

## REVELATION 8

### THE OVERWHELMING JUDGEMENTS CONTINUE

Revelation 8 marks the resumption of the judgments of Revelation 6. When it seems that things cannot get any worse, they get much worse. The world is spinning out of control and there is nothing man can do to turn the tide of God's judgment.

#### I. THE SEVENTH SEAL. 8:1-5.

##### A. The Silence in Heaven. 8:1.

1. A sense of awe at the greatness of the coming judgments.
2. A sense of awe that the worst was still to come.

##### B. The Seven Angels. 8:2.

1. These angels appear to have permanent positions before the throne of God.
2. These angels receive trumpets to announce the next series of judgments.

##### C. The Golden Censer. 8:3-5.

1. The golden altar. 8:3. See Ex. 30:1-10.
2. The incense and prayers. Ps. 141:2; Rev. 5:8.
3. The incense and judgment. 8:5. Cp. Rev. 6:10.
  - \* There is a direct connection between the prayers of God's people and God's judgment. \*

#### II. THE FOUR TRUMPETS. 8:6-13.

##### A. The First Trumpet. 8:7.

1. The description of the judgment.
  - a. Possibly the result of volcanic eruptions following the great earthquakes in 8:5.
  - b. Possibly the result of direct judgment as in Exodus 9:22-25.
2. The destruction of the judgment.
  - a. Devastation to vegetable life on the earth.
    - \* Imagine the destruction of crops and the continuing famine to follow. \*

##### B. The Second Trumpet. 8:8,9.

1. The description of this judgment. 8:8.
  - \* Possibly a meteor or asteroid falling into the sea. \*
2. The destruction of this judgment. 8:8b-9.
  - a. The water becomes blood.
    - \* Possibly reddish color from billions of dead microorganisms poisoning the water or the water turning to actual blood as in Ex. 7:19-21. \*
  - b. Tremendous loss of marine life.
    - \* Imagine the carnage and stench on the seashores as these animals wash ashore. \*
  - c. One-third of all ships are destroyed.
    - \* Consider the impact on commerce and naval operations. \*

C. The Third Trumpet. 8:10-11.

1. The description of the judgment. 8:10-11a.
  - a. Possibly a comet that ignites as it enters earth's atmosphere and disintegrates as it approaches earth scattering its poisonous particles over much of the earth.
  - b. Wormwood comes from a Hebrew word meaning bitterness.
2. The destruction of the judgment. 8:11.
  - a. Contamination of fresh water supplies
  - b. Continued loss of lives.

D. The Fourth Trumpet. 8:12.

1. The description of the judgment.
  - a. Possibly the sun and stars losing one-third of their intensity.
  - b. Possibly the sun not shining during one-third of the day and the moon and stars one-third of the night. See Ex. 10:21-23.
  - c. This judgment is temporary in nature. See Rev. 16:8,9.
2. The destruction of the judgment.
  - a. Possible radical changes in the climate.
  - b. Definite emotional impact as man is helpless in preventing the things that are happening on earth.

This chapter ends with a solemn pronouncement that the worst is yet to come. Christians, be thankful that you will not be here during this dreadful time. Be diligent in warning others to flee the wrath to come.