

# REVELATION CHAPTER 8

## PART 2



***BLESSED IS HE THAT READETH,  
AND THEY THAT HEAR  
THE WORDS OF THIS PROPHECY....***

# SEVEN TRUMPETS OF JUDGMENT



## REV 8:6-13

**KJV** <sup>6</sup>And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. <sup>7</sup>The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up. <sup>8</sup>And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; <sup>9</sup>And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed. <sup>10</sup>And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;

**<sup>11</sup>And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. <sup>12</sup>And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. <sup>13</sup>And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**

## REV 8:6-13

**NLT** 6 Then the seven angels with the seven trumpets prepared to blow their mighty blasts. 7 The first angel blew his trumpet, and hail and fire mixed with blood were thrown down on the earth. One-third of the earth was set on fire, one-third of the trees were burned, and all the green grass was burned. 8 Then the second angel blew his trumpet, and a great mountain of fire was thrown into the sea. One-third of the water in the sea became blood, 9 one-third of all things living in the sea died, and one-third of all the ships on the sea were destroyed. 10 Then the third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from the sky, burning like a torch. It fell on one-third of the rivers and on the springs of water.

**11 The name of the star was Bitterness. It made one-third of the water bitter, and many people died from drinking the bitter water. 12 Then the fourth angel blew his trumpet, and one-third of the sun was struck, and one-third of the moon, and one-third of the stars, and they became dark. And one-third of the day was dark, and also one-third of the night. 13 Then I looked, and I heard a single eagle crying loudly as it flew through the air, "Terror, terror, terror to all who belong to this world because of what will happen when the last three angels blow their trumpets."**

## REV 8: 6-13

**AMP** <sup>6</sup>Then the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to sound them. <sup>7</sup>The first angel blew [his] trumpet, and there was a storm of hail and fire mingled with blood cast upon the earth. And a third part of the earth was burned up and a third of the trees was burned up and all the green grass was burned up. <sup>8</sup>The second angel blew [his] trumpet, and something resembling a great mountain, blazing with fire, was hurled into the sea. <sup>9</sup>And a third of the sea was turned to blood, a third of the living creatures in the sea perished, and a third of the ships were destroyed. <sup>10</sup>The third angel blew [his] trumpet, and a huge star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it dropped on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water--

**11** And the name of the star is Wormwood. A third part of the waters was changed into wormwood, and many people died from using the water, because it had become bitter. **12** Then the fourth angel blew [his] trumpet, and a third of the sun was smitten, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that [the light of] a third of them was darkened, and a third of the daylight [itself] was withdrawn, and likewise a third [of the light] of the night was kept from shining. **13** Then I [looked and I] saw a solitary eagle flying in midheaven, and as it flew I heard it crying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the rest of the trumpet blasts which the three angels are about to sound!

***7 The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.***

**This is the first of seven trumpet judgments. The last three trumpets are also called woes with the last woe containing the seven vials of wrath from God.**

**This first trumpet sounds and fire and brimstone are cast onto the earth. One third of the trees on earth are burned up and all green grass.**



Because of this **hail and fire**, trees and grass are destroyed - one-third of the vegetation of the planet is burned up during the great tribulation.

*How* will this happen? Many wonder if it will happen through phenomenon we know today, like nuclear war, fallout, pollution, meteors, and so forth. These ideas are interesting and possible, but they should never obscure the essential truth: **God brings judgment**. He isn't a passive bystander. This is not "nature" taking its course.

God may use whatever *method* He desires to bring judgment, but people on earth *know* these events are from God, and do not think them to be merely natural disasters (Revelation 16:9, and 16:11, Revelation 19:19).

**One way its could happen is through volcanic activities such as , Earthquakes and volcanoes. They are both a part of the geophysical earth. The earthquake in the 6<sup>th</sup> seal, could very well put in motion events to shower the earth with hot debris burning the grass and trees in the process. Joel points to this day of tribulation, and its purpose of bringing salvation to the lost.**

**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.**

**<sup>8</sup>And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; <sup>9</sup>And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.**

**Something like a great mountain:** John carefully says that this is not an actual mountain (note the use of *like*), but it is a blazing mass as large as a mountain.



**A third of the sea became blood:** This disaster is a cataclysm, perhaps a meteor that crashes into the sea and results in great oceanic upheaval with residual pollution. Researchers today say that this sort of phenomenon has happened many times in the history of the earth, sometimes resulting in great ecological upheaval and disaster. Here, the result is that a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. The blood may be either the *cause* or the *effect* of the widespread death in the oceans of the world.

The sea may be a specific reference to the Mediterranean and not a reference to all oceans. For a person in the world John lived in, the Mediterranean Sea *was* the sea, and they really had little knowledge of other oceans.

**It is common among some Bible teachers to take this great mountain as a symbol for a nation that will be judged. It is true that mountains are sometimes used as figures of governments or nations (Jeremiah 51:25, 51:27, 51:30). But in this context, the symbol doesn't make sense. What does it mean that the great mountain is burning with fire? What does it mean that it was thrown into the sea? What does the sea symbolize? Who are the living creatures in the sea? What are the ships on the sea? What is their destruction a symbol of? All these questions make us say that the best solution is to see this as some literal mass of land, probably a meteor or asteroid, falling into the sea and bringing ecological disaster.**

**10 Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water.**

**11 The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.**





**Great star** The words used by John here are mevga *Megas* ajsthvr *Aster*, literally “Mega Asteroid” unlike the burning mountain which fell on the sea. This meteorite falls on 1/3 of the drinking water. This meteorite could very well be part of the first one, also being toxic in nature. This meteorite as it enters earth’s atmosphere could break up causing its toxicity to cover or hit the drinking waters. Areas such as the great lakes and Amazon river, could then carry the toxic waters downstream causing 1/3 of fresh water to become bitter.

Scientist today try to keep tabs of all “Near Earth Objects” (NEO’s) because the threat is real quoting from a recent conference called *2004 Planetary Defense Conference* which met in Garden Grove California in February 2004, the issue was the defense of the planet from what is described in the book of Revelation. Quoting from David Morrison (NASA Ames Research Center) at the conference.

**An object half a mile across packs a one-million-megaton punch, enough to threaten the globe, but objects this large are rare. "Tunguska-class" objects, that is, those measuring about 195 feet (60m) across, strike Earth far more frequently. Indeed, the class itself refers to an object that exploded above the Siberian taiga in 1908 with an estimated force of 10 megatons or more.**

**Many men died** The result of this was the death of those who dwelt on the earth.

Many men died because they only had water poisoned by the dust to drink. The fact that many people died would indicate that the waters would stay poisoned for some length of time. The passage also makes it clear that this body came from the heavens because the passage says it falls from heaven as a burning lamp. The passage even gives this body a name. The star that hits the earth is called **Wormwood** (wormwood was a Hebrew word that meant bitterness and the word is also used by the Greeks to describe a drink as being bitter and undrinkable). Today certain religious mystics are looking through telescopes expecting Wormwood to appear at any time. When a comet fitting their expectations does appear the watchers certainly will make sure the media calls the body by its appropriate name.

**\* (The third of the earth this refers to is probably two thirds of the northern hemisphere. For a comet to hit the earth and spread debris over a third of the earth it most likely will hit on the hemisphere where most of the land is. The northern hemisphere is 50 percent land mass and the southern hemisphere is only 25 percent landmass. A comet or meteorite would not spread debris over a third of the land surface of earth unless the debris was caught in two prevailing wind patterns. The Westerlies and Easterlies in the northern hemisphere fill the bill because these two wind patterns cover most of the northern hemisphere and about 1/3 of the landmass of the earth if you exclude the landmass that occupies the Doldrums. The northern hemisphere is also where most of the persecution of God's saints took place, so it would be the appropriate place to receive the judgments from the wrath of the Lamb.)**

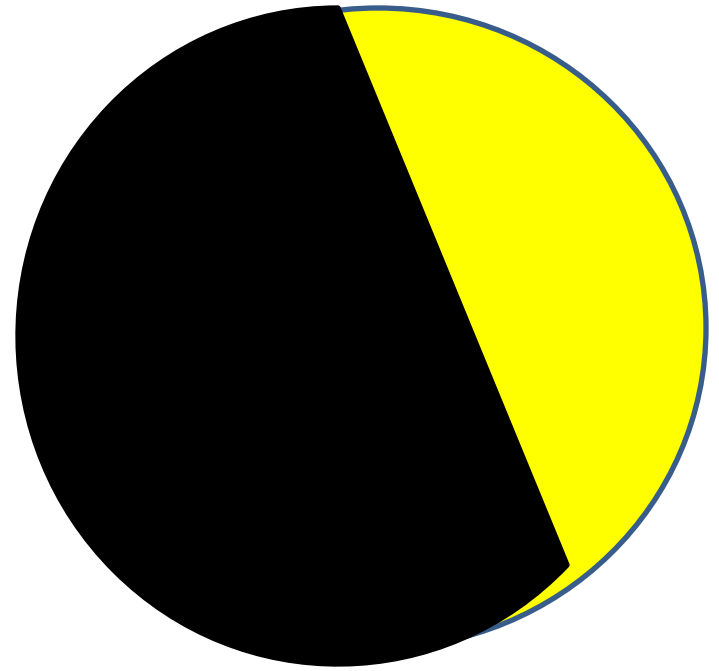
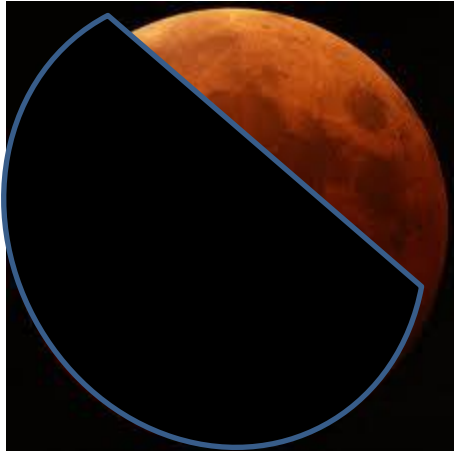
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**third of the sun** The results of the first three trumpets, results in what happens in the fourth. With the increase in volcanic activity and the burning of grass and trees, the earth being struck by two asteroids the billowing smoke fills the outer atmosphere.

These events could be limited to portion of the earth atmosphere causing  $1/3$  of the sky to be darkened. A great example is Mt. St. Helens, which caused the earth to appear pitch dark in the middle of the day as volcanic ash covered the sky. The events spoken about here are much greater than a single volcanic event

**A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night:** This does not describe a one-third lessening of light, but one-third of the day and night are plunged into absolute darkness. As Jesus said: *the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light* (Matthew 24:29).

**Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet:** The angel's woes are well founded, because one-third of the earth's population will die in the next three trumpets. **The meaning of woe is passionate cry of grief or despair**



**After Wormwood hits the earth it will throw up huge amounts of debris and smoke into the atmosphere so that the sun, moon and sky become darkened on this third of the earth.**

***13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!***

**Woe**

**Inhabitants of the Earth** The inhabitants of the earth as opposed to the inhabitants of Heaven. Those who trust in the Lord and die on the earth become inhabitants of Heaven.

**Remaining blasts** These first four trumpets all involve environmental catastrophies, the next two trumpets are God's judgments against man as opposed to the environment

## **Observations on the first four trumpets.**

**These first four trumpets reveal the severity of God's judgment. He attacks all the ordinary means of subsistence, such as food and water; and He attacks all the ordinary means of comfort, and knowledge, such as light and the regular rhythm of days.**

**Man has come to see these aspects of the created order as impersonal, perpetual forces. During the great tribulation, God proclaims His Lordship through their agonizing disruption. We know the great humility that comes upon men in the midst of something like an earthquake, because they know that "nature" is not as reliable as they had thought. With these four trumpets, that effect will be multiplied greatly.**

**The first four trumpets also reveal the *mercy* of God's judgment; these are partial judgments striking only one-third, and are meant to warn and lead a rebellious world to repentance before the final curtain. For now, God *s pares* more than He *smites*.**

**One thing is for certain, these things are going to happen. And sooner than we may think. Are we prepared for them, if we are here on planet earth when it takes place? Are you sharing your testimony with those that might be killed during this time? Will your words keep someone out of an eternal hell? We can make a difference individually and corporately as the body of Christ! Time is short. Light your light shine while you can!**