

TRUMPETS, BOWLS AND 144,000 SOULS

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I. TRUMPETS, BOWLS AND A LITTLE SCROLL: **Revelation** Chapters **8, 9, 10, 16**.

A. Chapters 8-16

1. **Revelation 7:16** calling to the mountains and rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb

B. Motif: (A pattern)

1. The Trumpets and Bowls are a parallel to the plagues of Egypt and the Exodus (see page 3-4).
2. Pharaoh, Caesar and every dictator in history are all types of the ultimate tension of God and Satan over humanity. One is sent to save them, the other to enslave them with the consequences for choosing the wrong LORD.
3. God never gives up his love for his justice or his justice for his love.
4. God is the ultimate measure for what is godly and what is sinful, not man.

C. Mankind and Gods Wrath:

1. **Rev. 7:16** “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb
2. We all have been snubbed or disrespected but God has been snubbed by humanity for Millennium. And Revelation is where he says Enough!
3. “**The wrath of the Lamb**” ὀργή “wrath” strong displeasure; focus on the emotional aspect of the anger and rage and the retribution and punishment that will be poured out.
4. If God touches you with his love, you will melt. But if he touches your ear with his wrath voice, you will beg him never to touch your ear again.
5. **Psalm 29:9** The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare. And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
6. **2 Peter 3:9-10** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.
7. The brutality of Man vs. the wrath of God. His is justified and holy.

D. Magnitude

1. There are 8.17 Billion people in the world.
2. **Rev. 6:8 1/4 of humanity**. 8 billion 170 million divided by 1/4 = 2 Billion 42.5 million souls
 - i. 8,170,000,000 / 4 = 2,042,500,000 Killed leaving 6,127,500,000 people.
3. **Rev. 9:15 1/3 of humanity** 6 billion 127.5 million divided by 1/3 = 2 Billion 42.5 million souls
 - i. 6,127,500,000 / 1/3 = 2,042,500,000 killed leaving 4,085,000,000
 - ii. WW2 Hitler was an anti-Christ and 80,000,000 people died. But WW-2, Covid or any other plague, genocide or conflict has even come close to what will happen when God judges the earth and humanity in righteousness.
4. Immensity, Intensity, Eternity.
5. The permeance of Eternity, the immensity of His judgment, the Intensity of his wrath.

II. 144,000 Souls Seen in **Revelation 7 & 14**

A. Who are these people and what do we know of them in **Revelation 7**?

1. **Revelation 7:3-4** “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
 - a. They are 144,000 Jews; 12,000 from each tribe.
 - b. They are on earth, alive. The judgement of four angel of the four winds are about to wreak havoc on the earth, sea and trees. The angels are told to wait till these 144,000 Jews receive a seal identifying they are like others; they belong to the LORD.

- c. **Ezekiel 9:4-11** And the Lord said to him, “Pass through the city, through Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in it.” ⁵ And to the others he said in my hearing, “Pass through the city after him, and strike. Your eye shall not spare, and you shall show no pity.”⁹“The guilt of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great.

- i. The seal placed on the Jews in Jerusalem during the Babylonian invasion.
- ii. God was punishing the unrepentant immorality, idolatry and waywardness of God’s people.

B. **Revelation** 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

1. **Revelation 7:5-8** “12,000 from the tribes of Judah, Reuben, Gad, Asher, Naphtali Dan, Simeon, Levi, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph and Benjamin.”

2. **Genesis 49:1-27**

- a. The first time in scripture the 12 tribes/sons of Jacob are mentioned is when Jacob (Now called Israel), prays a dying blessing over each of them. **Ephraim and Manasseh** are not mentioned because they are the sons of Joseph, not the sons of Israel (Jacob). His name was changed from Jacob to Israel in **Genesis 32**.

3. **Numbers 1:32-35**

- a. **Genesis 48:13-20** This is the first time the twelve tribes replace “**Joseph and Benjamin**” with the two names of Joseph’s sons, **Ephraim and Manasseh**. In **Genesis 48:5** Jacob adopts the two grandchildren as sons and granted inheritance. “your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are.”

b. **Note the change of use in Hebrew tribal names throught the Bible and Why.**

Genesis 49	Exodus 1	Numbers 1	Revelation 7
Reuben	Reuben	Reuben	Judah
Simeon	Simeon	Simeon	Reuben
Levi	Levi	Gad	Gad
Judah	Judah	Judah	Asher
Zebulun	Issachar	Issachar	Naphtali
Issachar	Zebulun	Zebulun	Manasseh (Replaces Dan)
Dan	Benjamin	Ephraim (Joseph Missing)	Simeon
Gad	Dan	Manasseh (Levi Missing)	Levi
Asher	Naphtali	Benjamin	Issachar
Naphtali	Gad	Dan	Zebulun
Joseph	Asher	Asher	Joseph
Benjamin	Joseph is Missing	Naphtali	Benjamin
The true 12 sons of Jacob.	The family of Joseph that went to Egypt & Joseph’s not mentioned He was already in Egypt.	Levites were not soldiers but keepers of the tabernacle. Josephs sons to round off to 12 tribes.	Genuine Sons of Israel are mentioned. The absence of Dan is most likely their heavy connection to idolatry.

C. **What do we learn about them from Revelation 14**

1. **Revelation 14:1** Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father’s name written on their foreheads.

- a. The seal on their forehead has the name of Jesus (His), and His Father’s name. and

2. **Revelation 14:3** and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders... No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

- a. They are before the throne and the Lamb in chapter 14 now.
- b. They have a song only they can sing related to their testimony.

3. **Revelation 14:4-5** It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as first fruits for God and the Lamb, ⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

- a. Their lives are marked by separation, purity, without lie and blameless. A rare thing in the church and the world.

II. CONCLUSION: THE GREAT MULTITUDE: **Revelation 7:9-17**

TRUMPETS AND BOWLES ARE PLAGUES OF THE FINAL EXODUS

Seven Trumpets (Rev. 8-9)	Ten Plagues (Ex. 7-11)	Seven Bowls (Rev. 16)
1. Earth hit with hail, fire, and blood (8:7)	7. Hail (9:13-34) 6. Boils (9:8-11)	1. People with Beast's mark afflicted with sores (16:2)
2. 1/3 of sea turned to blood and 1/3 of sea creatures die (8:8-9)	1. Blood (7:14-21)	2. Sea turned to blood and all sea creatures die (16:3)
3. 1/3 of fresh waters embittered by Wormwood (8:11)	1. Blood (7:14-21)	3. Rivers and springs turned to blood (16:4)
4. 1/3 of sun, moon, and stars darkened (8:12)	9. Darkness (10:21-23)	4. Sun scorches people with fire (16:8-9)
5. Locusts released on earth after Abyss is opened (9:1-11)	8. Locusts (10:3-19) 9. Darkness (10:21-23)	5. Darkness on earth and sores break out (16:10-11)
6. 200 million troops at Euphrates River released by 4 angels (9:13-16)	2. Frogs (8:2-14)	6. Kings from east gathered to Euphrates River by 3 unclean spirits resembling frogs (16:12-13)
7. Heavenly temple opens, accompanied by lightning, earthquake, and hail (11:15, 19)	7. Hail (9:18-34)	7. Lightning, severe earthquake, and plague of large hail (16:18-21)
	Egyptians wail loudly because of loss of firstborn (12:30)	People curse God because of the plagues (16:9, 21)
Survivors of plagues refuse to repent (9:20-21)	Pharaoh hardens heart (7:22; 8:15, 19, 32; 9:7, 12, 34-35; 10:20, 27; 11:10)	Survivors of plagues refuse to repent (16:9, 11) ¹

¹ C. Marvin Pate, *The Writings of John: A Survey of the Gospel Epistles, and Apocalypse* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 2011), 423.

DECREATION AND THE PLAGUES OF EGYPT

(GEN. 1-2 COMPARED WITH EX. 1-15)

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Creation Day	Creation Description	Plague on Egypt	Plague Description
Day 1 Gen 1:1-15	Light created out of Darkness	Plague 9 Ex. 10:21-29	Darkness prevailing over light
Day 2 Gen 1:6-8	Ordering and separation of the waters	Plague 1 Ex. 7:15-25	Chaos and destruction brought by the changing water into blood
Day 3 Gen. 1:9-13	Appearance of dry land and creation of vegetation	Plagues 7-8 Ex 9:18-10:20	Destruction of vegetation by hail and locusts
Day 4 23Gen. 1:14-19	Creation of luminaries	Plague 9 Ex. 10:21-29	Darkening of luminaries
Day 5 Gen. 1:20-	Creation of birds, fish, and swarming creatures in the sea	Plagues 1-2 Ex. 7:15-8:15	Death of fish; multiplication and death of frogs
Day 6 Gen. 1:24-31	Creation of land animals and humans	Plagues 3-4 Ex. 8:16-24 Plague 5 Ex. 9:1-7 Plague 6 Ex. 9:8-17 Plague 10 Ex. 11-12	Pestilence of insects; Anthrax; Boils on beasts and humans; Destruction of firstborn