



Empowering People to Change the World

The Seventh Seal Opened: The Seven Trumpets

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The Seventh Seal Opened-The 7 Trumpets Revelation 8

- In chapter 7, we see 144,000 Jews who are being mightily used all over the world to evangelize during The Great Tribulation.
- Last week, we looked at the raptured church at the end of chapter 7.
- In chapter 8, we are looking at the future Day of the Lord will be the climactic time of judgment that ends man's day and Satan's rule on the earth.

Vs. 1

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

- Jesus has taken the scroll from the Father's hand and opening the seal.
- "about half an hour" just about how much silence I have in my home each day...only joking.
- But suddenly there is this deafening silence in heaven!!
- Everything just comes to a standstill all over heaven...maybe the first time since the beginning of creation.
- **PNR:** We have now reached this Point of No Return: once this 7th seal is opened we have these seven Trumpets revealed and then seven bowl judgments being poured out upon a Christ-rejecting world and the destruction of this earth.
 - o There is no stopping from this place forward—this is truly THE GREAT TRIBULATION!
 - o God Himself is brooding over this earth and His creation.
 - o The ½ hour of silence is the calm before the storm.

- o John 3:16
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
 - o He has waited and waited...He has given opportunity and opportunity for His creation to repent, to turn, and they haven't.
 - o God measures time morally, and morally the earth has come to the point where the earth will not believe and His judgment has come!
 - o He is brooding over the earth; intense expectation and awe of what is about to happen.
- Ex. If one of your children was about to die, what kind of pain would you feel? What would you be thinking about? How much more does God love this earth and His creation?
 - Millions are surrounding the throne and worshipping Him (the elders, angels, and the saved) which He loves, but suddenly it all just stops and they watch Jesus with tears in His eyes, and it brings them to stillness.
 - It is not appropriate to worship during this time of the Lord's pain and brooding.
 - Ex. Many of us have grown up religious systems of seeing God as a judge who is The Great "Thou shalt not" and we never learned of a loving Father who broods over his lost children...all divine love is breaking in his heart.

2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and

threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

- In this silence, angels are given seven trumpets.
- The use of the definite article seems to indicate that these seven angels are unique which some have called the “presence angels.”
- They appear to be high ranking angels.
- Another angel takes the golden censor and stands at the altar.
- Reminds us of Solomon’s Temple as a reflection of the heavenly temple.
- “Much incense” is offered with the prayers of all the saints before God.
- These are the prayers of the saints: Seeking justice from God when justice doesn’t seem to be happening. Have you ever asked such questions?
 - Why such hardships?
 - Why do good people, godly people, suffer so much?
 - Why do children die?
 - Why do the unrighteous seemingly have such ease?
 - Why do wicked people do so well?
- We have all asked such questions.
- This is also hearing the prayer for His kingdom: “Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
- Jesus feels those prayers! He is hearing those prayers and it is now time to bring justice. He is feeling: “I have been tolerant and my long suffering has reached its limit.”

- This incense reminds him that it is time for equity on the earth ... joining all the saints who have prayed for justice.
- But it breaks His heart.
- These trumpets are different than the seals:
 - All of these happenings under the six seals: the rise of a great world leader ... great wars ... famine ... and a great earthquake.
 - All of these things the people could say, “Oh, we have seen this stuff before.” (world dictators, famines, earthquakes...)
 - But with the seven trumpets we see something different: this is supernatural.
 - The first four trumpets are unleashed upon ecology.
 - The next three trumpets are sounded upon mankind.
 - There is supernatural judgment.
 - There is absolutely no human explanation.
 - It is during this time that the two witnesses show up on the scene and they have fire coming out of their mouths. They have power to shut up the heavens and power to turn the waters into blood.
 - This is a supernatural work of God that has no scientific, ecological, geological or sociological explanation.
 - God is giving man one last chance to repent.

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- o God breaks the silence in heaven and earth...a supernatural electric storm and an earthquake.

**Are we about to begin a new phase, a new season in the heavenlies?
Are the trumpets being sounded and God is giving us warnings?**

- The short video you are about to watch occurred on the Sabbath, shabbat, October 1st 2016, the day before the beginning of "Rosh Hashanah" 2016

"Rosh Hashanah" occurs on the first and second days of Tishri.

- In Hebrew, Rosh Hashanah means, literally, "head of the year" or "first of the year."
- Rosh Hashanah is commonly known as the Jewish New Year.

The name "Rosh Hashanah" is not used in the Bible.

- This Remembrance Day is instituted in Leviticus 23:24-25 as "a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation."
- The shofar is a ram's horn which is blown somewhat like a trumpet. One of the most important observances of this holiday is hearing the sounding of the shofar in the synagogue.
- A total of 100 notes are sounded each day.
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VIDEO (start at :35 and conclude at 2:05)

7 The first angel sounded (trumpet blast): And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

- A third of all trees and all the green grass are burned up! God doesn't need man to help. I don't think this is a nuclear holocaust... God just does it Himself.
- Look at Moses in dealing with Pharaoh.
 - God rained hail upon the land of Egypt and destroyed "every herb of the field and broke every branch of the trees" except in the land of Goshen
 - Exodus 9:22-26
Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt--on men and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt." 23 When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt; 24 hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. 25 Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields--both men and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. 26 The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.
- The earth is now like a moonscape.
- A third of the trees are burned up and all the grass.
- Ex. During the Persian Gulf War we learned about Smart Bombs... well God has Smart Asteroids...Smart Hail to take out what He wants taken out.

8 Then 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. 9 And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

- This judgment is now effecting the waters.

- Ex. They say if one asteroid, one kilometer, hit the earth it would be more destructive than all out nuclear war, and would wobble the earth, and there would be 200 foot tidal waves all over the earth.
- Ex. Do you know that there are 1800 meteors per second that come into our atmosphere but they are burned up because of the way God has made our atmosphere that protects us. He sustains and redeems us.
- But God is now stepping back just a third!!
- Ex. If you look at the pictures of Mars and the Moon and look at all the pot marks of the asteroids that have hit those planets and yet is it not remarkable that when you look at us we've been preserved from that? Who is preserving us? Who is watching over our atmosphere?
- As man says, "We don't want God." God just steps back a third and an asteroid comes through.
- Ex. People are very concerned about saving the environment, fears about the depletion of the ozone layer, pollution, the destruction of the rain forests, and global warming. They want to save the fish? The exotic animals of Africa? Get on your knees and repent...
- It is sin that is destroying our planet.
- One third of the living creatures of the ocean die!! That will cut down 20-25% of the oxygen of the earth.
- One third of all ships ...t hat would be over a million and a half men (if you take account of shipping around the world).
- Can you imagine nuclear subs going down? They would pollute the ocean with chemicals from the nuclear missiles that would destroy ocean life for hundreds of miles.

10 Then 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 water. 11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the

waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.

- God is now striking the fresh water supply.
- “Wormwood” is mentioned in the Bible and it is always mentioned in the context of God judging Israel and the bitterness of that judgment.
- The earth is now like a moonscape:
 - Only two thirds of the trees left. There re dust storms and erosion.
 - One third of all the creatures of the ocean dying, washing up on all of the shores, the stench.
 - Oxygen is being depleted, people running around looking for fresh water.

12 Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

- The whole world becoming muggy, darkness, and the stench filling the atmosphere.
- Man is learning that everything that he has taken for granted comes from God: we should always have sunshine and rain, we should always have drinking water, we should always deep wood to enjoy, we should always have fish to eat.
- Jeremiah 31:35
*This is what the LORD says,
he who appoints the sun
to shine by day,
who decrees the moon and stars
to shine by night,
who stirs up the sea
so that its waves roar--*

the LORD Almighty is his name:

- Mankind has taken this for granted and God is supernaturally moving to show man his need for God.
- Will you be experiencing this? Or will you be caught up to be with Him during this time?
- The world will face these days. You must decide where you will be.
- The Lord knows that man loves darkness more than the light and He is longsuffering and God is giving the earth a taste of darkness, but not all of it.
- In the Ukraine, the word “Wormwood” means Chernobyl. I don’t think that is what this is about but it is a warning to us.
- God is speaking today! If you are not saved, He is speaking to you.
- It’s not about religion, but a relationship.
- He is brooding over you! In this last verse He is warning those who are unsaved ...

13 And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

- These angels are saying, “You haven’t seen anything yet.”
- What love of God! He could have incinerated the earth right now, but He is warning the people of the earth once again.
- This angel is flying over the U.S., over Europe, over the Middle East saying, “Woe, woe, woe...”
- God is gracious, God is warning you today.
- Turn to Jesus today.

- The rest of us, God has everything under control.
 - o God will answer all those heart cries we have prayed.
 - o He has it all under control: Destroying one third of the trees, one third of the living creatures destroyed, one third, one third ...
 - o We will see all of this happening upon the earth...we will see the horror of the earth.
 - o So share your faith, invite and include your family, neighbors, and loved one's to bring them to Christ.