

## Revelation 8:1-13 12/17/17 - Study 36 - The Seven Trumpet Judgements

**Rev 8:1** When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

-There is NO silence in heaven in Chapter 4-7; When He opened the seventh seal, .....All noise stopped.

The silence is deafening. The silence holds one in total awe and with great expectancy of the judgments to come, now that the seals are off and the scroll can be opened.

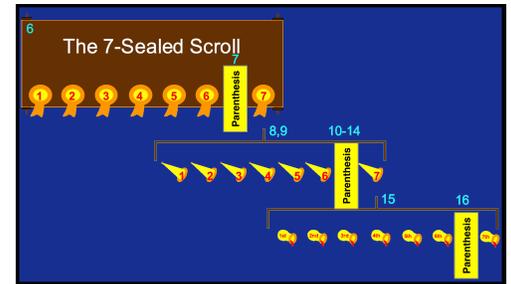
**(Rev 8:2)** And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

When the 7th seal is removed, seven specific angels are given 7 trumpets.

The opening of this 7th seal will give forth to the seven trumpet judgements being sounded. Likewise, the seventh trumpet will give forth to the seven bowl judgements being poured out.

So why the trumpets? Trumpets sounded the alarm for war.

Sound the alarm! Get ready....The judgments of the trumpets are now to come, and there is no turning back.



**Rev 8:3-4** 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. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

In chapter 5:8, we saw the 24 elders, holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. The idea is that just as incense is precious, pleasant, and drifts to heaven, so do our prayers.

Your prayers are never in vain, they are never lost.

Your prayers are kept in golden bowls, like sweet smelling incense.

**[Rev 8:5-6 NKJV]** 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.

The silence is broken as the angel fills the censer, with fire from the altar, and throws it down to the earth.

The first four trumpets, which all appear in chapter 8, appear to deal with the environment.

The judgements of the 5th/6th trumpets, which both sound in chapter 9 appear to fall on mankind.

The phrase - "and a third of the" is used eleven times -Almost like God is only giving 1/3 of His wrath,

-Still giving time for man to turn to the Lord. Even in the midst of these judgments, there is grace.

Don't ever misunderstand God's patience and mercy as condoning the sin of this world.

**(Rev 8:7)** The first angel sounded: 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.

-1st angel trumpet sounds - Hail/fire fall to the earth resulting in 1/3 of the trees & all grass/hay/grains burn up.

In chapter 11:3-6, there are two witnesses in Jerusalem, that are calling judgement down upon the earth For 3.5 years, two witnesses will have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls, and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

It is probably through these 2 witnesses that the 144,000 become saved.

Many people believe that one of the two witnesses will be Moses, because as we just read:

-it was Moses that God used to turn the waters to blood,

-it was Moses that God used for hail and fire to fall upon the earth and destroy all the herb/grass and trees.

Many people believe that the other witnesses will be Elijah. 1Ki 17:1; 1Ki 18:1

It was Elijah that God used to stop the rain.

**Rev 8:8-9 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. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.**

An asteroid a mile-wide asteroid striking the planet's surface at about 30,000 mph has the energy roughly equal to a 1 million megaton bomb.

-2nd angel trumpet sounds: A great mountain burning/asteroid thrown into the sea,

-1/3 of the sea - blood -1/3 of the sea creatures died-so much for saving the whales. -1/3 of the ships destroyed

**Rev 8:10-11 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. 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.**

-3rd angel trumpet sounds: And a great star falls from heaven, on the fresh water supply:

1/3 of the rivers and on the springs of water destroyed-1/3 Fresh water now contaminated.

1/3 of the waters became bitter- many men die

**Rev 8:12 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.**

With all the junk in the smoke/cosmic duct in the air, all color and lunar and star light is decreased by 1/3.

4rd angel trumpet sounds: 1/3 of the light from the sun, moon, stars are darkened.

Just when it appears not to get any worst!

**[Rev 8:13 NKJV] 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!"**

The angel's woes are well founded, because, 1/3 of the earth's population will die in the next three trumpets.

God is so faithful to warn us! Right now the judgements are coming in thirds.

When the bowls start pouring out, the judgements will not be in thirds, it will be full measure.

Praise God that He has given us a free will. At anytime we can say, I'm done with the direction that my life is heading. I'm sick of myself and I choose you Jesus, today, tomorrow, and everyday.