

# The Breaking of the Seventh Seal; The Sounding of Four Trumpets

## Study 8. Revelation 8

### A. The Breaking of the Seventh Seal. Introduction of the Seven Trumpets. 8:1-5

1. Who broke the seventh seal? 8:1 \_\_\_\_\_ . What happened immediately thereafter? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What did John see? 8:2 \_\_\_\_\_ What were given to them? \_\_\_\_\_
3. An eighth angel appeared. 8:3
  - a. Where did he stand? 8:3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What did he hold? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What was given to him? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Why? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What did this accomplish? 8:4 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - f. What did the angel do with the censer next? 8:5 \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - g. What effect did that have? 8:5b
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 4) \_\_\_\_\_

## B. The First Trumpet. 8:6-7. Judgment upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What happened? There came \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ mixed with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> thrown down upon \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What was burned up on the earth as a result? A 1/3 of the \_\_\_\_\_, 1/3 of the \_\_\_\_\_ and all the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thought question: How will life on earth be affected by the results of this trumpet judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

## C. The Second Trumpet. 8:8-9. Judgment upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What was thrown into the sea? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup>
2. The results of this trumpet judgment:
  - a. To the sea: \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup>
  - b. What died? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>
  - c. What were destroyed? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>
3. Thought question: How will life on earth be affected by the results of this

<sup>1</sup> 8:6 - hail and fire mixed with blood: Hail we can understand. Will the fire be lightning? Evidently not, for the word is *pur* (4442, fire), not *astrapē* (796, lightning). Hail and fire are reminiscent of the 7<sup>th</sup> plague (Exod. 9:13-35). The blood in the plagues of Egypt was literal in the 1<sup>st</sup> plague (Exod. 7:14-25). As the text reads, it is also literal here in the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet Judgment.

<sup>2</sup> 8:8 - something like a great mountain burning with fire: Some have suggested this catastrophe will be an asteroid that strikes the sea. Asteroids, variously consisting of rock, metal, and ice, are not burning, but they certainly would burn as they entered the earth's atmosphere. The largest known asteroid is Ceres (diameter of 940 km or 587.5 miles). Vesta has a diameter of 530 km (331 miles). An object the size of either of these striking the sea would generate horrific consequences.

<sup>3</sup> 8:8 - a third of the sea became blood: The text does not say that the sea became *like* or *as* blood. Rather, it became blood. This will be a supernatural event that has a precedent (Exod. 7:14-22), but that will occur on a vastly larger scale.

<sup>4</sup> 8:9 - a third of the creatures ... in the sea ... died: The effects of this plague on marine life will be catastrophic beyond anything since the Great Flood (Genesis 7-8).

<sup>5</sup> 8:9 - a third of the ships were destroyed: This can hardly be a localized catastrophe. No phenomenon known today can cause such far-reaching devastation.

trumpet judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

D. The Third Trumpet. 8:10-11. Judgment upon \_\_\_\_\_.

1. When the 3<sup>rd</sup> angel sounded, what fell from heaven, burning like a torch?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. On what did it fall? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was it called? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What happened to a third of the fresh water on the globe? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What was the effect? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup>
6. Thought question: How will life on earth be affected by the results of this trumpet judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

E. The Fourth Trumpet. 8:12-13. Judgment upon the \_\_\_\_\_.

1. What happened when the 4<sup>th</sup> angel sounded his trumpet? 8:12
  - a. A third of the \_\_\_\_\_ was struck.
  - b. A third of the \_\_\_\_\_ was struck.
  - c. A third of the \_\_\_\_\_ were struck.
2. The result of this was that a third of them would be \_\_\_\_\_; and the day \_\_\_\_\_; and the night \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Thought question: How will life on earth be affected by the results of this trumpet judgment? \_\_\_\_\_
4. John looked, and what did he hear? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> 8:11 - many men died from the waters because they were made bitter: 1/3 of the fresh water not only tasted bitter, it became highly toxic.

<sup>7</sup> 8:13 - The oldest Greek manuscripts (MSS) read "eagle," but the Textus Receptus (TR), the Edition of the Greek Text published and revised between 1516 and 1535, incorporated a later variant, "angel" (similar spelling), probably because it made more sense to the copyists that an angel, rather than

5. What did it say? “\_\_\_\_\_”  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Why did he utter a three-fold woe? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Thought question: Our world appears to be headed toward ever greater evil and tyranny. If Jesus were to appear on earth today, would he be more inclined to begin these judgments or stop them altogether?
8. Why?
9. What is stopping him from beginning these judgments now? (Among a number of possible answers, see 2 Thessalonians 2:1-7 and 2 Peter 3:9.)

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an eagle, would speak. “Eagle,” being the more difficult reading, is probably the original. The KJV & NKJV English versions are based on the TR. Most modern day English versions do not follow the TR.