

"The Trumpet Judgments"

Part 3

Revelation 8:6-9:21

**Introduction:** In our study of the book of Revelation we are currently looking at the Trumpet Judgments recorded in Revelation 8. We will continue where we stopped last week but before we do I want to give you a few thoughts to consider from what we have already looked at in this chapter. Please allow me to borrow your thoughts for a moment.

In the Bible we can read over and over again about how God views idolatry. When God gave the 10 Commandments the first 2 were Commands against idolatry.

**Exodus 20:3-4**

<sup>3</sup> *Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

<sup>4</sup> *Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.*

**Deuteronomy 17:2-5**

<sup>2</sup> *If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,*

<sup>3</sup> *And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;*

<sup>4</sup> *And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:*

<sup>5</sup> *Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.*

These verses help us to see how much God hates idolatry.

Now in the world we are in today idolatry is everywhere and this will increase as our world moves toward the 7 year Tribulation period. Idols of today include many things such as money, possessions of all sorts, sports, entertainment, and many others including the earth.

In the Tribulation period God will reach out to all who are left behind and involved in idolatry after the RAPTURE because it is His desire that they will turn to Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 3:10**

*<sup>10</sup> Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.*

God's extension of His grace will be through the testimony of the 2 witnesses as well as the preaching of the 144,000 Jewish men who will be missionaries. God will also work through the 3 sets of Judgments which will come upon the earth.

In Revelation 6 we looked at how God will sent the Seal Judgments and one of the purposes of them was to turn the EARTH DWELLERS to Jesus Christ, but even in the midst of the 6 Judgments which we looked at many refused to repent and to accept Jesus Christ.

**Revelation 6:15-17**

*<sup>15</sup> And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;*

*<sup>16</sup> And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:*

*<sup>17</sup> For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?*

Now the Judgments are also for the purpose of purging the earth in preparation of the coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Judgments will also rid the earth of those who reject the salvation of God.

**Isaiah 13:6-9**

*<sup>6</sup> Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.*

*<sup>7</sup> Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:*

*<sup>8</sup> And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.*

<sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and **he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.**

God could just bring one swift judgment and destroy all those who are left after the rapture but He will not for He is long suffering. Therefore after the Seal Judgments God will bring the Trumpet Judgements and they will be related to the idolatry which men will be submersed into.

### **Galatians 6:7**

<sup>7</sup> Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

#### I. **Trumpet Judgment #1**

### **Notice Revelation 8:7**

This is the stoning due to the idolatry which will exist on the earth.

#### II. **Trumpet Judgment #2**

### **Notice Revelation 8:8-9**

This extremely large asteroid or SUPERNATURAL ROCK will slam into the sea causing 1/3 of the aquatic life, and the ships to be destroyed along with 1/3 of the sea being turned to blood.

Now the BLOOD in the 1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet and the BLOOD here I believe are very significant. Let me show you what is John recorded in Revelation 17 concerning the RELIGIOUS SYSTEM that will exist under the Anti-Christ.

### **Revelation 17:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

<sup>5</sup> And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

<sup>6</sup> And I saw the woman **drunken with the blood of the saints**, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

Many of the EARTH DWELLERS will reject the offer of Jesus Christ and they were slaughter the TRUE believers which is referred to here as BEING DRUNK WITH THEIR BLOOD. They will reject the cleansing BLOOD of CHRIST so God will give them blood from the sky and in the sea. Eventually their fresh water supply will turn to blood.

**Revelation 16:6**

*<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.*

III. **Trumpet Judgment #3**

**Notice Revelation 8:10-11**

Here in this verse a GREAT STAR called WORMWOOD falls to the earth and it lands upon 1/3 part of the fresh water supply. This turns the waters bitter and many men die because of this judgment.

The connection here is that the EARTH DWELLERS reject the LIVING WATER offered by Jesus Christ and therefore they are given BITTER WATERS to drink.

IV. **Trumpet Judgment #4**

**Notice Revelation 8:12**

As the 4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet is blown 1/3 of the heavens are smitten. One third of the sun, one third of the moon and one third of the stars are darkened.

This is a supernatural event which we cannot even begin to explain and for that reason there are many who teach this is not literal but it is all figurative or hyperbole. They ask how one third of these heavenly bodies could be darkened. We know that with God all things are possible. We can also see this is foretold several other places in the Bible.

**Isaiah 13:9-13**

*<sup>9</sup> Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.*

*<sup>10</sup> For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.*

<sup>11</sup> *And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.*

<sup>12</sup> *I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.*

<sup>13</sup> *Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.*

### **Ezekiel 32:5-8**

<sup>5</sup> *And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.*

<sup>6</sup> *I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.*

<sup>7</sup> *And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.*

<sup>8</sup> *All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God.*

### **Acts 2:19-21**

<sup>19</sup> *And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:*

<sup>20</sup> *The **sun shall be turned into darkness**, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come:*

<sup>21</sup> *And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

Now for those who would doubt if God would be able to darken one third ONLY let me show you what happened in Egypt.

### **Exodus 10:21-23**

<sup>21</sup> *And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt.*

<sup>22</sup> *And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:*

*<sup>23</sup> They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.*

Now let me tell you the message which God is sending with this Judgment.

When Jesus is preached among the nations during the Tribulation this will be an offer of:

**1. The Forgiveness of Sins and escape from Eternal judgment.**

**John 3:18, 36**

*<sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

*<sup>36</sup> He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

**2. The Living Water**

**John 4:14**

*<sup>14</sup> But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

**3. The Bread of Life**

**John 6:33-35**

*<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.*

*<sup>34</sup> Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.*

*<sup>35</sup> And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

**4. The Light which will disperse the Darkness.**

**John 8:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Those who reject the LIGHT will find themselves in the dark physically and spiritually.

Now let us notice the warning.

**Notice Revelation 8:13**

This angel alerts the inhabitants of heaven as to the severity of the next 3 Trumpet Judgments. The triple WOE means that what is coming will be far more severe than what the EARTH DWELLERS have already seen.

Now let me show you something which Joel recorded.

**Joel 2:10-13**

*<sup>10</sup> The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:*

*<sup>11</sup> And the LORD shall utter his voice **before his army**: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?*

*<sup>12</sup> Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:*

*<sup>13</sup> And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.*

**Conclusion:**

The ARMY spoken of here is most likely is what we shall see in Revelation 9. It will be a demonic army loosed from the pit of hell.

There is only ONE WAY to escape these judgments.

**John 14:6**

*<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*