

# Revelation Chapters 8 and 9

## The Seven Trumpets

VS 1-2

- There is silence in heaven for about 30 minutes.
- Seven angels are given seven trumpets.
- These angels are named in the Apocrypha.
  - Uriel
  - Raphael
  - Raguel
  - Michael
  - Sarakiel
  - Grabriel
  - Phanuel

VS 3-4

- Golden censor with incense
- The incense is offered with all the prayers of the saints.
- They are offered before the throne of God and rise before God.

VS 5-7      **The First Trumpet**

- One third of the trees were burnt up and the grass was burnt up.

VS 8-9      **The Second Trumpet**

- Fire, hail, mingled with blood came upon the earth.
- One third of the sea becomes blood.
- One third of sea life dies.
- One third of the ships are destroyed.

VS 10-11      **The Third Trumpet**

- A great star falls from heaven.
- One third of the rivers become wormwood – bitter, undrinkable.
- The star is called “wormwood” – a reference to Satan falling from heaven?
- According to the National Geographic Society there are about 100 principal rivers on earth.
- There are approximately 30 principal rivers in the USA.

## VS 12            **The Fourth Trumpet**

- One third of the sun, moon, and stars are darkened.
- Note Luke 21:24-27
  - Signs in the sun, moon, and stars.
  - Distress of nations with perplexity because of the roaring of the sea
  - People's hearts will fail themselves for fear of what is coming upon the earth.
  - The powers of heaven will be shaken (Note Hebrews 12: 26-29).
- Cosmic changes in both daytime and nighttime.

Note:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet aimed at the earth – 1/3 touched.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet aimed at the seas. – 1/3 touched
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet aimed at the waters. – 1/3 touched
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet aimed at the Sun, Moon, and Stars – 1/3 touched.
- This is called the Judgment of the Thirds
- These four trumpets are “natural.”
- The next two trumpets will be demonic.

## VS 13

- Angelic pronouncement given.
- Woe, Woe, Woe to the inhabitants of the earth.
- Earth dwellers are in rebellion to God and do not repent.
- They are mentioned 12 times in the Book of Revelation.

## Chapter 9

### VS 1-3

- The key to the bottomless pit was given.
- The pit was opened.
- Great smoke and darkness came up from the pit.
- An army of demonic beings is released.
- Described as locust and given power as scorpions.
- Reference to Satan?
  - Luke 10:18
  - Isaiah 14: 12-16
- Key was given (not taken away from the holder), was granted permission to open the pit.
- The demons in the pit:
  - The angels who had sinned – (Jude 6; Genesis 6:2,4; 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:4).

- Demons beg to avoid being thrown into the *aboussso* (Luke 8:31).
- Satan will be imprisoned there for 1000 years (Rev 20:10)
- The smoke is like that of Sodom and Gomorrah.

#### VS 4-6

- Demons do not harm the grass, anything green nor the trees.
- They are instructed to hurt only those without the seal of God on their foreheads.
  - 144,000 were sealed at the beginning of Chapter 7
  - Holy Baptism “You are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as Christ’s own forever.”
  - N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (2019 BCP, Pg 192)
- Given the power to harm, torment, sting as a scorpion for 5 months.
- Death not allowed.

#### VS 7- 11

- Physical description of the demons
  - Like horses prepared for battle
  - Heads like crowns of gold with faces like men.
  - Hair like women
  - Teeth like those of a lion
  - Breastplates of iron.
  - Wings made the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
  - Tails had the sting of a scorpion.
- They had a King over them.
  - The angel of the bottomless pit.
  - Name is Abaddon/Apollyon – name means destroyer.
  - John 10:10 – Satan comes to “kill, steal and DESTROY.”
- 150 days – same length of time for God’s Judgment of the flood of Noah (Gen 7:24)

#### VS 12 – 15     **The Sixth Trumpet**

- Lose the four angels bound in the great river Euphrates. These are “bad” angels.
- Assigned to kill one third of mankind.
  - An Hour
  - A Day
  - A Month
  - A Year
- One fourth of mankind has already been killed, this is a third of who remains.
- This means that over half of humanity will die during the Great tribulation.

## The Euphrates River

- Eastern boundary of Israel
- Sin began there (Genesis 3: 6-7)
- First murder committed there (Genesis 4:8)
- Nimrod – first world rebellion (Gen 10:11)
- Tower of Babel - Idolatry and False Worship (religion)

VS 16 – 17

Army of 200,000 of very odd description – clearly something demon is present.

VS 18 -21

- This army kills 1/3 of humanity by
  - Fire
  - Smoke
  - Brimstone from their mouths kills.
  - Serpent like tails also kill.
- Those left refuse to repent of their:
  - Murder – abortion included.
  - Sorcery – all forms of the occult and idolatry.
  - Fornication – rampant immorality in the world today – sex trafficking, pedophilia,
  - Theft - institutional as well as individual
    - Socialism is the institutional plunder of others wealth to be redistributed.

God's judgments and wrath are punishment for those who refuse to repent (Romans 1:16ff)