

Revelation 8

I. The Seventh Seal.

A. Jesus opens, and the scroll is now completely open.

B. Silence in heaven

1. Hab. 2:20 But the Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him."
2. Zech. 2:13 Be silent, all flesh, before the Lord, for He is aroused from His holy habitation!"

C. Seven select angles, *the*

1. Lk. 1:19 "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you..."

D. Angel at the golden altar.

1. Leviticus 16:12-13;17 Then he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from the altar before the Lord, with his hands full of sweet incense beaten fine, and bring it inside the veil. [13] And he shall put the incense on the fire before the Lord, that the cloud of incense may cover the mercy seat that is on the Testimony, lest he die. (17) There shall be no man in the tabernacle of meeting when he goes in to make atonement in the Holy Place, until he comes out, that he may make atonement for himself, for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel.

2. Prayers arising.

a. Trib. saints, or saints of all time?

- Psalm 141:2 Let my prayer be set before You as incense, The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

b. Prayer arising from pain, sorrow, and grief over sin?

- Psalm 37:1-5 Do not fret because of evildoers...Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity...Trust in the Lord, and do good...Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him,

c. God is remembering the iniquity of the earth.

E. Censer thrown to the earth.

1. Token of judgments: Noise, thunder lightning, earthquake.
2. Psalm 68:1-2 (David) Let God arise, Let His enemies be scattered; Let those also who hate Him flee before Him. As smoke is driven away, So drive them away; As wax melts before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3. Rev. 9:13-14 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, [14] saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."

II. First trumpet.

- Contained in the seventh seal are the seven trumpet judgments.
 - A. Hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.
 1. Psalm 11:6 Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning wind Shall be the portion of their cup.
 - B. If we believe that the plagues of Egypt were literal then there is no reason to view these judgments any differently.
 - C. Some people believe that the events of Revelation have been fulfilled. How could this be?

III. Second Trumpet.

- A. Sea into blood, much like the rivers of Egypt.
- B. 1/3 of the ships...wake of the mountain?

IV. Third Trumpet.

- A. Worm wood is a shrub with a strong bitter taste.

V. Forth Trumpet.

- A. Luke 21:25 "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring;
- B. Isaiah 13:10-11 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine. [11] "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.
- C. Joel 2:10-11 The earth quakes before them, The heavens tremble; The sun and moon grow dark, And the stars diminish their brightness. [11] The Lord gives voice before His army, For His camp is very great; For strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the Lord is great and very terrible; Who can endure it?