

Recap—Apostle John, exiled on Patmos received a revelation from God

Chap. 1—John sees the exalted Jesus Christ

Chap 2-3—John is given a letter to write to the 7 churches of Asia

Chap 4—The awe of heaven—24 elders—4 living creatures cried Holy, holy, holy to the Lamb

Chap 5—Jesus, the Lamb was found worthy to open the scrolls (revealing how future things would unfold)

The elders were joined by 10k x 10k angels who sang Worthy is the Lamb...

Chap 6—The beginning...seals declaring judgment were opened – the 4 horses of the apocalypse.

Violence/conquest, Peace taken from the earth...famine...1/4 of earth killed by sword, famine, plague, wild beasts

Chap 7—The sealing of the 144k (12k from each of 12 tribes). John saw a great multitude no one could number, before the throne, these are the saved from every nation, tribe, tongue worshipping

Chap 8—the opening of the 7th seal. LET'S READ



THE FOLLOWING TO BE READ: Revelation 8:1-13 (NIV) “When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

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

3 Another angel, who had a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints, on the golden altar before the throne.

4 The smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of the saints, went up before God from the angel's hand.

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and hurled it on the earth; and there came peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning and an earthquake.

6 Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them.

7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.

8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood,

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

10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky 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 turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.

12 The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, 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 turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.

13 As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

Revelation 8:1-13 (NIV) “When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

It’s believed that the men have now arrived in heaven...the ladies are soon to come...so there is silence ☹️

The music, singing, shouting stops.

Silence precedes a very important event. The opening of the 7th seal unveils the 7 trumpet judgments.



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

This is NOT trumpet of the rapture...but trumpets announcing judgments!

"The wrath of God is not merely judicial; it also embodies a merciful purpose. It is designed to drive men to their knees by harsh experiences while the time for decision remains, before it is too late.



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The heavenly host knows something huge is about to take place. Dead silence followed by 7 trumpets given to 7 angels.



TRUMPETS SYMBOLIZE God’s intervention into human history—this time against the godless of the earth.

Another angel (not one of the 7) had a golden censer--Much incense to offer, with the prayers of all the saints!

The intermingled prayers of the saints... prayers for help, justice, an end to suffering, salvation, etc.

The day is coming when God is going to answer the prayers of His dear people. He is going to cast His judgment against the antichrist and his government and all those who have followed him. **All who have** opposed God are going to suffer judgment, the most horrible judgment imaginable. All who have rebelled against Jesus Christ—rejected, denied, cursed, ignored, neglected, disobeyed, and disbelieved Him—all shall be judged.



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As the incense & prayers ascended up to God...and fire was cast to the earth!

Matthew 11:20-22 (NLT2) “Then Jesus began to denounce the towns where he had done so many of his miracles, because they hadn’t repented of their sins and turned to God. **21 “What sorrow** awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse. **22 I tell you,** Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you.

Suffice to say...everything Tyre/Sidon relied on instead of God, would be destroyed or taken away.

Jude 1:14-15 (NLT2) “Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied...[saying] Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones **15 to execute** judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him.”

7 The first angel sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled down upon the earth. A third of the earth was burned up, a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up.



1ST TRUMPET – HAIL, FIRE MIXED WITH BLOOD HURLED TO EARTH
1/3 OF EARTH BURNED UP
1/3 OF TREES BURNED UP
ALL GREEN GRASS (not brown grass) BURNED UP

Think of the enormous destruction and utter devastation:

- the destroyed crops and food supply for both man and animal
- the interrupted agricultural rotation through lack of seed and ability to plant again
- the ultimate shortage of food
- the dry, desert lands that will result from the destruction of trees

One third of the vegetation of the earth will be destroyed in this judgment. Why? Because the end of this age will be at hand. This is the beginning of God's judgment on the *ungodly* and the *evil* of this earth. It will be time for people to know that God is truly God, and that He is to be obeyed or else people will be judged and punished. This judgment will be a warning: people must repent or even worse judgments will come.

8 The second angel sounded his trumpet, and something like a huge mountain, all ablaze, was thrown into the sea. A third of the sea turned into blood, **9** a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.



2ND TRUMPET – Something like a HUGE MOUNTAIN (METEOR?) HITS THE SEA
1/3 OF SEA TURNED TO BLOOD
1/3 LIVING CREATURES IN SEA DIE
1/3 SHIPS DESTROYED (Tsunami?)

Picture the shortage of sea life for food, the devastation to the fishing industry and businesses, the interruption of shipping commerce and trade, the financial loss because of the destroyed ships and their cargo. Commerce and food supply will be crippled world-wide by the blast of the first and second trumpets.

Hosea 4:1-3 (NLT2) “Hear the word of the LORD, O people of Israel! The LORD has brought charges against you, saying: “There is no faithfulness, no kindness, no knowledge of God in your land. **2** You make vows and break them; you kill and steal and commit adultery. There is violence everywhere — one murder after another.

3 That is why your land is in mourning, and everyone is wasting away. Even the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea are disappearing.

JOHN KILPATRICK—THE EARTH IS SPEAKING

10 The third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star, blazing like a torch, fell from the sky 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 turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter.



3RD TRUMPET—A GREAT STAR, BLAZING LIKE A TORCH FELL (meteor? nuclear missile?)
1/3 RIVERS & SPRINGS OF WATER
STAR NAMED WORMWOOD
Water systems of the world will be affected—poison the water

Think of the effect of this:

- the shortage of water
- the thirst among people
- the panic because of thirst
- the mobilization of emergency aid needed to get water to one third of the earth
- the sheer terror, fright, and agony burning at the minds of people because of these three judgments

But remember upon whom the judgments will be falling: upon the ungodly and the evil of the earth, upon the antichrist and his government and followers, upon those who have literally slain millions of God's people upon the earth, upon those who have abused, mocked, cursed, beaten, imprisoned and killed the followers of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah 9:13-16 (NKJV) "And the LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it, ¹⁴ but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them," ¹⁵ therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. ¹⁶ I will scatter them also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them."

¹² The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, 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 turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night.



4TH TRUMPET—SUN, MOON, STARS DARKENED

1/3 OF SUN STRUCK
1/3 OF MOON STRUCK
1/3 OF STARS STRUCK

DARKENED! This will affect vegetation—the food supply! Colder temperatures, etc.

Similar to the plague of Egypt. **Exodus 10:22-23 (NKJV)** So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³ They did not see one another; nor did anyone rise from his place for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

JOEL'S LAST DAYS WARNING: Joel 2:1-2 (NLT2) "Sound the alarm in Jerusalem! Raise the battle cry on my holy mountain! Let everyone tremble in fear because the day of the LORD is upon us. ² It is a day of darkness and gloom, a day of thick clouds and deep blackness..."

Amos 8:9 (NLT2) "In that day," says the Sovereign LORD, "I will make the sun go down at noon and darken the earth while it is still day.



¹³ As I watched, I heard an eagle that was flying in midair call out in a loud voice: "Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels!"

As if all this wasn't enough, John saw/heard an eagle flying...calling out in a loud voice... WOE!!! (3X)

Up to this point, the worldwide devastation will be enormous. Hundreds of millions of people will die!

Famine, plague, violence, disease – nowhere to turn, but to Jesus—whom most will reject!

People will either recognize that the government as the great provider and protector, and give their first allegiance to the government, or they will be hunted down, imprisoned, executed.

And...this is only the beginning!

God's judgment on earth is first and foremost to get people to repent!