

The Book of Revelation

Trumpet Judgments





Chapter 8-11

The Trumpet Judgments



The Golden Censer



The Trumpets Judgments – Judgments of Thirds

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3. Star called Wormwood – 1/3 of the rivers made bitter
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The Little Book



The Two Witnesses



The TRUMPET Judgments

The Wrath of God

Chapter 8:2-9:11; 11:15

The Judgment of Thirds

1
Hail, Fire, Blood
Rev. 8:7



The Grass and the Trees Burned up

- 1/3rd of the green grass and trees burn up


2
A Great Mountain Burning
Rev. 8:8-9



Fire and Death from above
The Sea, Ships, Sea Life

- 1/3rd Sea Becomes Blood;
- 1/3rd Ships Sink;
- 1/3rd Sea life Destroyed

3
Falling Star (Wormwood)
Rev. 8:10-11



Bitter Water

- Falls on 1/3rd of the rivers and springs
- Water is bitter and many people die

4
Sun, Moon, Stars Darkened
Rev. 8:12



Daylight 1/3rd shorter

- 1/3rd Sun Darkened
- 1/3rd Moon Darkened
- 1/3rd Stars Darkened
- 3 Woes Predicted



WQE WQE WQE

5
Plague of Locust
Rev. 9:1-12



1st WQE
Torment Men for Five Months

- Not to hurt the grass or any green thing
- Hurt those without the Seal of God on them
- Abaddon is their king


6
Plague of Horsemen
Rev. 9:13-21




2nd WQE
1/3 of all Mankind Killed

- 200,000,000 man Army
- Kills 1/3 of all Humans
- Do not repent of Sins (v:20-21)

TIME OUT
Interval
The Little Book
Rev. 10:1-10



The Two Witnesses
Rev. 11:3-12



- 2 Witnesses Minister 42 Months (Rev. 11:2)



7
Prophecy
The Reign of Christ Forfold
Rev. 11:15-19



3rd WQE
Includes All of the Bowl Judgments

- Anticipation of the return of Jesus and his Reign.



The Golden Censer

Revelation 8:2-5 (NASB), ² And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. ³ Another angel came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer; and much incense was given to him, so that he might add it to the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand. ⁵ Then the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar, and threw it to the earth; and there followed peals of thunder and sounds and flashes of lightning and an earthquake.



Beginning with the second verse of Revelation chapter eight John tells us of seven angels who having been given a trumpet now stand before the throne of God. Before they go and unleash the judgment of their trumpets, an eighth angel who has in his hand a Golden Censer filled with the prayers of the saint's steps forward.

Psalms 141:2 (NASB), "May my prayer be counted as incense before You; The lifting up of my hands as the evening offering."

Our prayers are like incense to God, bringing to His nostrils the pleasing scent of our adoration and need for Him. After the offering of the prayers of the saints to the Lord the angel then fills the censer with fire from the Alter which is before the Lord and throws it onto the earth. What follows is just a prelude as to what is about to come onto the earth in seven successive trumpet judgments.

The World is ready and the stage has been set for

The Trumpet Judgments



Chapter 8:2-11



TRUMPET JUDGMENTS – Rev.8:2-11

The Judgment of Thirds



Hail – Fire – Blood

Prophecy:

Joel 2:30-32, “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.”

Fulfillment:

Revelation 8:6-7 (NASB), ⁶“And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them. ⁷The first sounded, and there came hail and fire, mixed with blood, and they were thrown 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.”



1/3 of the Trees & Grass Burned up



ere is the literal fulfillment of the prophet Joel, (Joel 2:30-32) that the Lord says, He will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth before the “great and terrible day of the Lord comes.” This is the time when the Lord will take vengeance on His enemies as He promised the souls of the martyrs who are under the altar of God in Rev. 6:9-11 (5th Seal).

I believe that God will literally bring about a worldwide hailstorm or possibly volcanic hot fiery debris from the eruption of many volcanos around the world. This debris will be unlike any that man has encountered. These will be hailstones, or volcanic rocks of fire and will bombard the earth unmercifully destroying one third of the trees and cover the

ground like freshly fallen snow burning up all. The loss of the green grass will cause a mammoth food shortage and many animals and livestock (not to mention people) will die of starvation. Trees act as a giant air filter for the world, continuously cleaning and re-cleaning the air. With one third less trees the air will barely be consumable.

The Lord is going to repeat no less than 5 of the 9 plagues of Egypt. The plagues of Egypt were literal and so the trumpet and bowl judgments will be literal. This first trumpet judgment is the same as the seventh Egyptian plague (Exodus 9:22-26).



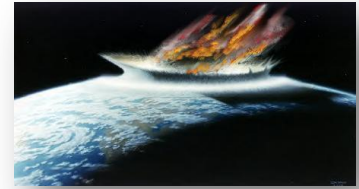
The difference in the plague of Egypt and the first trumpet plague is that the situation will be reversed. Then the children of Israel escaped the plague this time they are included in the plague. Another difference is that in Egypt both man and beast suffered with the vegetation, while only the trees and the green grass will suffer when the first trumpet sounds and that the hail and fire will be mingled with blood. In Egypt the hail ruined every herb in the field and broke every tree, but in the first trumpet plague only one-third of the trees will be burnt up.



The Second Trumpet Judgment

The Burning Mountain

1/3 of the Sea turns to blood,
1/3 of the Creatures in the sea die
1/3 of the Ships are destroyed.

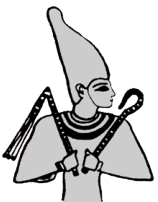


Revelation 8:8-9 “And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the **third** part of the sea became blood; and the **third** part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the **third** part of the ships were destroyed.”

In this passage John describes what looks like to him as mountain burning with fire falling into the sea. John did not say it was a mountain simply that it looked like a mountain. This would certainly fit into the category of an asteroid or meteor. Certainly a meteor the size of a mountain would cause the type of destruction John tells about. One-third of the creatures in the sea are killed causing one-third of the sea to turn to blood and destroying one-third of the ships that are at sea, possible by the resulting tidal wave or by the direct impact of the meteor.

Some believe that this judgment will be a local judgment as opposed to a global one because only one-third of the fish, sea and shipping are affected. A meteor this size would cause more destruction had it hit an open body of water such as the Pacific or Atlantic Oceans. Some believe this meteor will strike the Mediterranean Sea, therefore limiting its destruction to that area.

A portion of this judgment is a return to the plagues of ancient Egypt, look at Ex. 7:19-21. The differences being, that in the judgment of Egypt all the fish died in all the rivers, enough that it caused such a smell that the Egyptians could not drink the water. In this repeat judgment one-third of the fish die and one-third of the oceans are affected.





The Third

Trumpet Judgment



Star called Wormwood

1/3 of the Rivers mad bitter



Revelation 8: 10-11(NASB), ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ The name of the star is called Wormwood; and a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.



The third trumpet judgment is like the second, except it affects the world's freshwater lakes and rivers instead of the oceans. Specifically, "a great star, blazing like a torch" falls from the sky and poisons a third of the water supply.

The name of the star is called Wormwood, this is a unique phrase. There is no historical evidence that a star by this name existed in the ancient world. *Wormwood* is a medicinal herb of antiquity used to dispel worms from the intestines. It is very bitter. The fact that many men will die from the water is the natural result of fresh water made bitter. Wormwood is known for its bitterness; however, death is not normally associated with this herb but because they were made bitter indicates the reason for the death of many people. Dehydration is not the cause of death, it is drinking the water that kills people.

The world's worst ever nuclear meltdown occurred in 1986 at Chernobyl in Ukraine, at that time one of the states of the Soviet Union. Incredibly, Chernobyl is the Russian word for wormwood! There are some who want to see this event as the fulfillment of this third Trumpet judgment. However this judgment happens well into the tribulation week and though similar, cannot be a fulfillment of the prophecy but rather a prelude to what is coming.

The Three **WOE**'s of Revelation 9

(Rev.8:13, 9:1-12, 11:15-20:3)



Revelation 8:13 (NASB), Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid heaven, saying with a loud voice, “Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!”

The word “*Woe*” means “grief, anguish, and affliction.”

The three woes come during the Trumpet Judgments. The fifth, sixth, and seventh trumpet judgments are the **THREE WOES** as we are told in Rev. 8:13. Notice in the v13 it says “the remaining” blast of the trumpets. These three woes are the announcement of God’s great judgments on the evil inhabitants of the earth in order to spur them to repentance (Rev.9:20). The three woes are, indeed, a time of great anguish, affliction and death for those who have pledged their allegiance to the Antichrist during the end times.

There has never been, or will there ever be such a time as these three Woe’s will bring, for the worst of the worst is about to come down on the unrighteous as it has never been seen in human history.

The three woes:



Locust
out of
the pit

The **FIRST **WOE**** is the events of c9:1-12, mainly the locust from out of the pit of hell, the **FIFTH TRUMPET**. This woe involves something that looks like locusts, but they are not for they come out of the smoke of the pit. They have the ability to sting like a scorpion. Generally, these are not accepted as literal locusts because of their description and because they come from the Abyss and have a demonic overlord (c9:3, 7-8, 11). These creatures are permitted to harm only those people who **DO NOT** have the “**SEAL of GOD** on their forehead” (c9:4). Those bearing God’s seal are the 144,000 (c7:3-4) or, possibly, all believers during that time (Eph. 4:30). These demonic locusts are allowed to torment unbelievers for five months (c9:5) with painful stings. Although victims will long for death (c9: 6), they will not be granted that release.



1/3 all
Mankind
Killed

The **SECOND WOE** is the **SIXTH TRUMPET** judgment. This woe begins when a voice commands, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates” (c9:14). These four angels are demons who were cast from heaven along with Satan. God is right now keeping them imprisoned until the appointed time (c9:15; cf. Jude 1:6; 2 Peter 2:4). These angels and their armies, numbering two hundred million, are released to kill a third of all mankind (c9:15). And as the scripture tells us in c9:20-21 the unrighteous still do not repent of their sin.

The rest of chapter 10 and most of chapter eleven John tells us of the interval between the sixth and seventh trumpets involving the little book and the two witnesses.



Prophecy
Announcement
of the coming
Kingdom
of Jesus Christ

The **THIRD WOE** (Rev. 11:15 – 20:3). The **SEVENTH TRUMPET** begins with a voice from heaven that makes an astounding announcement to the world.

“THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER” (c11:15).

At this point in the sequence of events we are at the last trumpet judgment with the bowl judgments still waiting to be poured out onto the world, so we know the tribulation is not over and Jesus has not defeated the Antichrist at Armageddon yet (c19). Jesus doesn’t sit on the throne of His kingdom at this point.

What is being proclaimed is a prophetic event of the not too distant future; it is forward looking as was the 6th Seal Judgment. The passage is anticipative of what is coming upon the earth. This is also the beginning of the third Woe, which runs the rest of the way through the Great Tribulation, including the Bowl Judgments and the Battle of Armageddon and Satan, that dragon and serpent is thrown into the bottomless pit.

This third woe is parallel to the trumpet that sounds in Joel 2 and signals the consummation of God’s plan for the entire world. This third woe marks the finishing of God’s judgment on sin; it occupies the book of Revelation through the 20th chapter, when Christ’s Kingdom is established on earth (c20:4-5).



The Forth Trumpet Judgment

Sun, Moon, & Stars Darkened



Revelation 8:12, “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.”



he fourth of the seven trumpets brings about changes in the heavens. “A third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them turned dark. A third of the day was without light, and also a third of the night”.

Following the fourth trumpet judgment, John notes a special warning that comes from an eagle flying through the air. This eagle cries out with a loud voice, saying, “Woe! Woe! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the trumpet blasts about to be sounded by the other three angels” (Revelation 8:13). For this reason, the **fifth**, **sixth**, and **seventh** trumpets are referred to as the “three woes.”



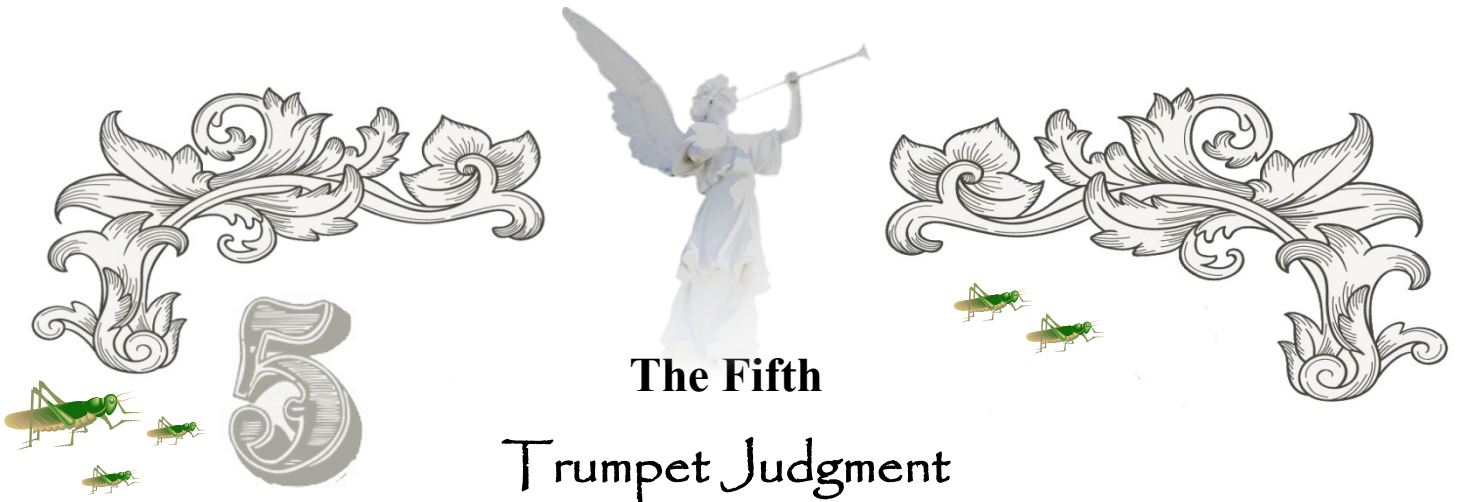
WOE

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WOE

To the inhabitants
of the Earth!





The Fifth Trumpet Judgment

The First **WOE**
A Plague of Locust

The Bottomless Pit



Revelation 9:1-12 (NASB), ¹Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.² He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. ⁶And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

⁷The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men. ⁸They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. ⁹They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle. ¹⁰They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months. ¹¹They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is *Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.



¹²The first woe is past; behold, two woes are still coming after these things.

*Abaddon was the other Archangel who rebelled with Lucifer and kick out of heaven into the pit. Today he is known as the Angel of Death.



ohn said he saw a star fall from heaven to the earth. This is not a literal star because in the next chapter a star is spoken of as being a person. Also in the Old Testament angels were called “stars” (Job 38:7). This does not imply that the angel was a fallen angel or Satan. John simply meant that he saw the descent of this “star” or “angel” was so rapid that it appeared to be falling. And it was given to this angel a key to the bottomless pit.

The 1st **WOE**, Rev.9:1-12

The first woe covers all of chapter nine which is the release of the plague of demonic locust that attack and torture the unsaved for five months (Revelation 9:1–11). The plague begins with a “star” falling from heaven. This star is an angel, as he is given “the key to the shaft of the Abyss” (v1). He opens the Abyss, releasing a horde of “locusts” with “power like that of scorpions” (v3). The locusts do not touch the plant life of earth; rather, they head straight for “those people who did not have the seal of God on their foreheads” (v4). For five months, these locusts torment people, whose agony is so great that they will wish to die, “but death will elude them” (v7). The locusts are not allowed to kill anyone, only to torture them.



Abaddon / Apolyon
The Angel of the Bottomless Pit
& King of the Locust

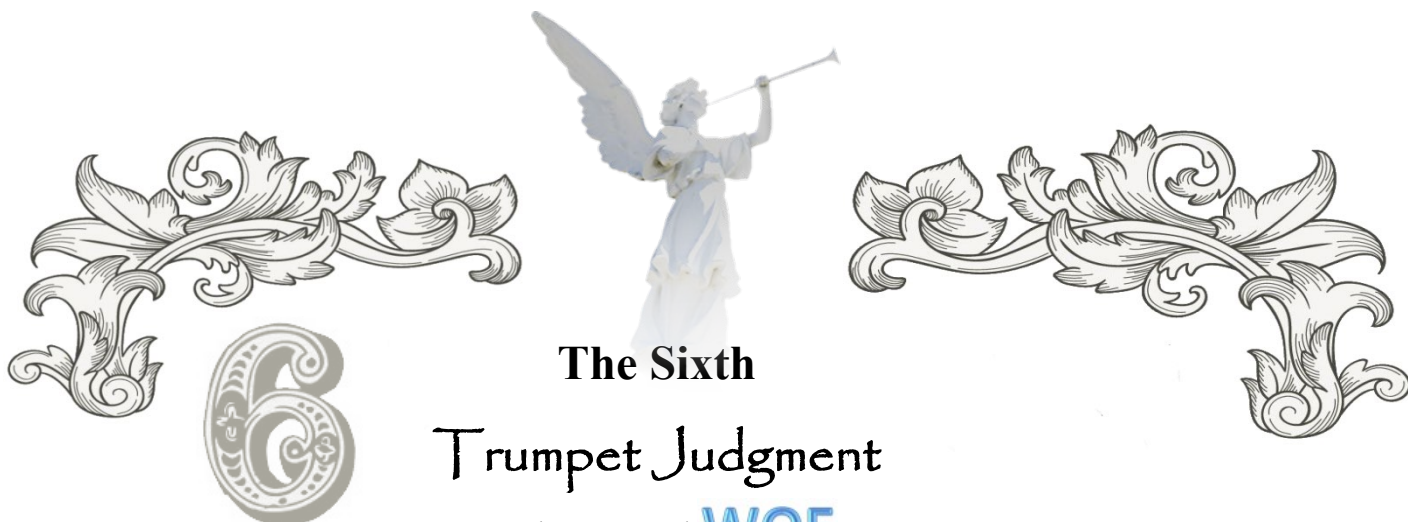
The Bottomless Pit

The Bottomless Pit is not Hell or Hades, or the Lake of Fire. It is the place of confinement for the Demons who are wicked, unclean, vicious and have power to derange both mind and body. Matt. 12:22, 15:22, Luke 4:35, 8:26-36, 9:42. They are the “Familiar Spirits” of the Old Testament and the “Seducing Spirits” of which Paul warned Timothy about in I Timothy 4:1.



Similar to the eighth Egyptian plague (Ex. 10:3-20) the angel opens the Bottomless Pit and a plague of locust is unleashed upon the earth. Unlike the locus of the ancient Egypt these locus are described as a combination of horse, man, woman, lion and the scorpion. The sound of their wings was like the sound of many chariots and horses running into battle. Unlike a normal locust that eats vegetation, these were forbidden to harm the grass or the trees or any green thing.

Their mission is to torment men for a period of five months. With a tail of a scorpion and the sting of a scorpion they will inflict great pain upon all those who do not carry God's seal in their foreheads. The pain will be so great and excruciating that men will seek death but will be unable to die. This plague will last for a period of five months. These events seem to be foretold by the prophet Joel in Joel 2:3-10.



The Sixth Trumpet Judgment

The Second **WOE**

A Plague of Horsemen
(1/3 of mankind Killed)

Revelation 9:13-21 (NASB), ¹³ Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, ¹⁴ one saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, “Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.” ¹⁵ And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind. ¹⁶ The number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. ¹⁷ And this is how I saw in the vision the horses and those who sat on them: *the riders* had breastplates *the color* of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone; and the heads of the horses are like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceed fire and smoke and brimstone. ¹⁸ A third of mankind was killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths. ¹⁹ For the power of the horses is in their mouths and in their tails; for their tails are like serpents and have heads, and with them they do harm.

²⁰ The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk; ²¹ and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.



In ancient times the seat of Satan's power was in the area of the Euphrates River close to where Babylon is located. Now four of Satan's angels that were once bound, are now standing in that same spot at the Euphrates River. They are the commanders of an army numbering 200,000,000 horsemen.

John saw a vision that represented a future event, it was shown to him in imagery that he understood and so he wrote down what was being shown to him. The text does not tell us where this great army comes from, only that it is an army of this size. What kind of army this is, is the subject of vast opinions and many disagreements? The only thing we are told is that an army of this size will kill 1/3 of all mankind.

The 2nd **WOE**, Rev.9:13 - 11:14

The beginning of the second Woe is the blowing of the sixth trumpet c6:13 and covers all the trumpet judgments. It extends down through chapter ten and the Little Book given to John, and into chapter eleven, including the coming of God's two witness's c11:3-12.

The Four Angels of the Euphrates River

In this vision of John's, the four angels are not Holy angels of God, but rather demonic ones, fallen angels. And they were (at one time and probably still are) demonic influences in the countries the river touches or flows through, Turkey, Syria, Iraq and Iran. The scripture (Jude and 2 Peter) says they have been bound and kept in captivity for this purpose (v14-15). The four demonic angels are the source of the great army.

The four countries make up the geographical area of the ancient Seat of Satan. The evil and demonic Seat of Satan was first in ancient Assyria which was part of the Persian Empire. When Persia was conquered by Alexander the Great the seat was moved to Asia Minor (Turkey) and to the city of Pergamum (ref. Rev.2:12-17).

There the keepers of the Seat of Satan built a temple to honor their god Zeus; it became known as the Temple of Zeus. Today that temple is physically located in a museum in Berlin, Germany.

The Euphrates River begins in Turkey, flows through Syria and Iraq, joins the Tigris, and then becomes the Shat al-Arab waterway, that is the border between Iraq and Iran, and empties into the Persian Gulf.



Supernatural or Human Army

We are only told that this army will be 200,000,000 horsemen. The reason for this army is to kill 1/3 of all men on the earth and nothing else is mentioned. There is no earthly kingdom they want, no gold or wealth to have, and no allegiance of men is sought after. Their single goal is to kill 1/3 of all mankind.

If you consider the enormous task of killing 1/3 of everyone all over the world it seems hard to imagine that a human army could do that in a reasonable length of time. They would have to fight the armies of most all nations from one end of the earth to the other, but eventually it could be done.

As of this writing the current population of the world is estimated at 7.63 billion people. One-third of that would be approximately 2,354,333,000 (2.3 billion) people, who have to die.

It would make more sense to me that the army then is as the scripture suggest a supernatural army of 200,000,000 horsemen who is unleashed by four demonic angels bound under the Euphrates River.

Whether it is a supernatural or human army that many people being killed would cause Hell to have to enlarge its self.

Isaiah 5:14 (KJV), “Therefore hell has enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoices, shall descend into it.”



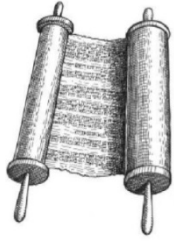
Revelation 9:20-21 NASB), ²⁰ But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹ And they did not repent of their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

For all of man’s sins have come up in the face of God and scripture says about the people who survived the sixth Judgment that, “They repented not.” Here we find the six sins of the tribulation period. #1 sin of idolatry, #2 sin of demon worship of idols made by hand, gold, silver, brass, stone and wood. #3 their sins of murder, #4 their sins of sorcery, #5 their sin of fornication, #6 their sin of theft.

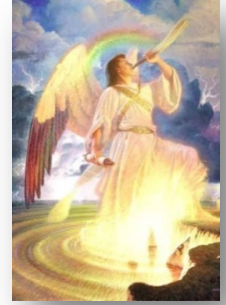
The bad news is that 2/3rds of the world’s population that survive the judgment still do not repent of their sins.



There are still eight judgments still to come.



The Beginning of a Short Interval between the 6th and 7th Trumpet



Sweet or Bitter

The Angel & The Little Book

Revelation 10:1-10, ¹I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, clothed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire; ²and he had in his hand a little book which was open. He placed his right foot on the sea and his left on the land; ³and he cried out with a loud voice, as when a lion roars; and when he had cried out, the seven peals of thunder uttered their voices. ⁴When the seven peals of thunder had spoken, I was about to write; and I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Seal up the things which the seven peals of thunder have spoken and do not write them.” ⁵Then the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land lifted up his right hand to heaven, ⁶and swore by Him who lives forever and ever, WHO CREATED HEAVEN AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE EARTH AND THE THINGS IN IT, AND THE SEA AND THE THINGS IN IT, that there will be delay no longer, ⁷but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets. ⁸Then the voice which I heard from heaven, *I heard* again speaking with me, and saying, “Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the land.” ⁹So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little book. And he said to me, “Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.” ¹⁰I took the little book out of the angel’s hand and ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.



any scholars today believe that this little book given to John is in fact the Word of God. This would have been one of the Torah scrolls since the New Testament had not been written yet. You might think it is a little strange that John was told to eat the book that it would taste sweet in his mouth and be bitter in his stomach.

This is not the first time this happened in scripture.

“Your words were found and I ate them, and Your word became to me the gladness and joy of my heart” (Jer. 15:16).

Ezekiel 2:8-9 (NASB), ⁸“Now you, son of man, listen to what I am speaking to you; do not be rebellious like that rebellious house. Open your mouth and eat what I am giving you.” ⁹Then I looked, and behold, a hand was extended to me; and lo, a scroll *was* in it. ¹⁰When He spread it out before me, it was written on the front and back, and written on it were lamentations, mourning and woe.

Ezekiel 3:1-4 (NASB), ³Then He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” ²So I opened my mouth, and He fed me this scroll. ³He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach and fill your body with this scroll which I am giving you.” Then I ate it, and it was sweet as honey in my mouth.

⁴Then He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them.

¹The book / scroll that was handed to John would be sweet in his mouth because it is the word of God and its message is true. You draw strength from its words and it is like food for your soul. But often its message is bitter and hard to swallow, especially when it deals with prophecy and you know it’s not good to those you will give it to. In the cases above John and the prophet was told to eat the scroll then go take its message to the House of Israel or in the case of John, speak the prophecy of the final Trumpet Judgment and as bitter as it was, this is why I believe it made his stomach bitter.

In v11 John was told (like the prophets) after he had eaten the little book that he must prophecy again before many people, and nations, and tongues, and kings.

²Note: John’s popularity and influence in the Christian community continued through correspondence with all the churches. John wrote the book of Revelation during his exile.

¹ <http://mynewhope.ca/messages/the-strong-angel>

² <https://www.allaboutjesuschrist.org/history-of-john-the-disciple-of-jesus-faq.htm>

When he was released from exile, he returned to Ephesus. John founded and built churches all through Asia until he was old, and died in Ephesus.

During his life, John wrote the book of John and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd book of John and the book of Revelation. Near the end of his life, it is said that he constantly repeated the phrase, "Little children, love one another!" He did that because he believed it was the Lord's most important commandment.



Two Witnesses

(Revelation 11:3-12)

Revelation 11:2 (NASB), "... they will tread underfoot the holy city for forty-two months."



Those who "tread under foot" would be the Gentiles and at this time it will be people of the Antichrist and the rest of the Gentile nations. As far as a time line goes we are looking at about the 3.5 year mark. In one year's time the Antichrist will have stepped out onto the scene and he is demanding everyone show their allegiance to his new world order by taking his mark in the hand or forehead. The armies of the Antichrist is about to invade Jerusalem and take control of the temple mount in the name of Allah, millions will die.

We are almost to the mid-point of the tribulation. After all the plagues and horrible events of the Trumpet Judgments man will not repent c9:20-21. It is time for God to send in two of His faithful witnesses.

The two witnesses come wearing sackcloth as an object lesson to express their great sorrow for the wretched and unbelieving world, racked by God's judgments, overrun by demon hordes, and populated by wicked, sinful people who refuse to repent. They will also mourn because of the desecration of the temple, the oppression of Jerusalem, and the ascendancy of Antichrist.

God has given them powers that will be unheard of in human history. Because of the trumpet judgments that have come before the two witnesses the world will again be shocked by what these two can and will do (ie: fire out of their mouths v5; shut up the skies so it will not rain v6a; turn the water into blood v6b; and to strike the earth with every plague, as often as they desire v6b). The world will truly hate these two prophets of the Lord.

As to who they are, well it seems everyone has an opinion and that's good. It seems that some believe it to be **MOSES** and **ELIJAH** based on the fact that each man has already

done similar things in their life time, the problem with Moses is that he has already died. The scripture tells us

Hebrews 9:27 (KJV), ²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

So is there another prophet of the Lord beside Elijah who never died that God would use. There is another, and that is **ENOCH**. Enoch never died but was taken up to heaven several times as the faithful and holy scribe to the fallen angels of his day. Enoch was the 7th form Adam and in the blood line of Jesus.



However, no matter who God uses, the two witnesses will serve God in Jerusalem for a period of 1,260 days $\sqrt{3}$ (3-1/2 years) basically the last half of the tribulation period. At which time the antichrist comes against them and they are killed, much to the joy of the world, so much so that they send each other gifts to celebrate the event of their deaths.

Then even a more amazing event happens that will shock the entire world yet again. With television cameras focused on the two dead bodies for three and a half days (sound familiar). Then in front of the entire world God will raise them up (a type of rapture) with the same words He used to call His bride the church home to be with Him, ... “Come up here” (also ref. Rev. 4:1). The Spirit of life (Holy Spirit) will enter back into them and they shall stand back up and great fear will fall upon everyone who sees them come back to life. Then they shall ascend up into heaven in a cloud and their enemies shall be afraid. The same hour that this happens the Lord will strike Jerusalem with a great earthquake that will level a tenth of the city killing seven thousand (7,000) $\sqrt{13}$.

The killing of the two witnesses begins in the eleventh chapter of Revelations just prior to the mid-point of the tribulation. We are told c11:3 they will prophecy for 3 1/2 years which is half of the tribulation years. They are taken up in a cloud into heaven.



The end of the Interval between the 6th and 7th Trumpet



The Seventh Trumpet Judgment

The Third **WOE**

The Reign of Christ Foretold



Revelation 11:15-19 (NASB), ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom* of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” ¹⁶ And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying, “We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.¹⁸ And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time *came* for the dead to be judged, and *the time* to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear our name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.” ¹⁹ And the temple of God which is in heaven was opened; and the ark of His covenant appeared in His temple, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm.



he seventh and final trumpet judgment seems to be describing events that will take place at the end of the tribulation period when Jesus will return and set up His Kingdom on earth. This will cause great anger and rebellion on the part of the unbelieving world.

It is at this time that we find the fulfillment of the **SIXTH** Seal Judgment of Revelation 6:12-17.

Revelation 6:15-16 (NASB), Then the kings of the earth and the great men and the commanders and the rich and the strong and every slave and free

man hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains;¹⁶ and they said to the mountains and to the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the presence of Him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb;¹⁷ for the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

Both judgments (the 6th Seal and the 7th trumpet) both speak to us as though we are already there and Christ is sitting on His throne. The 6th Seal Judgment is told to us in chapter six because it is a Seal judgment and the same for the 7th Trumpet Judgment. Both are forward looking and both take place at the end of the tribulation.

THE THIRD **WOE**, Rev.11:15-20:3

The sounding of the "**SEVENTH TRUMPET**" is the beginning of the third woe and includes the "**BOWL (vial)** judgments," and all other events down to c20:3, when Satan (that Devil) is thrown into the bottomless pit for 1000 years.

Revelation 20:3 (NASB), "and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time."

With the sound of the seventh trumpet John says he heard "**Great Voices**" in Heaven saying--"**THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD ARE BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD, AND OF HIS CHRIST; AND HE SHALL REIGN FOR EVER AND EVER.**" This is the announcement that the time had come for Christ to take "**THE KINGDOM,**" though "The Kingdom" does not fully come into His possession for 3½ years. The whole of this passage is **anticipative**, for the "sayings" of the Four and Twenty Elders look forward to the Resurrections and Judgments of chapter 20 (Millennial Reign, Satan cast into the Lake of Fire, Great White Thrown Judgment).

The scene is located in Heaven. For it is there that John hears the Trumpet sound, and sees the "Temple of God" opened, and hears the "voices" and "thundering" that accompany the devastation of the earth by "earthquake" and "hail." This announcement is preliminary to the great events that are to follow, which will be the most remarkable and momentous that have ever happened on this earth.

The **twenty-four elders** proclaimed, "The time has come for . . . destroying those who destroy the earth" v17. Obviously, God is about to wrap things up once and for all. At the sound of the seventh trumpet, the temple of God is opened in heaven, and "within his temple was seen the **ARK OF HIS COVENANT** v19.



And there came flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake and a severe hailstorm” v19.

Note: The Ark of the Covenant³

History of the Ark of the Covenant:

The Ark of the Covenant has had a fascinating history beginning thousands of years ago. It was essential for the sanctuary service when the children of Israel built the tabernacle. God chose Bezalel from the tribe of Judah to construct the Ark of the Covenant (Ex.31:1-6, 36, 39) after the children of Israel left Egypt. (Exodus 31:2) Centuries later, Bible scholars generally believe that between 605 and 586 B.C., a group of priests at Jeremiah’s bidding hid the Ark of the Covenant in a cave just outside the city walls to keep the advancing Babylonians from discovering it.

Location of the Ark of the Covenant:

Currently, no one knows where Jeremiah hid the Ark. Revelation 11:19 is part of the seventh trumpet event which is forward looking to the time Christ returns and sits on His throne. People have made claims and written books claiming to know the location of the Ark. However, no one has revealed the Ark or its location. With that being said there are a few who claimed to have seen the Ark of the Covenant and/or know where it was at a certain time.

So how can all these claims be true when scripture seems to be telling us it is in the temple in heaven? Let me say this, at this time (Revelation 11) in the telling of the timeline of the Book of Revelation, the Ark of the Covenant is in the temple of God. It has not always been there and for good reason. However, it is obvious that at some point which God has not chosen to reveal to us, He takes the Ark of the Covenant to heaven and it sits in His throne room.

The seventh trumpet sounding includes all that happens down to chapter 20:3, including the seven bowl judgments.

³ <https://www.wake-up.org/ark-of-the-covenant/where-is-the-ark-of-the-covenant.html>