

Revelation 8:1-13 **Seventh Seal – Great Tribulation Begins**

Seventh Seal – Silence in Heaven – Saints Prayers – Trumpets Prepared – Earth Warned

¹ When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

³ Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

⁵ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

⁶ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

First Trumpet: Hail – Fire – Blood – one third of trees and all grass burned up

⁷ The first angel sounded: And 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.

Second Trumpet: Blood – One Third Seas, sea creatures, and ships destroyed

⁸ Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. ⁹ And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Third Trumpet: Fresh Water Supply, Rivers and Springs Struck

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.

Fourth Trumpet: Darkness one third Day & Night

¹² Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

Flying Angel – Woe, Woe, Woe

¹³ And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!"

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Facts Revealed:

Seventh Seal – Silence in Heaven – Saints Prayers – Trumpets Prepared – Earth Warned

✠ When He opened the **seventh seal**, there was **silence in heaven for about half an hour**.

[Revelation 8:1]

✧ The rest of the book of Revelation is contained in the Seventh Seal.

✧ Heaven, which usually resounds with glorious Praise, falls into a deep silence for half an hour in Anticipation of the coming horrors contained in the Great Tribulation expressing the Wrath of God and the Lamb against all evil.

✧ This will be a time of Great Tribulation unequaled from the day of creation and more severe than will ever happen again. [Luke 21:22, Jeremiah 30:4-7, Matthew 24:21-22, Mark 13:19-20, Daniel 12:1]

✠ And I saw the **seven angels** who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

[Revelation 8:2]

✧ In Preparation for initiation of the Wrath of God, seven Trumpets of Wrath are given to the seven angels charged with the task of releasing each of the Trumpet Judgments onto the earth.

✧ The Wrath of God will be carried out by Angels who stand in the presence of God.

✠ Then **another angel**, having a **golden censer**, came and stood at the **altar**. He was given **much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar** which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. [Revelation 8:3-4]

✧ As in the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, there is an Incense altar before the Throne of God representing the prayers of the Saints of all ages. [Exodus 40:5]

✧ All their prayers of all time ascend with the incense before the Lord God as He remembers the reason for the great Wrath so justly deserved by those who dwell on the earth who have opposed the righteousness of God and the Gospel of Messiah Jesus.

✧ These prayers include the prayers of the Saints under the Altar who asked,
"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" [Revelation 6:10]

✠ Then the angel took the censer, filled it with **fire from the altar**, and threw it to the earth. And there were **noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake**. [Revelation 8:5]

✧ The earth is thus alerted to the coming doom of the plagues of the Great Tribulation.

✧ All of the Wrath of God is to warn sinners of their approaching judgment and present them with a last chance call to repentance for those who have refused God's call of love.

✧ If they refused to respond to love and gentleness, at least give them a chance to respond to fear. [Jude 1:22-23]

✠ So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. [Revelation 8:6]

✧ Now is the time to begin pouring out the Wrath of God and of the Lamb.

✧ Those on the earth are fully aware of the time. [Revelation 6:15-17]

The plagues are literal, specific, clear and will happen just as they are described.

First Trumpet: Hail – Fire – Blood – one third of trees and all grass burned up

✠ The **first angel** sounded: And **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**. [Revelation 8:7]

✧ The plague is confined to one third of the trees, and all green grass.

Second Trumpet: Blood – One Third Seas, sea creatures, and ships destroyed

✠ Then the **second angel** sounded: And something like a **great mountain burning with fire** was thrown into the sea, and a **third of the sea became blood**. And a **third of the living creatures in the sea died**, and a **third of the ships were destroyed**. [Revelation 8:8-9]

✧ The plague is confined to one third of the sea, ships, and sea life.

Third Trumpet: Fresh Water Supply, Rivers and Springs Struck

✠ 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**. 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. [Revelation 8:10-11]

✧ The plague is confined to one third of the rivers and of the springs of water.

Fourth Trumpet: Darkness one third Day & Night

✠ Then the **fourth angel** sounded: And a **third of the sun** was struck, a **third of the moon**, and a **third of the stars**, so that a **third of them were darkened**. A **third of the day** did not shine, and likewise the night. [Revelation 8:12]

✧ This is total black-out of one third of the Day and a third of the night.

Flying Angel – Woe, Woe, Woe

✠ And I looked, and I heard an **angel flying through the midst of heaven**, saying with a loud voice, "**Woe, woe, woe** to the inhabitants of the earth, **because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!**" [Revelation 8:13]

✧ The plagues are supernatural and the warning is also supernatural.

✧ An Angel flying through the sky with a loud voice announcing the warning for the remaining three trumpet plagues in the hearing of all the population of the earth and each in his own language.

✧ No one will miss the warning, so the choice of action in response is clearly theirs to make, do they repent or reject the warning?

✧ God takes a break for mankind to hear the warning and see if there is any repentance.

✧ Repentance is always acceptable to God. [2 Peter 3:9, 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10, Ezekiel 18:29-32, Joel 2:12-17, 32, Acts 2:21]

✧ The following plagues will be much worse than the first.