

Revelation 8

- ***While the first four seals, the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, are grouped together, so are the first four trumpets.***
- ***They are the “one-thirds of judgments”. Each of the first four trumpets will affect one-third of creation, the fifth and sixth will directly impact one-third of mankind.***

Verse 1

- *Some scholars see the scroll containing the seven trumpets and seven bowls, the judgments that are now to come.*
- *If the seals are an overview, then what follows is a detailed account of the judgments that will take place that makes the men left on the earth cry out for the rock to fall on them and kill them and hide them from the wrath of Him who sits on the throne and of the Lamb.*

Verse 2

- ***² I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and they were given seven trumpets. (NLT)***
- ***This is where people have a tendency to major in the minors in the Book of Revelation. Who exactly these angels are is not what is important, the judgments they pronounce or usher in is what is important.***

Verses 3-4

- *We have talked about that there is heavenly temple, also the idea of the laver, the Crystal Sea before the throne. Here we have a golden altar as well.*
- *Everything mirroring the earthly tabernacle, or more correctly, the earthly tabernacle mirrored a heavenly reality.*

Verses 3-4

- *Incense symbolized the prayers that went up to heaven*
- *Many scholars see the prayers of chapter five as being the prayers of the church age or maybe prayers of all time up to Jesus return for His Church.*
- *Then we have the prayers in chapter six from the martyrs under the altar.*

Verses 3-4

- *The incense and prayers filled the censor, now the angel fills it the rest of the way by fire. Fire symbolizing judgment.*
- *“The same fire on the altar that makes the incense and prayers of the saints sweet and acceptable to God now is taken and poured out on the earth” – Stanley Horton*

Verses 3-4

- *Thunders denote the approach of God's judgment.*
- *Voices denote God is behind and ordering the judgments.*
- *Lighting denotes the swiftness of the judgments.*
- *The earthquake denotes the power of the judgments.*

Verses 3-4

- ***Isaiah 29:6 - ⁶ You will be punished by the Lord of hosts with thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire.***

Verse 6

- ***“The plagues that follow are a partial judgment poured out on a sin-hardened world.” – Stanley Horton***
- ***While the church appears to be gone, the 144,000 are still left on the earth and those who turn to Jesus after the Rapture.***

Verse 7

- *The First Trumpet – One-third of plant life is destroyed*
- *With one-third of the plant life gone, food supplies will be decreased. Remember famine was the third horse.*
- *Animals, unfortunately, will starve and be affected by this plague as well.*

Verses 8-9

- *The Second Trumpet – One-third of sea life and ships are destroyed*
- *Whatever is thrown into the sea, it is real and tangible and it is thrown in the sea under orders from God Himself.*

Verses 8-9

- *One-third of all sea life; fish, marine mammals, crustations, etc. will be lost.*
- *Imagine the damage to local economies and food supplies. Imagine the smell of death and decay as bodies wash up on shore.*

Verses 8-9

- *A third of all ships will be destroyed, probably from the waves that the impact caused.*
- *Military navies will be devastated. Shipping cargo, food and oil ships.*
- *Imagine the loss of life and the oil spills and the catastrophe that will follow.*

Verses 10-11

- *The Third Trumpet – One-third of all water is poisoned*
- *The Greek word for star and also be translated as planet or meteor. Meteor probably makes the most sense.*

- ***Wormwood side effects:***

- ***Nausea***
- ***Vomiting***
- ***Muscle aches***
- ***Vertigo (a spinning or dizzy sensation)***
- ***Insomnia (trouble sleeping)***
- ***Restlessness***

- ***Hallucinations***

- ***Tremors***
- ***Digestive upset***
- ***Kidney failure***
- ***Headaches***
- ***Dizziness***
- ***Nervous system problems***
- ***Seizures***

Verses 10-11

- *Jeremiah 9:13-15 -¹³ 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.*
- **Can also be translated “Bitter or poisonous water”.*

Verses 10-11

- *One-third of all drinking water is contaminated.*
- *People and livestock and wild animals will die and well as any fish or life in the waters affected by this plague.*

Verse 12

- *The Fourth Trumpet – One-third of all heavenly light is dimmed*
- *Here, with this trumpet, there is no visible outside force.*

Verse 12

- *There are two things going on with this plague:*
- *First, one-third of the suns strength or brightness will be gone.*
- *One-third of the stars will cease to shine.*

Verse 12

- *The second part of this plague is that for a third of the day, when the sun should be shining, it will not be and the same for the moon at night.*
- *Think about 1pm to 4pm or 5pm being as dark as night. The sun and moon will supernaturally be obscured during part of the day.*

Verse 12

- *What will happen to crops under those conditions.*
- *Food supplies again will be affected. How many will succumb to this plague?*

Verse 12

- ***Joel 2:30-32 - ³⁰ “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ³² And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, as the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls.***

Verse 13

- Many manuscripts have the word *eagle* instead of *angel*. *Eagle* in the Greek can also mean *vulture*.
- Some see a correlation here and Jesus' statement in Matthew 24:28 - ²⁸ For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

Verse 13

- *Does it matter? No. God used a donkey and He can use an eagle, angel or vulture.*
- *What matters is the pronouncement, “Woe, woe, woe”.*
- *The word is repeated for emphasis but also the fifth trumpet brings in “The Woe Judgments”.*
- *Revelation 9:12 - ¹² One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.*

Zephaniah 1:14-18

- ***¹⁴ The great day of the Lord is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. ¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, A Day of trouble and distress, A Day of devastation and desolation, A Day of darkness and gloominess, A Day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ A Day of trumpet and alarm against the fortified cities and against the high towers. ¹⁷ "I will bring distress upon men, and they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord; Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like refuse." ¹⁸ Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy, for He will make speedy riddance of all those who dwell in the land.***