

# Wednesday Bible Study – November 26, 2014

## "Blasts of Destruction" – (Revelation 8:7-13)

Read [Revelation 8:7-13](#)

Review: TRIBULATION – 3 VIEWS

REV. 6 – (SEALS) – SUMMARY OF THE TRIBULATION

REV. 8-11 – (TRUMPETS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE GENTILES

REV. 12-19 – (VIALS) – PRESENTS THE TRIBULATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF THE JEWS.

Review: TRUMPETS – REVELATION 8:2

- I. The trumpet is a judgment which takes place in the Tribulation. Each Trumpet is a judgment.
- II. These judgments are directed toward the Gentiles (unbelievers).
- III. In this chapter, we have only 4 of the 7 trumpets.
- IV. These 4 judgments are directed against NATURE. This means that nature is used for the judgments. The last 3 judgments in chapter 10 are directed against MANKIND.
- V. This is clear and comprehensible. In 7 verses we have the first 4 judgments – then we have 51 verses for the last 3 judgments – major emphasis is on the last 3.
- VI. The trumpet judgments were held up till the 144,000 evangelists were sealed ([Rev. 7:1-3](#)).
  - In chapter 6, only 6 seals – but 7 were stated.
  - Then, in chapter 7 the evangelists were sealed.
- VII. Now Chapter 8 contains the 7th Seal – Why? Because it contains the 7 judgments and the 7 trumpets, with the 7th presenting the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The 7 trumpets take us all the way to the end of the Tribulation.

Look again at the [Timeline](#) we have been reviewing. The Cross is followed by the Church Age, which will end with the rapture. This could occur at any moment; if Jesus Christ comes this night, we will be taken out immediately and will receive the Glorified resurrection body and be in His presence forever. If not, we are still only one breath from eternity, in which we will as believers still be in His presence forever.

This chapter is about people who are about to be killed, yet will be having a prayer meeting of thanksgiving.

Look at [Revelation 8:3-6](#).

1. These are prayers of believers martyred during the Tribulation.
2. These are gentile believers placing the entire situation in the Lord's Hands.
3. These prayers, and how they are processed are presented in Revelation 8:3-6.
4. This is saying that no one touches a believer without God's knowledge and without divine judgment.

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5. This is the principle of Matt. 7:1, 2 – Triple discipline "*judge not*" – if you do there will be discipline. Matt. 7:2 "*For with what judgment ye judge*" (the sins you mention while you are judging) "*those sins will be measured to you.*" Also self-induced misery will also result. When people judge, malign and criticize others, they will be extremely unhappy.
6. Here we have an angel with the gold censer (meaning answered prayer). Gold speaks of DEITY – wood speaks of HUMANITY. Both are found in the altar – Read Ex. 30: ...
7. These dying Gentile believer's prayers will be answered (Rev. 8:4) by the 7 judgments – the judgments are against those who are responsible for the deaths of the Tribulational martyrs. These people did not take vengeance for themselves – they trusted in the Lord.
8. The warning of coming judgment is found in Rev. 8:5 – "FIRE" is a picture of judgment. Judgment is coming in answer to the prayers of these committed believers.
9. This reveals that the prayers of these people so close to death will be answered.
10. They pray for those persecuting, and then they turn the matter completely over to the Lord.

OVERVIEW (Review from 2<sup>nd</sup> Session Sunday):

#### [REVELATION 8:1-13](#)

- I. John saw Angels standing in Heaven in God's presence with 7 Trumpets after a (half-hour) period of silence.
  - Trumpets are used to call to war.
  - Trumpets are sometimes used to call to worship.
  - Trumpets are sometimes used to call together a convocation of people to proclaim festivals ([Ex. 19:16](#); [Amos 3:6](#); [Zeph. 1:14-16](#)).
  - Trumpets used for arrival of Royalty.
  - Trumpets used to summons to battle.
  - Trumpets used as a signal of alarm.
- II. These 7 Angels prepared themselves to sound the trumpets. They had been given the trumpets – they were in their positions – they were ready.
- III. What were these Trumpets?
  1. The trumpet is a judgment which takes place in the Tribulation – Each trumpet is a judgment.
  2. These trumpets are directed toward unbelieving Gentiles.
  3. In chapter 8 we have 4 of the 7 trumpets.

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4. In the first 4 trumpets, *nature* is affected.
5. In the last 3 trumpets, *mankind* is affected.
6. In 7 verses we have the 1st 4 trumpets – [Rev. 8:7-13](#)
  - Rev. 8:7           1<sup>st</sup> trumpet
  - Rev. 8:8, 9       2<sup>nd</sup> trumpet
  - Rev. 8:10, 11    3<sup>rd</sup> trumpet
  - Rev. 8:12         4<sup>th</sup> trumpet
7. In 51 verses we have the last 3 Trumpets ([Revelation 9:1 through 11:19](#)).
  - [Rev. 9:1](#)           5<sup>th</sup> trumpet
  - [Rev. 9:13](#)         6<sup>th</sup> trumpet
  - [Rev. 11:15](#)       7<sup>th</sup> trumpet
- IV. Before the trumpets were sounded (expressed) John saw another angel with a golden censer – [Rev. 8:3-6](#)
  1. This angel came and stood at the altar.
  2. This angel has a golden censer (which is a small gold shovel used to carry incense or coals [Ex. 30:1-10](#); [Ex. 37:25-28](#))
  3. [Revelation 8:3](#) tells us that there "*was much incense*", which means *prayers acceptable to God*.
  4. Who's Prayers? The prayers of all saints – these are the dying Gentile believers in the Tribulation.
  5. These prayers were for deliverance from their enemies.
  6. [Revelation 8:5](#) tells us how these prayers were answered!
  7. The fire of Rev. 8:5 means Judgment – God's Fiery Judgment
  8. These Gentile believers who are going to die in the Tribulation will pray for those persecuting them, and then REST in the LORD (Turning the matter over completely to the Lord – Rest in Faith [RIF]).

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### OVERVIEW (Continued from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Session...)

#### V. First Trumpet – [Rev. 8:6, 7](#) (Description and Results)

1. The Judgment is manifested by FIRE, HAIL, and Blood.
2. The result of this Judgment is revealed by 1/3 of the trees being destroyed, and all green grass burned up. This is judgment through vegetation. Grass and trees will be used to administer judgment.
3. Joel 2:30, 31 speaks of signs preceding the 2nd Advent. *"<sup>30</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. <sup>31</sup>The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come."*
4. Hail and Fire mingled with BLOOD (reveals death and bloodshed).

#### VI. Second Trumpet – [Rev. 8:8, 9](#)

1. And the second angel trumpeted *"and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea"* – John does not say it was a mountain – This has to be a great volcanic eruption, some say. Others say, a meteor mass ablaze with fire. A BURNING MASS on the sea, and it turns a 1/3 part of the sea into blood.
2. Results of this burning mass is *as it were a mountain* – 1/3 of sea becoming blood – 1/3 of the living creatures in the sea die – and 1/3 of the ships destroyed. (What? Perhaps a Tidal Wave?)

#### VII. Third Trumpet – [Rev. 8:10-11](#)

1. When the third trumpet sounded a "GREAT STAR" fell from Heaven burning like lamp – *torch*.
2. Results of this meteor which will be in the form of Torch (It will have a blasting path – with gaseous vapors exploding along the way). Water will absorb these noxious gases.
  - The *"rivers and fountains will be poisoned, and made bitter"*
  - People will die from drinking of these poisoned waters.
  - Waters become Wormwood, because the star was called wormwood (Greek word  $\alpha\psi\iota\nu\theta\acute{o}\varsigma$ )
  - The English word is Absinthe (pronounced *ab-sinth*). This is an herb, having a pronounced licorice flavor – extremely bitter. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of Wormwood in [Jeremiah 9:13-15](#).

#### VIII. Fourth Trumpet – [Rev. 8:12](#)

1. When the trumpet sounded, the Sun, Moon, and Stars were *smitten* – struck.
2. Results are similar to the 6<sup>th</sup> Seal in [Rev. 6:12](#) – This is a natural catastrophe – This means that during the tribulation, nature will be acting up. These are natural disasters, which affect people in relationship to water, food, shelter, etc. YET THERE IS MORE TO COME – EVEN WORSE!

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- IX. The Flying Eagle – Warning Angel – [Rev. 8:13](#)
1. The Greek word aetou (ἀετοῦ) – [Rev. 12:14](#)
  2. The word Eagle is used instead of Angel – No Problem – If God could make Balaam's Ass to speak, then He can surely use an Eagle to speak His message.
  3. What was the message of the Eagle? Three words: WOE! WOE! WOE!
    - This Angel is flying where all can see.
    - This Angel is announcing where all can hear!
- X. There are 3 Trumpets yet to come!
1. WOE One – 5th trumpet ([Rev. 9:1-12](#))
  2. WOE Two – 6th trumpet ([Rev. 9:13ff](#))
  3. WOE Three – 7th trumpet ([Rev. 11:15](#))

THIS LEADS TO 2<sup>ND</sup> ADVENT!

Consider Moses and Elijah; where did Moses die? Where did Elijah die? As the third wave of evangelists (Revelation 11) of the Tribulation, these two will return to evangelize the world by satellite TV. All will have opportunity to see and hear their message. Then the angels come to evangelize all.