 bowls (**no delay**)
 - 17:1-19:10 Fall of Babylon and saints vindicated
 - 19:11-21:8 More visions and the throne room
- 21:9-22:9 The new Jerusalem
- 22:10-21 Epilogue

What is the enemy doing now?

1. The dragon has now taken the fight to earth.. (C12)

2. in order to steal the worship of the nations (C13)

Beasts c.f. Dan 7

1st Beast = Rome c.f. city on 7 hills 17:9

2nd Beast = Imperial cult

666 = Nero Ceasar

But why does the devil raise up the beasts?

Discussion Questions:

1. How has today's passage help you be more aware about how the Devil is at work today?
2. How might that awareness help you persevere in your Christian walk?
3. Spend time praying for one another