

Jesus Reveals the Future, Part 7

The Beginning of the 7 Trumpets

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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.

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.

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.

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 people died from the water, because it was made bitter.

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.

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!"

1. It is Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, the Lamb of God that is Opening these Seals (the 7 Seals) → He is in Charge of the Great Tribulation and how it is Deployed. How should this affect our understanding of who He is?

SPECIAL NOTE: The 7 Trumpets occur during the First Half of the Great Tribulation

→ This parallels the time of the Ministry of the 114,000 and the 2 Witnesses.

2. The Seven Angels – the 7th Seal Contains 7 Trumpets

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These Angels are intimately involved with all the operations of Heaven, it seems, including handling our Prayers before God, in some way (we saw this in previous chapters).

It seems that our prayers, the Prayer of the "saints" (holy ones) are a partly of the basis for what God is doing through those Angels in rolling out His Wrath. What relationship does Matthew 6:9-10 relate to what we are seeing here?

Our Father who dwells in Heaven, May Your Name be Made Holy

May Your Kingdom Come

May Your Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven

Ponder this: What Impact do our Prayers have for God's Kingdom, now and into the Future?

3. **The 1st Trumpet → One Third of the Trees and ALL the Green Grass Burned Up ...** I thought God Loved Trees and Grass ... What does this reveal about God's Priorities? Why is He doing this? Who does this affect? What impact does this have?

4. **The 2nd Trumpet → The Oceans – One Third Affected – sea creatures killed & ships destroyed.** What is it that falls from the Sky? **A Great Mountain On-Fire falling from the Sky into the Sea.** What does this sound like? Who will be affected?

5. **The 3rd Trumpet → A Third of the Rivers and Springs of Waters Affected by a Great Star falling from Heaven (from the sky) ... Wormwood (it has a name - interesting).** How does this affect the people on earth during this time? This affects **Fresh Water Supplies** to one third of the earth. Who will be affected the most by this (the poor or the rich)? What is the "Ripple Effect" from this? What other things will this affect besides the Rivers, Streams, and Springs?

6. **The 4th Trumpet → One Third of the Sunlight, Moonlight, and Starlight is dimmed ... why?** What is causing this? This is the accumulative effect of the previous **3 Trumpets Effects** ... each has some sort of burning and/or fire related to them ... what will that do to our atmosphere? What would happen if we have a shortage of water supplies to put out all the raging Forest and Grass Fires from the First Trumpet? What will fill the air, all over the world?

7. **When we think of an "Act Of God" (like in our Insurance Policies) ...** these are the kinds of things we think of. Does God always do these kinds of things? Is He always behind every "Natural Disaster." Does God always Directly Cause Every Disaster on our Planet?

8. **Warnings – 3 More Trumpet Blasts to Go ... why is this a Good thing?**
Why is God Warning us NOW and in the Future Good for us?
Since, this passage started out with our Prayers in Heaven ...
how is this Warning linked to our Prayers, now?