

Wednesday
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THE BOOK OF REVELATION
"THE MERCY JUDGEMENTS
OF GOD"
REVELATION 8:1-9:21
(8:1-12 PART 1)

¹ 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

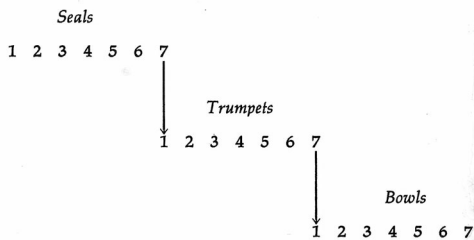
a torch, fell from the sky on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water— ¹¹ the name of the star is Wormwood.^[a] A third of the waters turned bitter, and many people died from the waters that had become bitter. ¹² The fourth angel sounded his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, a third 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.

Revelation 8:1-12

- Tonight, Three Main Points ...
- The Pause In Heaven (8:1)
- The Prayers In Heaven (8:2-5)
- The Punishment From Heaven (8:6 ff)

The Relationship of the Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls



I. The Pause In Heaven (8:1)

- A. The Preciousness of Prayer
Avenge of Martyrs (6:9-11 and prayers again in 8:3)
- B. The Prelude to Judgement
These heavenly trumpets call God into battle.

⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

II. The Prayers In Heaven (8:2-5)

- A. The Identity of This Angel

II. The Prayers In Heaven (8:2-5)

B. The Ministry of Prayer

The main point is that God always answers the prayers of His people when they are in accordance to His will.

III. The Punishments From Heaven 8:6 - 9:21

1. Natural Calamities (Trumpets 1-4)
2. Internal Decay (Trumpet 5)
3. External Invasion (Trumpet 6)

A. Natural Calamity (8:7-12)

Trumpets 1-4

Bombarding Storm

Boiling Sea

Blazing Sky

Blackened Sky

The point is that God can and does and will use nature to punish and halt the progress of evil.

Rev. 9:20-21 implies God was still clearly desiring men to repent! Thus ... one concludes that the trumpets (8-11) are distinct from the utter destruction yet to come in the bowls of wrath (15-16) one-third affected as warnings.