

The Revelation
Silence
Revelation 8:1, 21

The Revelation, a further unveiling of God's purposes and plans for His Church and the purging of all evil making way for a new heaven and a new earth where all will dwell with Him for eternity. Revelation takes us to the Throne Room of God so that we may see all that He is doing and will do to bring His mystery to a conclusion.

Ephesians 1:9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, **10** that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him. NKJV

King Jesus, the only worthy One is given the will and testament of God in order to loose the seals that bind it. In so doing we are given a picture of what has and will transpire down through the ages until the end; ongoing tribulations leading to the final and great tribulation. Father God seals His own keeping them through all the tribulations of life until King Jesus takes us out before the last great tribulation. Are you ready, have you been sealed, the end is coming...

I. SILENCE

Revelation 8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. NKJV

The end: For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?" Revelation 6:17 NKJV

Revelation 8:2 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. NKJV

7 angels ready to sound (v.2)

The Saints prayers (v.3-4) - Rev.6:9-10 - prayer answered - Luke 11:9-10

Judgment comes (v.5) - the end is narrated but not exhaustively so... (Rev.6:12-16)

II. THE TRUMPETS - GOD CONDUCTING HOLY WAR

Revelation 8:7 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 men 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. NKJV

First 4 trumpets happen down through the ages & are limited:

1st – Famine; 2nd – Fishing & Maritime commerce; 3rd – Water resources; 4th – Increased physical & spiritual darkness; God depriving the ungodly earth dwellers of their earthly securities because of they persecute the Church & their idolatry

Revelation 8:13 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!” NKJV

Severity & Breadth of God’s Judgment Increases

Revelation 9:1 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit. **2** And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit. **3** Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

11 And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon. NKJV

Destruction & Destroyer governing demonic forces as they torment all ungodly earth dwellers spiritually & psychologically – great deception, mental anguish with no relief - demons are fierce, horrific beings preying on the souls of the ungodly; locust like little horses, 5mos. – THE SEALED ARE KEPT

Revelation 9:13 Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, **14** saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.”

15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. NKJV

Ferocious, dreadful demonic beings bringing even a greater, much darker deception & allowed to rob the ungodly of spiritual and physical life – THE SEALED ARE KEPT

GOD’S REASON & PURPOSE

Revelation 9:20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. **21** And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

NKJV

Guilt of the world: Exodus 20:1-21 with Romans 3:19, 23 (Rom.1:18-32)

Making way for the new creation – new heaven and new earth – 2 Peter 3:10-13

Revelation 21:1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. NKJV

Psalm 46:1 God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; **3** *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *though* the mountains shake with its swelling. *Selah*

4 *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. **5** God *is* in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. **6** The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. **7** The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah*

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has made desolations in the earth.

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. **10** Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! **11** The Lord of hosts *is* with us; the God of Jacob *is* our refuge. *Selah* NKJV