

Doom for the World's Ecology

Revelation 8
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I. Introduction

- A. The judgments of chapters 6-18 occur one after the other versus all at the same time
- B. The use of trumpets in the Old Testament: see Numbers 10 (to call together, to announce war, to announce special events)
- C. The seventh seal introduces the 7 trumpets
- D. The first four trumpets are found in chapter 8
- E. The seventh trumpet is sounded in 11:15
- F. The tribulation is "the judgment of a Holy God on a Christ-rejecting world."

II. God's Judgment on the Earth – Chapter 8

- A. The seventh seal – vs. 1-5
 - 1. The breaking of the seal – vs. 1, 2
 - a. Silence in heaven
 - i. Is it the silence of expectancy, the calm before the storm?
 - Zechariah 2:13
 - ii. Is it respect for God?
 - Habakkuk 2:20
 - iii. Is the response of God to the prayer of His people?
 - Psalm 107; Exodus 2:23-25; Jeremiah 33:3; Revelation 5:8; 6:10
 - b. Seven angels and seven trumpets: the sound of trumpets is always followed by something very important
 - i. Exodus 19:16; 20:18; Jeremiah 4:5; I Corinthians 15:51, 52; I Thessalonians 4:16
 - 2. The angel with the golden censer – vs. 3-5
 - a. This angel serves in the role of a priest
 - b. The prayers of the saints – vs. 5:8; 6:10
 - i. Tribulation saints: yes
 - ii. Saints of all times: maybe – Psalm 147:2
 - c. Fire from heaven
 - i. After prayer ascends, judgment descends
 - 3. The burning of incense: Exodus 30:1-10; Luke 1:5
- B. The First Trumpet – vs. 6, 7
 - 1. Seven angels – seven trumpets. Is one of these Gabriel? Daniel 9:21; Luke 1:19
 - 2. Judgment on the earth's vegetation

- a. The tool of judgment: hail and fire mixed with blood
 - b. One third of the earth burnt – thus God's mercy
 - c. One third of the trees burnt (this word usually refers to fruit trees)
 - d. One third of the green grass burnt (includes wheat, rice and oats)
 - 3. This is like the seven plagues on Egypt.
 - a. See Exodus 9:13-35cf 22-26; Joel 2:31
- C. The Second Trumpet – vs. 8, 9
 - 1. The tool of judgment: a great mountain burning with fire (volcano?)
 - 2. Judgment on the ocean
 - a. One third of the sea became blood
 - b. One third of the sea creatures die
 - c. One third of the ships are destroyed
- D. The Third Trumpet – vs. 10, 11
 - 1. The tool for judgment: a great star burning like a torch called wormwood
 - 2. Judgment on the freshwater supply
 - a. One third of the rivers and springs – 100 major rivers in the world, 30 in United States
 - i. Amazon 3,976 miles, Mississippi/Missouri - 3,902 miles
 - b. Many die
 - c. Wormwood – undrinkable.
 - i. See Proverbs 5:4; Deuteronomy 29:18
- E. The Fourth Trumpet – vs. 12, 13
 - 1. Judgment on the celestial bodies
 - a. One third of the moon was smitten
 - b. One third of the sun was smitten (a 16-hour day or reduced heat?)
 - c. One third of the stars were smitten
 - d. This results in the day/night cycle being affected.
 - i. See Matthew 24:22; Luke 21:25, 26
 - 2. God's grace for fallen man
 - a. An eagle, not an angel 4:7 - 12:14
 - b. Three woes - trumpets Chapters 5, 6, and 7
 - c. God's desire is that man repent!
 - d. Man's decision:
 - i. Revelation 9:6; 9:20, 21