

# Revelation 8 – 4 April 2019

## Purging of the Purchased Possession:

### Trumpet Judgements – God’s Judgement Begins

#### Part 1 of 2

#### Introduction –

Discuss how chapter 7 was an interlude after 6 seals.

#### Read Chapter 8 Vs 1-6

1. \*\*Silence for half-hour
  - a. Scroll is finally open...expectation of ‘what is God going to do?’
    - i. Silence is awesome in a vast crowd!
  - b. Half-hour = a semi time/season (no time in heaven)
    - i. Hora translated often ‘hour’ but also season, time, eventide, day.
2. Voices, thunders, lightnings, earthquake

- a. Happens after seals (Rev 8:5), thunders (Rev 11:19), and bowls (Rev 16:18) but not trumpets.
- 3. **This text will give us 3 facts to believe about God's judgement on people we know.**
  - a. **1<sup>st</sup> fact to believe about God's judgement: Do you believe that our prayers can affect God's judgement now!**
  - b. Prayers of the saints
    - i. Our prayers = the incense
    - ii. God's wrath = the fire that lights the incense
      - 1. Luke 12:49 – Jesus came to set this fire
      - 2. Matt 10:34 – Think not that I've come to bring peace, but a sword.
    - iii. When prayers for God's will, empowered by God, mix with the sin of this world a conflict happens. (Rom 8:26)

- iv. Application: When you're praying for sinners in your life, pray for a conflict/confrontation, as hard as it is.
- c. As we're shining the Holy Spirit in abundance, we'll be living out Heb 3:13.
  - i. Help others accept God's judgement on sin now by praying for them and exhorting them.
  - ii. The more you're with them, the more you'll remember to pray for them!

## Intro to the Trumpets of chapter 8

1. These begin the heavenly judgments on the earth.
2. Seal & Trumpet judgments are most likely in the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the Tribulation.
  - a. All Trumpets effect 1/3 part of something, bowls effect the whole.
    - i. Trumpets just announce what's coming.

3. Compare to Jericho in Jos 6
  - a. March around the city 7 day (7 Seals)
  - b. 7 Priests blow trumpets (7 Trumpets)
  - c. Silent until the 7<sup>th</sup> day (silence Rev 8)
  - d. 7<sup>th</sup> day, march 7 times (7 Bowls)

### Read Chapter 8 Vs 7

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet
  - a. Hail & fire – 1/3 part of trees & grass burnt up.
  - b. Many these judgments same as plagues in Egypt.
  - c. Hail & fire is 7<sup>th</sup> plague in Egypt.

### Read Chapter 8 Vs 8-9

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet
  - a. Burning Mountain thrown into sea
  - b. 1/3 part of sea became blood.

- c. 1/3 part of creatures died.
- d. 1/3 part of ships destroyed.

## Read Chapter 8 Vs 10-11

- 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet
  - a. A star, Wormwood, falls from heaven.
    - i. Star could be a star or a fallen angel.
    - ii. Maybe no connection, but Chernobyl is the Russian word for wormwood.
  - b. 1/3 part of fresh water became 'bitter'.
  - c. Many men died of contaminated water.

## Read Chapter 8 Vs 12

- 2. 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet
  - a. 1/3 part of the sun, moon and stars are smitten.
  - b. How? In a way that 1/3 part of light doesn't shine.

## Read Chapter 8 Vs 13

1. Announcing the 3 Great Woes
  - a. Last 3 Trumpets are the 3 Great Woes.
  - b. God's patience and mercy do not last forever for those whom do not accept Him.

**2<sup>nd</sup> fact to believe about God's judgement: Do we believe that God will do away with all the wrongs thru judgement *in the end*?**

1. Trumpet judgement after trumpet judgement declares that God will set things right.
2. All sin everywhere will be blotted out.
  - a. Rev 2:21 – “I gave her time to repent of her [sins].”
  - b. Read Acts 17:29-31a

## Conclusion –

1. Just as God has His hand in control of Satan and what He allows him to do, God is working out a good end.
2. So today, we've seen 3 facts about God's judgement on people we know.
  - a. Do you believe that our prayers can affect God's judgement *now*!
  - b. Do we believe that God will do away with all the wrongs thru judgement *in the end*?
  - c. Do you believe that it's the kindness of God that leads people to repentance, not the judgment of God?
3. Don't submit to Satan, who has to be allowed to do what he does, submit to God who controls it all and has love and grace for you.