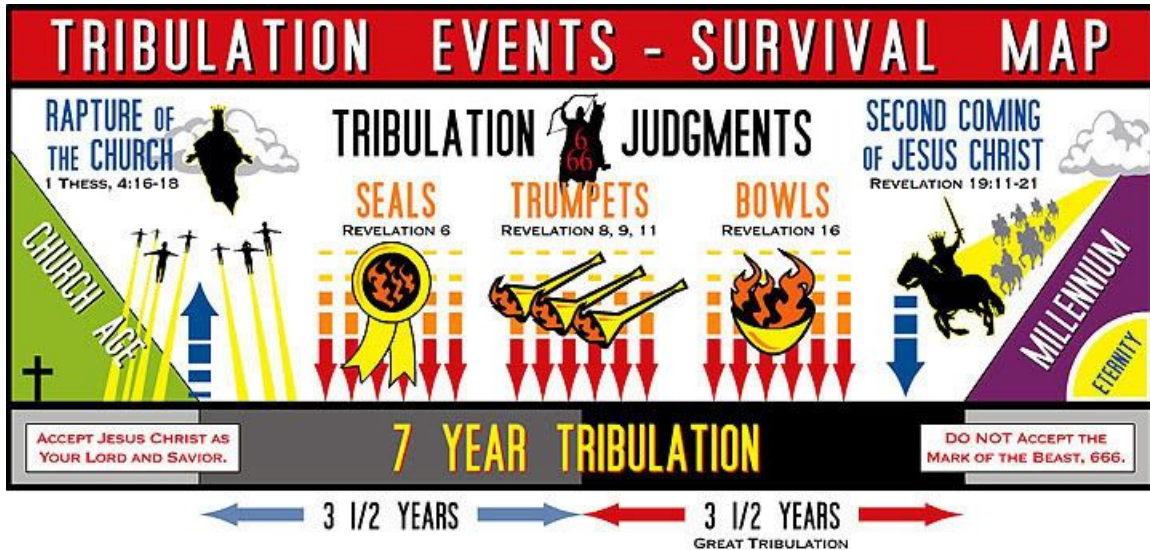




The Book of REVELATION

Chapters 8 & 9

“Six Trumpet Judgments!!!!!!”



> Chapter 8- “The Seventh Seal”

(v1-6) The “Seventh Seal” is opened then: Silence—Angels—Prayers—A golden censor cast to the earth!

- Results: *“Noises, thundering, lightning and an earthquake!”*

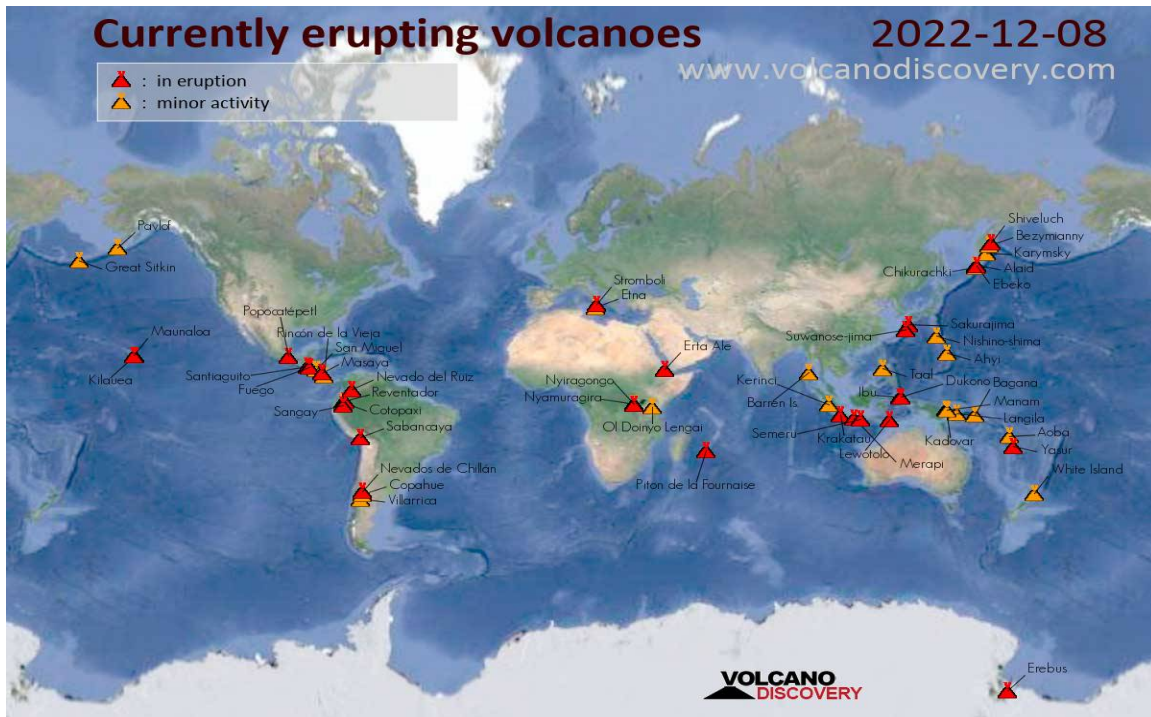
- Earthquake news dated December 9, 2022:

<u>Past 365</u>	64,050 quakes
<u>days:</u>	46,533 quakes M3+
	15,644 quakes M4+
	1,732 quakes M5+
	128 quakes M6+
	13 quakes M7+

> SEVEN ANGELS with SEVEN TRUMPETS ready to sound:
Is it reveille (WAKE UP!), or charge (ATTACK), or taps (for a FUNERAL) on earth? *Maybe all three!*

(v5) Then the angel took the censor, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

(v6-7) First Trumpet Judgment! - Hail & fire mingled with blood!
Noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake are cast to earth,
producing more volcanic eruptions, catastrophic weather systems with
hailstorms and lightning storms causing tremendous forest fires,
mingled with blood of possibly birds and planes falling from the skies,
plus the animals and people on earth in the wake of this devastation.



- Results: **One third of the trees burned up and all green grass!**

- **TOP TWO LARGEST WILDFIRES IN HISTORY:**

1. 2003 Siberian Taiga Fires (Russia) – 55 Million Acres - In 2003 – during one of the hottest summers Europe experienced up to that point – a series of extremely devastating blazes in the taiga forests of Eastern Siberia destroyed over 55 million acres (22 million hectares) of land. The fires spread across Siberia and the Russian Far East, northern China, and northern Mongolia, sending a plume of smoke that **reached Kyoto** thousands of miles away.

2. 1919/2020 Australian Bushfires (Australia) – 42 Million Acres

- **Let us gain insight as we go “back to the future” in Exodus 9:22-26**
regarding the seventh plague in Egypt, we read - Then the Lord said to
Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in
all the land of Egypt — on man, on beast, and on every herb of the field,
throughout the land of Egypt." And Moses stretched out his rod toward
heaven; and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and fire darted to the ground.
And the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire

mingled with the hail, so very heavy that there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail struck throughout the whole land of Egypt, all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail struck every herb of the field and broke every tree of the field.

(v8-9) **Second Trumpet Judgment** - A great **mountain** burning with fire (an asteroid) was thrown into the sea!



- Results: *One third of the sea turned to blood; one third of the living creatures in the sea died, and one third of the ships were destroyed!*

> **Asteroid video** – VOX – NASA'S PLAN TO SAVE EARTH FROM AN GIANT ASTEROID (3 minutes)

> **Number of merchant ships by type 2022**

(Published by **Statista Research Department**, Nov 29, 2022)

- As of November 29, 2022, there are around 58,000 merchant ships trading internationally. This means that 22,200 ships will be destroyed, causing supply chain havoc throughout the world.

MARINE MAP OF INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT SHIPS



Image: Visual Capitalist

(v10-11) Third Trumpet Judgment - A star named wormwood (“undrinkable”) falls to earth!

- Results: One third of the rivers and springs are contaminated and many men die because the water became bitter (poisonous).

> Here is a list of the five longest rivers in the world:

- Nile River: the longest river in the world
- Amazon River
- Yangtze River
- Mississippi-Missouri
- Yenisei River

- Which is longer, Amazon or Nile?

The Amazon is the world’s largest river by volume, but it has been thought to be somewhat shorter than the Nile River, which runs through Africa being 4,258 miles long. However Brazilian scientists spent 14 days on an expedition that added 176 miles to the Amazon River, making it 65 miles longer than the Nile.

(v12) Fourth Trumpet Judgment - One third of the sun, moon and stars are struck with darkness.

- Results: One third of the day and night became complete darkness (8 hours of complete darkness - 4 hours taken from the daytime and 4 hours without stars and moon shining)! An angel telling the world that greater judgments are coming!

(v13) **Three WOES are coming!!!**

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!"*

> **Chapter 9- "The Fifth & Sixth Trumpet Judgments"**

(v1-12) **The Fifth Trumpet Judgment! The First WOE!**

- Demons like locusts released from the *bottomless pit*, this reads literally as *the pit of the abyss*, to sting mankind like a scorpion and men will not die, they will be in excruciating pain and torment for five months, interestingly the lifespan of locusts is five months, May through September, and let us take note that the 144,000 will not be harmed.

- **What is this abyss?**

Let us reflect upon a demon possessed man in Luke 8:30-31 - *Jesus asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss.*

- **Who is this "star" that opens the bottomless pit known as the abyss?**

This star is not celestial, it's possibly Satan or a high-ranking demon.

Let us remember what the Paul taught us in Ephesians 6:12 - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

In regard to Satan we read in Isaiah 14:12-15 we read- *How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, you who have weakened the nations! "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, and I will sit on the mount of assembly in the recesses of the north. 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, to the recesses of the pit.*

Satan will seek to gather all of his demonic hordes from the abyss in an effort to bring forth his diabolical plan against planet earth.

- **Sidenote:** Satan himself will be locked away in the abyss for a thousand years after the 2nd coming of Christ, then let loose one last time at the end of the Millennial Kingdom.

(v11) Abaddon means Destruction and Apollyon is Destroyer!

(v13-19) Sixth Trumpet Judgment! The Second WOE!

(v13-14) Releasing four fallen angels who are bound at the great Euphrates River

- These fallen angels were incarcerated in the Euphrates River. Some commentators believe that these four fallen angels may have been in charge of the four great earthly empires, *Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece & Rome* (Daniel gives insight to angels being princes over empires).

- One commentary reads, “The Euphrates River flows more than seventeen-hundred miles from Mt. Ararat in Turkey to the Persian Gulf. It is the longest and most important river in the Middle East, and figures prominently in the Old Testament. It was one of the four rivers into which the river that flowed out of the Garden of Eden divided (Gen. 2:14). It was near the Euphrates that sin began, the first lie was told, the first murder was committed, and the tower of Babel (the origin of an entire complex of false *religions* that spread across the world) was built. The Euphrates was the eastern boundary of the Promised Land (Gen. 15:18; Ex. 23:31; Deut. 11:24), and Israel’s influence extended to the Euphrates during the reigns of David (1 Chron. 18:3) and Solomon (2 Chron. 9:26). The region near the Euphrates was the central location of three world powers that oppressed Israel: *Assyria, Babylon, and Medo-Persia*. It was on the banks of the Euphrates that Israel endured seventy long, bitter, wearisome years of captivity (cf. Ps. 137:1-4). It is the river over which the enemies of God will cross to engage in the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:12-16).”¹

(v16-19) An army of 200 million demons sent forth to kill fellow humanity!

– This appears to be a demonic horde killing a third of mankind, which means over half of humanity after the rapture will be dead, most believe all these events are happening in the first three and a half years of the Tribulation.

(v20-21) After these plagues mankind continues to harden their hearts against God and the Lord Jesus Christ, they will not repent of their idolatry, murders, sorceries (illegal drugs), sexual immorality and thefts.

- Believers be comforted, let us remember the promise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who said to the Church of Philadelphia, “*Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the*

¹ John MacArthur Commentary- *Revelation*, pg. 269

hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.” (Revelation 3:10)