Revelation 8:1-5

1. Whats with the 30 min of silence?

- Seems obviously linked to the opening of the 7th seal, which finally allows the contents of the scroll to be known.

- **Habakkuk 2:20 But the LORD is in his holy temple;**
  let all the earth keep silence before him." Here silence in due to reverence, but doesn't quite match the context.
- The silence is likely a speechlessness that is due to everyone now knowing what's about to happen.
- From here on we see the contents of the scroll play out, and the result is a *de-creation* of the earth. Returning back to chaos as it was in Genesis 1. From there will come the new earth.

2.Who are the 7 angels?

- Some believe the number to be symbolic and not literal. Representing the completion or perfection of gods judgement.
- Enoch 20 gives us a list of names of the 7 arch angels; *1,2 And these are the names of the holy angels who watch. Uriel, one of the holy angels, who is 3 over the world and over Tartarus. Raphael, one of the holy angels, who is over the spirits of men. 4,5 Raguel, one of the holy angels who takes vengeance on the world of the luminaries. Michael, one 6 of the holy angels, to wit, he that is set over the best part of mankind and over chaos. Saraqael, 7 one of the holy angels, who is set over the spirits, who sin in the spirit. Gabriel, one of the holy 8 angels, who is over Paradise and the serpents and the Cherubim. Remiel, one of the holy angels, whom God set over those who rise.* This could be a possibility.
- But if we consider the context and the similarity of these events to the Exodus story **Psalm 78:49 He loosed on them his fierce anger— all his fury, rage, and hostility. He dispatched against them a *band of destroying angels.*** A band just means an army, no number attached, but they are the ones who executed Gods plan in Egypt, could this be the same angels?

3. The incense with prayers?

- Represents accepted prayers
- Follows the Day of Atonement in Leviticus, a reset, fresh start following the sin sacrifice.

4. The finally of peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. Follow the finally after the trumpets in chapter 11, and the bowls in chapter 16.