



# THE BOOK OF REVELATION

## THE TRUMPET JUDGMENTS OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SEAL

**Introduction:** As mentioned in past lessons, one must distinguish between the heavenly and earthly scenes depicted in *The Book of Revelation*. Chapter 8 begins with a heavenly scene that describes the opening of the seventh seal judgment. Not until this seal was opened did the trumpet judgments begin to sound. This should teach the Bible student that these judgments are in consecutive order, not just a reiteration, or magnification of the same judgments. As one delves into this chapter, it appears that these judgments take place toward the middle of the seven-year tribulation.

### SILENCE IN HEAVEN (vs 1)

- **For about the span of half an hour, there will be silence in heaven.** Most Bible commentators agree that those in heaven are awestruck because of what is about to happen.

### THE SEVEN ANGELS STAND BEFORE GOD (vs 2-5)

- **The Trumpet Judgments are given to the seven angels (v 2).**
- **“Another” angel shows up to...**
  - ...minister as a High Priest (vs. 3-4)
  - ...start the next seven judgments (v 5)
    - Enoch prophesied these judgments (Jude 14-15; Ps. 96:13; Acts 17:31; Rom. 1:18).
  - ...minister to both God and man—making it evident that this Angel is Christ Himself (I Tim. 2:5).
    - The judgment begins from off the golden altar and from the hand of Jesus (God) (v 5) in the form of voices, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake—what a change from verse 1!

### THE FIRST TRUMPET JUDGMENT (v 7)

- **Hail, fire, and blood is cast upon the earth consuming in one-third of earth's vegetation. (Ex. 9:22-23)**

### THE SECOND TRUMPET JUDGMENT (vs 8-9)

- **A great mountain is cast into the sea causing:**
  - one-third of the sea to turn to blood;
  - one-third of the world's marine life killed;
  - and one-third of the world' ships destroyed.

## THE THIRD TRUMPET JUDGMENT (vs 10-11)

- **A great star falls to earth tainting one-third of the world's rivers and fountains.**
  - The star is called *wormwood*, which means *bitter*. Many will die because of the undrinkable water throughout the earth.
    - **NOTE:** In the Ukraine, the word *wormwood* is translated *Chernobyl*.

## THE FOURTH TRUMPET JUDGMENT (vs 12-13)

- **A great darkness will fall over the earth.**
  - one-third part of the sun, moon, and stars will be darkened (v 12)
    - **NOTE:** This judgment will affect the earth's light sources. Remember that on the fourth day of creation, God created the sun, the moon, and the stars to give light upon the face of the earth (Gen. 1:14). At the unleashing of this judgment, men will experience the darkness for which they have longed.

**Lesson Conclusion:** The first four trumpet judgments foreshadow God's wrath upon a world that rejects Christ. Under the Holy Spirit's inspiration, John describes these horrific, unavoidable events for those who enter the tribulation. Yet, there is hope. Christ offers a way to avoid these tragic judgments. By prolonging His return, He provides a precious opportunity for the lost to be saved. Do not squander this chance. Trust Him today!