

## Trumpet Judgments Part 2

### Revelation 8:7-13

#### I. Introduction:

##### A. Review and context.

*The trumpet judgments will take place during the last 3 ½ years of the 7-year tribulation period.*

##### 1. – Opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> seal

- a. The 7 trumpet judgments are revealed when Jesus opens the 7<sup>th</sup> seal of the scroll.
- b. Trumpet judgments are contained in the 7<sup>th</sup> seal which He received from the Father.

##### 2. – Silence in heaven

- a. When Jesus opened the 7<sup>th</sup> seal and the trumpet judgments were made known, there was an uncharacteristic silence in heaven for about half an hour.
- b. Heaven reverberates continually with praise and worship. The four living creatures, the cherubim, seraphim, angels, and the church all worship God with enthusiasm.
- c. But seeing the trumpet judgments, all will fall quiet with anticipatory silence.
- d. The terror of the coming trumpet judgment caused all of heaven to go silent.

##### 3. – Seven angels

- a. Then seven angels were seen who stand in the presence of God.
- b. Each of these angels were given a trumpet to sound in the prescribed order.

##### 4. – Supplication

- a. Then another angel offers the prayers of the saints to God with much incense.
- b. These are prayers of the saints persecuted, tortured, & martyred in the tribulation.
- c. The answer to their prayers will come in the form of these judgments.

##### 5. – Prelude

- a. Next the angel fills his censer with fire from the alter and casts it to the earth.
- b. Then followed voices, thunderclaps, lightening, and an earthquake.

#### II. The angels sound their trumpets. (Revelation 8:7)

##### A. The first trumpet judgment

- 1. When 1<sup>st</sup> angel sounds his trumpet, hail, & fire, mingled w/ blood, is cast upon the earth
- 2. Hail speaks of God's sudden judgment. Fire is associated with God's wrath against sin.
- 3. Blood speaks of death.
- 4. This judgment is very similar to the plague that fell on Egypt. (**Exodus 9:24**)
- 5. Egyptian plague destroyed all the crops of Egypt, similarly the first trumpet judgment will destroy one third of the trees on earth and it will burn up all the green grass.

##### B. Impact of this judgment

- *The ecological impact of such devastation will be like nothing the world has ever seen.*

##### 1. - Trees

- a. Trees produce oxygen and help clean the air.
- b. It's unimaginable what the world will be like with 1/3 of the trees gone.

##### 2. – Grass and vegetation

- a. Losing 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the grass will seriously impact the lives of those living on earth.
- b. This judgment will devastate the world's food supply.
- c. Thrown to the Earth: They'll try to explain this disaster as a natural random event.

### **III. The second trumpet sounds. (Revelation 8:8-9)**

#### **A. One third of the sea destroyed**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> angel sounds his trumpet; a large object enters the atmosphere crashing into the sea
2. This large object will; **a.** Turn 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the world's seas and oceans to blood.  
**b.** Kill 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of all marine life. **c.** Destroy 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the world's ships.
3. Like the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet judgment, the 2<sup>nd</sup> has a parallel in Egyptian plagues. **(Ex.7:20-21)**

#### **B. Impact of this judgment**

1. – Shipping
  - a.** Plague will disrupt shipping all over the world. Financial losses will be staggering.
  - b.** Shipments of food, oil and gas, & vital supplies like medicines will be disrupted.
2. – Marine life lost.
  - a.** This ocean food loss will compound the loss of crops from the 1<sup>st</sup> trumpet judgment.
3. – Military losses
  - a.** One third of the world's ships means military vessels as well.
  - b.** Nations will suffer catastrophic military capability loss because of this judgment.

### **IV. The third trumpet judgment (Revelation 8:10-11)**

#### **A. Loss of one third of all fresh water**

1. An object (named Wormwood) enters earth & falls upon the fresh water supply.
2. Wormwood is a bitter desert plant mentioned in Old Testament.
3. The plant's bitterness was often associated with the bitter sorrow of judgment for sin.
4. This object from heaven pollutes 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the earth's fresh water supply.

#### **B. Impact of this judgment**

1. – Water is poisonous
  - a.** Those who drink the water will die. Many will die from lack of water.
2. – Another blow to the food supply
  - a.** Can't grow food or raise cattle without water. Can't eat fish from the polluted water.

### **V. The fourth trumpet judgment (Revelation 8:12)**

#### **A. One third of all light taken away**

1. Likely this doesn't mean light diminished, but means 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of day & night are all dark.
2. We find the parallel again in the plagues God visited upon Egypt. **(Exodus 10:21-23)**
3. This kind of darkness will interrupt and complicate every part of life on this planet.

### **VI. Pause for warning (Revelation 8:13)**

*They pause to announce greater severity of final 3 trumpet judgments called "woe judgments."*

#### **A. Angelic warning**

1. John sees an angel flying through heaven announcing severity of what was to come.
2. The angel announced Woe to those on earth who'll experience what's about to happen.
3. – Only one third
  - a.** God has only touched 1/3<sup>rd</sup>, leaving 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s intact, thus continual expression of God's grace, even in the midst of divine judgment for sin.
  - b.** Opportunity exists for those who see the judgment of God to repent of their sin and be saved by faith in Jesus. You have that opportunity today, right now.
4. – Woe to the inhabitants of the earth.
  - a.** This expression means those who are attached to the world & have chosen sin.
  - b.** The angel is saying woe to those who continue to resist God and persist in their sin.
  - c.** Woe to those who refuse to turn from their sin and accept His grace.