

# The Revelation of Jesus Christ

## Chapter 8

### Outline of the Trumpets

#### I. THE TRUMPETS (CHAPTERS 8:2—11:19)

- A. The prayers of the saints symbolized in a burning censor thrown to the earth
- B. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet — hail, fire, blood destroying trees and grass
- C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet — burning mountain thrown into the sea, killing sea life
- D. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet — star falls from heaven on fresh waters, poisoning them
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet — sun and stars are darkened
- F. An angels announcing the three woes of the remaining trumpets (“Woe, woe, woe!”)
  1. 5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also 1<sup>st</sup> woe) — bottomless pit opened, freeing (probably) demons to torment men, overseen by the angel of the Abyss, Abaddon or Apollyon (destruction) — (chapter 9)
  2. 6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet (also the 2<sup>nd</sup> woe) — a vast army kills much of mankind by the fire, smoke, and brimstone from their mouths to prompt repentance
    - a) Strong angel with the little book, (chapter 10)
      - (1) Cries out with a loud voice, answered by 7 thunders (to be sealed)
      - (2) Swears that at the voice of the 7<sup>th</sup> angel the mystery of God is finished
      - (3) John commanded to eat the book, which is sweet to the taste but bitter to the stomach
    - b) Measuring the “Temple of God”,
      - (1) leaving out the court (of gentiles?);
      - (2) the nations tread underfoot the holy city for 3 ½ years
    - c) The two witnesses (chapter 11)
      - (1) prophesy for 3 ½ years (1260 days)
      - (2) The Beast kills them, bodies unburied for 3 ½ days
      - (3) Raised to life, the world fears
      - (4) The 2<sup>nd</sup> woe is past
  3. 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet (angel) sounds (the third woe)
    - a) Loud voices say, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever.”
    - b) time for the dead to be judged and reward Your servants
    - c) the Temple in Heaven is opened

## Revelation 8:2-13

<sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

### TRUMPET SOUNDS — RETRIBUTION AND CALLS TO REPENTANCE

- What is the usual job of angels? (Ps. 104:4)
- \_\_\_\_\_ angels are stationed before \_\_\_\_\_
- These seven angels are given \_\_\_\_\_
- What are trumpets generally for?

<sup>3</sup> Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup> And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

<sup>6</sup> And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

<sup>7</sup> The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

- Where have we seen this altar before?
  - What is a censer?
  - What is the symbolism of incense and the altar of incense?
  - Who was under this altar earlier?
    - What was their cry / prayer to God?
  - What is the meaning of putting much incense on the altar in addition to the prayers of all the saints?
  - What does the angel do with the heavily smoldering censer?
    - What is the symbolism of this?
    - What happened after the censer was thrown to the earth?
    - What is the usual meaning of “peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake”?
  - All of this taken together means...
- What is the connection of the censer thrown to the earth and the seven trumpets sounding?
  - Against who will these trumpet announced punishments be directed?
  - Is this final punishment? (Consider 9:20,21)

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### **THE FIRST TRUMPET IS BLOWN**

- What happens at the sounding of the first trumpet?
  - Do these things remind you of anything else in the Bible?
  - Why were these things done by God in the Exodus story?
  - Why are these things done in this context?
  - Is this a complete destruction?

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## THE SECOND TRUMPET IS BLOWN

<sup>8</sup> The second angel sounded, and something **like** a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, <sup>9</sup> and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.

- What happens at the sound of the second trumpet?
  - Does water turning to blood sound familiar?
  - What is the result?
  - What would the effect be on the earth?
  - Why was this done then and now?
  - Is this a complete destruction?

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## THE THIRD TRUMPET IS BLOWN

<sup>10</sup> The third angel sounded, and a great star fell from heaven, burning **like** a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of waters. <sup>11</sup> The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

- What happens at the sound of the third trumpet?
  - What is wormwood?
    - \_\_\_\_\_
    - \_\_\_\_\_ the nervous system
    - Overdose causes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - What is the effect on the world?
  - Is this a complete destruction?



**WORMWOOD**

<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.

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## THE FOURTH TRUMPET IS BLOWN

- What happens at the fourth trumpet?
  - Was there a time similar to this in biblical history?
  - What would the result be?
  - Would this be a complete destruction?

- What is the intention of these disasters (plagues)?

<sup>13</sup> Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

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**THREE MORE WOES ARE ANNOUNCED WITH THE REMAINING TRUMPETS**

- An eagle usually represents \_\_\_\_\_ — for examples...
  - Hos. 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ex. 19:4 \_\_\_\_\_
- Why is there are division in the trumpets here?
  - What is the symbolism of 3, especially regarding these woes?
  - Against whom are these plagues / disasters / woes aimed?

Seven Seals	Seven Trumpets	Third Great Sign, Seven Bowls of Wrath	Commonalities	Two Great Signs in Heaven	Fall of Babylon	One last concise summary of NT history	Eternity and Heaven
<b>Seal #1</b> – Conqueror on a white horse	<b>Trumpet #1</b> – Destruction of 1/3 green things	<b>Bowl #1</b> – malignant sore on people with the mark of the beast	<b>TROUBLES AND JUDGMENTS</b>	<b>The 1st sign</b> — The woman with child, God’s Israel (12:1,2)		Satan bound and unable to deceive the nations	<b>NO MORE TROUBLES, PAIN, GRIEF, DEATH, OR TRIALS</b>
<b>Seal #2</b> – Peace taker on red horse	<b>Trumpet #2</b> – Destruction of the 1/3 seas and things living in them	<b>Bowl #2</b> – sea becomes blood and sea creatures die		<b>The 2nd sign</b> — Satan’s unsuccessful efforts to kill the woman (12:3)		Saints reign with Christ for 1000 years	
<b>Seal #3</b> – Famine on a black horse	<b>Trumpet #3</b> – Poisoning of 1/3 fresh water	<b>Bowl #3</b> – fresh waters become blood		Satan continues to make war with the rest of her children (chapters 12:17—13:18)			
<b>Seal #4</b> – Death on a pale horse	<b>Trumpet #4</b> – Heavenly lights 1/3 dimmed	<b>Bowl #4</b> – the sun scorches men with fire		A beast comes up out of the sea and makes war with the saints (chapters 13:1-10)			
<b>Seal #5</b> – The martyrs under the altar	<b>Trumpet #5</b> – Bottomless pit freeing demons torment men	<b>Bowl #5</b> – on the throne of the beast and his kingdom: darkness and torture		Another beast from the earth (chapters 13:11)			
<b>Seal #6</b> – A terror and a Day of the Lord	<b>Trumpet #6</b> – A vast army kills much of mankind by the fire, smoke, and brimstone from their mouths to prompt repentance	<b>Bowl #6</b> – Euphrates dries up to make way for the kings from the east frogs (demons) from the mouth of the dragon, beast, and false prophet all kings of the earth are called together for Armageddon	<b>END TIMES</b>		God judges the great harlot,	Satan is loosed, gathers his army, and surrounds the camp of the saints	
<b>Seal #7</b> – silence	<b>Trumpet #7</b> – The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He will reign forever and ever (11:15)	<b>Bowl #7</b> – “It is done.” (16:17-21)	<b>FINAL JUDGMENT</b>	Chapter 14, Reaping the evil harvest of the earth (evil men) (chapters 14:14-20)	The armies of the earth gather and are thrown into the lake of fire; and the marriage of the Lamb ensues	All of Satan’s (including Death and Hades) are thrown into the lake of fire	