

Revelation 8

The Trumpet Judgments

Second Law of Thermodynamics:

“There is a natural tendency of isolated systems to degenerate into more disordered states.”

Simply put:

1. This world is winding down.
2. Things are not getting better but are only getting WORSE.
3. Sin will always lead to decay, corruption and judgment.
4. God will soon PUNISH sin and destroy those who continue in sin and in rejecting Him.

And when he had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.

The bible now returns to the
chronological narrative.

First Seal Judgment

Second Seal Judgment

Third Seal Judgment

Fourth Seal Judgment

Fifth Seal Judgment

Sixth Seal Judgment

First
Trumpet

Second
Trumpet

Third
Trumpet

Fourth
Trumpet

Fifth
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Sixth
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Seventh
Trumpet

Seventh Seal Judgment

...that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

What is contained in the prayers of these saints?

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

...that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Four great truths about God's character:

1. God is **CONCERNED** about our troubles.

Luk 12:7

2. God will **REWARD** our patience and perseverance. *Jas 1:2-4*

3. God's mercy delays His judgment. *2Pe 3:9*

...that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Four great truths about God's character:

4. God still **LOVES** people and wants them to repent and turn to Him.

The First Trumpet

...hail and fire mingled with blood...and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

These cannot be explained as NATURAL events.

→ Recall the first plague in Egypt. It was unexplainable by natural processes.

This judgment will be GLOBAL.

→ This will doubtless lead to another crippling global famine.

The Second Trumpet

...a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; ⁹ 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.

- ▶ Ships possibly destroyed by a tidal wave.
- ▶ A large object will fall out of the air and into the ocean.
- ▶ It will **POISON** much of the ocean.

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- ▶ It will apparently land on one side of the earth, leaving the other side unaffected.
- ▶ World maritime trade and commerce will be plunged into CHAOS.

The Third Trumpet

... there fell a great star from heaven...and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

- ▶ Wormwood is a bitter spice in the bible and is associated with poison and DEATH.
- ▶ Whereas the second trumpet dealt with the salt water bodies, this deals with the fresh water bodies.

Take Note:

- ▶ Sin always brings God's JUDGMENT. *Isa 29:15*
- ▶ All creation bears the curse of sin.

But there is hope!

- ▶ God will soon REDEEM all things, including nature itself.