



**You Can't Say You Weren't Warned
Signs and Wonders You Really Don't Want to See
Revelation 8:6-13**

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When we stopped last time, we had just experienced the first trumpet sounding. The trumpet judgments have begun.

We are in the middle of the Tribulation period, entering the time known as in the scriptures as the Great Tribulation or the time of Jacob's Trouble.



The first three trumpet judgments involve fire, and we explored what that possibly might have meant with the first trumpet judgment.

We also learned, these come from the throne room of the universe, yes, this is the wrath of God on an unbelieving planet. Let's look at our text.

Revelation 8:6–13

“And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. The first sounded, and there was hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was hurled to the earth; and a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was hurled into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed. 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 waters. The star is named Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters because they were made bitter. The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way. Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”” (NASB 2020)

Recapping from the first trumpet judgment impacts: 1/3 of the earth was burned up, 1/3 of the trees as well. But all the grass on the entire planet was burned up.

Then we read the eyewitness account from John once he hears the second trumpet sound. As we have also discussed before, I reject that Revelation is all symbolism, some exists, but not the whole book. Once you go down the road of symbolism and allegory, then you begin “guessing” what each thing means, that opens it up for very strange interpretations.

Revelation is according to its own self-claim primarily a prophecy rather than a typical apocalyptic writing, and works of prophecy require no such hermeneutical predisposition toward symbolism. (Thomas 1995, 16)

Revelation is exactly that, a revealing of the future by Jesus to His people.

Amos 3:7

“The Sovereign LORD never does anything without revealing his plan to his servants, the prophets.” (GNB)

Letting go the literal signification of the record, we launch out upon an endless sea of sheer conjecture, turn the whole Apocalypse into an incomprehensible riddle, and force the conclusion that God was mistaken when He named it the lifting off of the veil; nay, that, if it is a revelation, it has not yet become manifest what that revelation is, and never will, by the light which we now possess. (Seiss 1901, 46-47)

This is a blow-by-blow chronology of history in advance, being given to us by John. He is doing his best to explain what he is seeing and uses imagery and metaphor he would be familiar with. Remember, John is writing about 21st century warfare and technology using 1st century terms and ideas.

This book is not sealed up at all. We are intended to know what it says.



Revelation 22:10

“And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near.” (NASB 2020)

John, being told the time is near by an angel, is, as we examine the world around us today, the understatement of the century.

Jesus Christ is returning soon. All the signs He said to look for in Matthew 24 are in connection with the second coming. That is the event that concludes the Great Tribulation.

If we are now seeing all those events taking place in real time now, to include the fulfilling of Obadiah, Amos, and hints of the soon fulfillment of Ezekiel 38 as well as Jeremiah 49, the time is indeed near.

There is also the issue of Egypt and the prophecy in Ezekiel 29.

Ezekiel 29:9–10

“Egypt will become an empty waste. Then you will know that I am the LORD. “Because you said that the Nile is yours and you made it, I am your enemy and the enemy of your Nile. I will make all of Egypt an empty waste, from the city of Migdol in the north to the city of Aswan in the south, all the way to the Ethiopian border.” (GNB)

That also now appears to be heating up thanks to Ethiopia building a dam further up the Nile and now in the process of filling a reservoir that covers more land than the city of London.

For the first time ever, the Nile could be stopped and dry up in Egypt.

There are also now rumblings of Egypt and Ethiopia taking their disagreement beyond just an argument diplomatically over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) sitting on the Nile River.

Ethiopia has not coordinated the filling of the reservoir behind the dam with Sudan or Egypt. “Egypt abandoned the diplomatic track over the GERD in December last year, having categorised negotiations over the project as a “failure”, and accusing Ethiopia of wasting time until the dam is an irreversible fact on the ground. But amid official silence on the Ethiopian dam is the possibility that the issue has already been referred to Egypt's security establishment, including the intelligence agency and the Armed Forces, to consider measures to prevent the dam from threatening Egypt's survival.” (Emam 2024)

Egypt is a common target of the curses uttered by the prophets of Israel and Judah. Principal among these texts are Isaiah 20:3–6; Jeremiah 43:11–13; 46:13–26; Ezekiel 29:1–16; 30–32; Daniel 11:42–43; and Joel 3:19. A primary motif in several of these passages is a call for the drying up of the Nile River. (Currid 1997, 229)

Egypt has just signed a security deal with Somalia, south and east of Ethiopia, and will deploy troops and arms there.

Egypt's decision to deploy troops to Somalia is seen as a strategic move to counter Ethiopia's influence in the region, particularly in the context of the ongoing dispute over the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) on the Nile River. (Radio Dalsan 2024)

Ethiopia is concerned now that up to 10,000 troops plus military equipment are being deployed from Egypt to Somalia. So, they are now deploying troops into Somalia. Let the games begin.

Yes, we live at the end of the age.



There is no prophecy that must be fulfilled for the rapture of the church to take place. None. Jesus made a promise in John 14.

John 14:1–3

“Don’t let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me. In my Father’s house are many places to live. If there weren’t, I would have told you; because I am going there to prepare a place for you. Since **I am going and preparing a place for you, I will return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be also.**” (CJB)

He is now about to fulfill that promise. Are we living in the last days? We are living in the final seconds of the final hour of the final day in my opinion.

Preparations are already in flight, since the beast tech required is in place, to tee up the idea of digital ids and digital cash.

The Biden administration is drafting an executive order for federal and state governments to speed up the adoption of digital ID — including mobile driver’s licenses — and for the development of a uniform, government-run online identity system to verify identity and age, and access public websites and services. (Nevradakis, Ph.D. 2024)

It then becomes a launching pad for all sorts of mischief, most of which we will study in later chapters in this book. But they would include economic access, as well as health records and shot records.

In the military, I had a little yellow document that I carried around with all my shots recorded in it. That way you could tell if I was worldwide deployable or not.

But electronic records were something the military was in the hunt for back in the 1990’s. We will cover this more as we discuss the mark of the beast later.

As we continue here in the book of Revelation, we need to remember the global impacts of everything else that has already taken place. In other words, what has already happened. It is important for us to understand that each event builds on the previous. Where we are right now entering the Trumpet judgements, is just a few years after seeing over 1 billion people disappear from the planet and in the warfare of the past few years, those still alive have witnessed the death over another 1.4 billion people.

This is all up top of the financial upheaval that took place. At present, the planet is probably down around 2.4 billion from where it had been just a few years earlier.

Seal Judgments

1. False peace.
2. Persecution, slaughter, worldwide war, systematic ritual execution of believers.
3. Selective famine impacting all but the rich.
4. World war with weapons of mass destruction killing ¼ of the world’s population.
 - a. The use of nuclear devices result in nuclear winter
 - b. Destruction of the ozone layer
 - c. Disruption of high-altitude radiation belts
 - d. Potential disruption of the axis of the earth
 - e. Pathogen outbreaks and disruption of food sources
5. Martyrs – how long?
6. God intervenes, global earthquakes, tsunamis, a worm hole with a view into heaven, fallen angels being cast down to earth or meteors or both, visible signs of dimensional portals and supernatural



activity, everyone tries to hide from God, the sealing of the Jewish evangelists, take a look at what is to come, all insurance companies bankrupt, ecology kaput.

Trumpets

- Silence, incense, prayer, the shift from grace to judgement, a preview of coming events, trumpets.
1. Hail, fire. Blood with 1/3 of the earth burned up, 1/3 of the trees and all the green grass, possibly supernatural in origin, coronal mass ejection?, global war?
 2. Here we go.

Revelation 8:8–9

“The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was hurled into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood, and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.” (NASB 2020)

I don't want to go into all of the different thoughts people have of what this may or may not be. Let's just go with what John reports here.

John sees a large burning mass falling to earth, like a mountain burning with fire...he is simply explaining what he sees.

This idea actually made it to the theaters a few years back as a highly promoted motion picture, **Armageddon**. What John is telling us though, this time, there will not be a drilling team heading up to rescue the planet.

“A mighty mass of rock hurtling toward the earth, surrounded by combustible gases which ignite as they enter the atmosphere, steered earthward by the angelic host of heaven, seems the most likely physical explanation accessible to us at this time. Maybe a giant meteorite, or asteroid, or even a satellite orbiting one of the other planets, could conceivably be propelled earthward by cosmic forces of which we have little knowledge as yet.” (Morris 1983, 147)

Everyone will see this object as it heads towards the planet. Astronomers will calculate where it will hit the planet. The kinetic energy in it as well as the fiery entry into the atmosphere will be broadcast globally.

Thanks to motion pictures, like **Greenland**, we can now guess pretty accurately what the impact will be like and what it will do upon impact. An asteroid impacting earth has become a popular idea in science fiction, only this is going to be very real.

It appears that this object, will strike an ocean. The impact will be felt everywhere on the planet and the destruction of life in and on the sea impacted will be severe. A third of the sea becomes like blood.

Where have we seen that before? Yep, Egypt.

Exodus 7:20

“Moses and Aaron did so, just as the LORD had commanded. He raised the staff and struck the water that was in the Nile right before the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants, and all the water that was in the Nile was turned to blood.” (NET 2nd ed.)

A miracle of God but the same plague, now hits in and around the impact zone of this object John reports on and now we are talking 1/3 of the oceans on the planet becoming blood. This could be from a



biochemical reaction between whatever was on the asteroid and sea water, or it could be the result of the deaths of all life in the ocean at the impact zone, or a combination of both.

So, fully 1/3 of the worlds oceans are now blood red like a massive red tide impacting a large area. The smell would be overwhelming, and all of the dead fish and sea life washing onto shore would also be overwhelming. "Researchers today say that this sort of phenomenon has happened before in the history of the earth, sometimes resulting in great ecological upheaval and disaster." (Guzik 2013, Re 8:8-9)

We do know that fully 1/3 of those ships still operating at the time are now toast. If Lloyds of London is still around, they won't be after this.

1/3 of the ships, so how many is that? Per Clarkson's Research World Fleet Monitor there are about 139,300 existing vessels and over 11,500 on order. In active service, over 89,000, so 1/3 of that would be 29,667 vessels. If each had an average crew of about 27, that is over 800,000 mariners gone. Not to count the total loss of shipping capability worldwide.

The destruction of the sea will cause tremendous upheaval to the food chain which supports all life on the planet. The divine hand is systematically removing every means by which man can continue to imagine himself as independent of the one true God. (Garland 2006, Re 8:8)

Is this really possible? An asteroid striking earth? It has happened in the past, possibly in connection with the flood. We do know one exploded over Tunguska, Siberia in 1908 and a much smaller meteor exploded in the air over Chelyabinsk, Russia in 2013. The pressure wave of the meteor that made the crater in Arizona was felt in Europe.

NASA is serious about near earth objects establishing the Planetary Defense Coordination Office in 2016. But this will be one they will be unable or incapable of dealing with.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory Asteroid Watch Dashboard keeps track of the next five asteroid approaches to earth updating their record keeping on a regular basis. No one worries about those that pass well outside of the orbit of the moon, but there are some which will come much closer, 114 (8/29/24) asteroids have passed by inside the orbit of the moon in the past year.

John is describing for us, one which will impact the planet. And it will not be the only one. Before the planet is able to recover, another object is seen.

Revelation 8:10–11

"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 waters. The star is named Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the waters because they were made bitter." (NASB 2020)

There was a popular Christian book a few years ago which speculated heavily about this. It is rather compelling when read, however, it is still speculation.

John hears the trumpet blast from the third angel and then sees a great star.

This astronomical body that falls to earth is given the name Ἄψινθος (Apsinthos). There is no magic meaning to this word, it is "a plant of the genus 'Artemisia', proverbially bitter to the taste, yielding a dark green oil (the rendering wormwood derives from its association with medicinal use to kill intestinal worms). (Arndt, et al. 2000, 161)



Wormwood (*Artemisia absinthium*) is an herb used in the alcoholic drinks vermouth and absinthe. Its oil contains the chemical thujone, which may be poisonous. The thujone in wormwood oil excites the central nervous system and can cause seizures and other adverse effects." It is bitter and can indeed kill. (WebMD 2020)

Since John says he sees a great star, he is indeed talking about another object falling to the surface of the planet, but possibly a comet this time.

Comets have been mistaken for stars throughout history, particularly in the context of celestial events like the Star of Bethlehem. Some scholars have suggested that the Star of Bethlehem may have been a comet rather than a regular star. (Pettem 2018) Comets can appear suddenly, move across the sky, and even seem to "stand over" specific locations, which aligns with descriptions of the Star of Bethlehem. (Cootsona 2015, 44) However, it's important to note that in many ancient cultures, comets were often seen as portents of evil or disaster, unlike the positive significance attributed to the Star of Bethlehem. (Pettem 2018) The sudden appearance, extended visibility, and unique movement of comets can make them distinct from regular stars, potentially leading to misidentification or special interpretations of their significance. (Cootsona 2015, 44)

But a comet striking the planet? They do hit, sometimes, other planets. Michael Pettem writes the following.

"Comet Shoemaker-Levy, like Comet Hyakutake, far exceeded anyone's expectations. Who would have expected anything spectacular from a comet that never came near the Earth? The story starts in about the year 1929 when the giant planet Jupiter caught a passing comet and locked it into a long, looping orbit around itself. On July 7, 1992, when the comet had looped to a bare 13,000 miles from Jupiter, the immense tidal forces of the giant planet tore the once unitary comet into a series of fragments. When the Shoemakers and Levy discovered it in March of 1993, the pieces of the comet were stretched out in a line. Calculations showed that these fragments would crash into the great planet.

The first comet fragment hit Jupiter on July 16, 1994 at a speed of 130,000 miles per hour...Fragment "G," for instance, generated a fireball that rose 2,000 miles above Jupiter's clouds, and was thus visible from the earth. It was briefly as bright as Jupiter itself. The temperature at the top of the fireball may have been about 18,000 degrees. These mammoth explosions left huge black marks in Jupiter's atmosphere... If time and chance had ordained that this small comet miss Jupiter and hit the Earth, the results would have been disastrous.

Twenty or so comet fragments would have pounded the Earth over a period of a week. Each fragment hitting the ground would have gouged out a crater with such force that some of the dust would have been propelled out of the atmosphere. The combined impacts would have put up enough dust to darken the Earth's surface for months. With little sunlight, crops would have failed. Starvation would have ensued. Who knows how many would have died, and what destruction would have been wrought on the very fabric of human society." (Pettem 2018)

This time, a comet will indeed be captured by the gravity of earth or simply redirected by angelic forces. As this comet enters the atmosphere, it breaks up falling over a massive land area. The chemical composition of this comet, or the out gassing of it as it enters the atmosphere as an impact on the fresh water supply over the entire area that it breaks up over.

The area impacted directly by this results in impacts to the fresh water supply of 1/3 of the planet.

The deadly chemicals penetrate even to "the fountains of waters." The Greek word for "fountain" also means "well" and is so translated in John 4:6, 14. It thus refers to the subterranean sources of water,



received through springs and wells. Even these are contaminated by the effusions of this deadly projectile from outer space. (Morris 1983, 149)

How do the people here on earth know to call this wormwood?

This seems to talk to technology we have today. Spectrographic analysis of the light from stars happens rather routinely today. I remember that from my astronomy class in college. Use of this type of analysis is done to find out some of the chemical compositions of each star.

As this object approaches the earth, spectrographic analysis of the light it gives off points to the presence of rather poisonous contents.

The name given this should be warning enough but, even during the Great Tribulation, not everyone will listen.

The breakup affects 1/3 of the fresh water and many, per John, die because of drinking tainted water.

After the global impacts of the first three trumpet judgments, and the demonstration that any idea people may have had about planetary defense from near earth objects is doable, we would find the administration of the beast work late into the night in attempts to craft a "reasonable" explanation, lie, of what is taking place.

They are desperate to keep this out the supernatural realm, but then comes the fourth trumpet and a warning from the Lord.

Revelation 8:12–13

"The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way. Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" (NASB 2020)

This fourth judgment appears to not only be some of the natural outcomes to be experienced as the result of the impact an asteroid and the associated meteors connected with it.

But also, the comet breaking up and impacting the planet. The amount of dust, dirt, ash and other material s thrown up into the atmosphere is impacting the length of the day and the night. It is also impacting the overall lighting that is obtained from the heavens as well.

This is further enhanced supernaturally but is to be expected with the judgments taking place globally.

The volcano Krakatoa exploded on August 27, 1883, and dramatically changed the atmosphere of the entire planet. "Ash from the explosion soared 50 miles (80 kilometers) up, almost to the edge of Earth's mesosphere, and blanketed an area covering 300,000 square miles (776,996 square kilometers). The ash drifted and gradually enshrouded the planet in a haze that caused halos to form around the moon and sun, and filtered out enough solar radiation to lower global temperatures as much as 0.9 degrees Fahrenheit (0.5 degrees Celsius) for an entire year after it happened, according to NOAA." (Kiger 2024)

Temperatures did not return to normal for almost five years.



As we have already seen, as God's wrath has been poured onto the planet, there has been the possible eruption of super volcanoes globally, as well as an asteroid strike and a comet break up and strike.

We are not told by John what the cause of this plague of darkness is, leading us to understand that what is taking place is a direct pointer, per the scriptures, of what the prophets had stated would be one of the indicators for the Day of the Lord.

Joel 2:10

"The earth quakes before them; the heavens tremble. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining." (ESV)

Jesus also discussed this time.

Luke 21:25–26

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken." (ESV)

Now, with the lights dimmed all across the planet, everyone is looking to the skies wondering, "what's next." They are looking, but instead they hear something that they cannot unhear.

Revelation 8:13

"Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, saying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those who live on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!" (NASB 2020)

The eagle is a bird of prey, just before diving to take its prey. Flying around in full sight of everyone. But this eagle speaks and talks about not the eagle diving to take prey, but the yet to come judgment of God. His final vengeance is approaching rapidly.

What is said, to paraphrase, is "You ain't seen nothing yet." The next three trumpet blasts will be much worse than what has just taken place. One woe for each remaining trumpet blast.

And notice to whom the warning is issued, earth dwellers. Those who are not part of the coming Kingdom.

We still have much more to go. It all points to the same outcome for those who are earth dwellers. An earth dweller, per John, is someone who has opted to not participate in the coming Kingdom by repenting and coming to Christ, but they are fully invested in this life on this planet in the here and now.

Today, we still have the opportunity to realize God's grace by coming to Him and believing in what it is He did for us on the cross. But that will all end, and very soon, when that last unbeliever gives their life to Jesus and the Father tells Jesus, "go get them." Don't be left behind.

Romans 3:21–24

"But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins." (NLT)



Romans 10:9–13

“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For “Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”” (NLT)

ABC's of Salvation

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner, tell Him that.
2. Believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sin and that He rose from the dead.
3. Confess that Jesus is Lord. Tell someone about what you have done.

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