

Last Judgment

The Seven Apocalypse Angels

Here Michelangelo drew on the vision of the Apocalypse recounted by St John the Evangelist, who declared that when the seven Angels of the Lord sounded their trumpets, the world would come to an end, the stars would be darkened, the bottomless pit would open, and the temple of God would be raised. The triumph of Christ the Judge in the heights of heaven leads to the resurrection of the whole humanity and its judgment, followed by the glory of the heavenly Jerusalem. The Archangel Gabriel holds the book of the elect in his hand.