

Revelation

Chapter 8

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2 Esdras 7:30

- ◆ ³⁰ Then the world shall be turned back to primeval silence for seven days, as it was at the first beginnings, so that no one shall be left.

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Revelation 8:4-5

- ◆ ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the holy ones went up from the hand of the angel before God. ⁵ And the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire from the altar and cast it upon the earth; and there were thunder and voices, and lightning and an earthquake.

Exodus 19:17-18

- ◆ ¹⁷ Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently.

Revelation 8:6-7

- ◆ ⁶ And the seven angels, the ones having the seven trumpets prepared to blow them. ⁷ And the first (angel) sounded his trumpet, and there came hail and fire mingled in blood, and they were cast upon the earth, and the third of the earth was burned up and the third of the trees were burned up and all the green grass was burned up.

Trumpets in Antiquity

- ◆ Trumpets in the ancient biblical world were primarily used as heralds of important events rather than as simply musical instruments. They were used to sound an alarm, gather troops, pass on orders, inspire courage, terrify the enemy, and celebrate victory. They were used in religious ceremonies to announce special events such as feasts or fasts, and to accompany various acts of worship. In the Jewish Temple, trumpets were sounded daily to announce the opening of the temple gates and the time of the morning and evening sacrifices. The blowing of trumpets was associated with eschatological events, In Jewish tradition. In Joel 2:1, the command is given to “blow the trumpet in Zion . . . for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near.” Zephaniah 1:14-16 describes the day of the Lord as “a day of trumpet blast and battle cry.” In 2 Esdras 6:23, the sounding of the trumpet is one of the signs of the last days. The eschatological association with trumpets is found in the New Testament writings as well (Matthew 24:31; 1 Corinthians 15:52; and 1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Revelation 8:8-9

- ◆ ⁸ And the second angel sounded his trumpet and something like a great mountain, burning with fire was cast upon the sea, and the third of the sea became blood, ⁹ and the third of the creatures, the ones in the sea died, the ones having life, and the third of ships were completely destroyed.

Revelation 8:10-11

- ◆ ¹⁰ And the third angel sounded his trumpet, and a great star fell out of heaven burning like a lamp, and it fell upon the third of the rivers and upon the springs of the waters. ¹¹ And the name of the star is called Wormwood, and the third of the waters became Wormwood and many of the men died from the water that had been made bitter.

Wormwood



Revelation 8:12

- ◆ ¹² And the fourth angel sounded his trumpet and the third of the sun was struck and the third of the moon and the third of the stars , in order that the third of them was darkened and the third of the day it did not shine and the night likewise.

Revelation 8:13

- ◆ ¹³ And I looked and I heard one eagle (vulture) crying while flying in midheaven saying with a great voice, "Woe, woe, woe to the ones dwelling upon the earth because of the remaining sounds of the trumpets of the three angels who are about to sound the trumpet."



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