

The Seven Trumpets of Revelation



Revelation 8:1-5

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2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them.

3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne,

4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake.

What happened when the 7th seal is broken?

With the breaking of the seventh seal a new phase of God's judgement begins as the seven angels prepare to blow their seven trumpets.

The seventh seal is a dramatic pause, the calm before the storm. As Jesus breaks the 7th seal, the trumpet judgements and the bowl judgements are inside the inner scroll – previously held by the final seal.

The Silence in heaven

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God seems to be brooding over this impending series of events. God's heart must be breaking at the destruction coming upon the world He loves. All of heaven looks on in awe at the heart broken father on the throne.

Views Regarding the Silence

The silence in heaven for the space of half an hour is a sign of deep respect and awe in the presence of the Judge of all the earth. Just as earthly courtrooms demand silence when the judge is presiding, so does the heavenly courtroom.

“Be silent before the Sovereign LORD, for the day of the LORD is near” (Zephaniah 1:7).

“The LORD is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him” (Habakkuk 2:20).

2) The half-hour silence in heaven is the result of somber reflection on what has just been revealed. When Jesus Christ breaks the seventh seal, the scroll of God's judgment is fully revealed for the first time. Now all heaven can see God's plan to judge the wickedness of the earth, destroy the kingdom of the beast, and set things right. All heaven remains silent as God's righteousness is on display.

3) The silence in heaven is due to the severity of the actions the Lord God is about to take. With the scroll fully open, heaven can now see the trumpet judgments and the bowl judgments. These judgments are more terrible than anything the world will have ever seen (Mark 13:19–20). The final catastrophes are about to befall the earth, and silence and stillness fill the time of tense expectation.

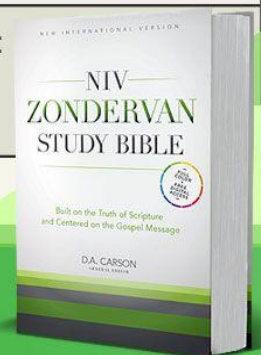
“Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling” (Zechariah 2:13, ESV).

Beginning in Revelation 8 we see a series of divine plagues of Godly, biblical proportions

- They parallel the plagues of Egypt but are worldwide
- They are warnings offering the ungodly a chance to repent
- They are judgements that go beyond natural explanation

PARALLELS BETWEEN BOWLS, TRUMPETS, AND EXODUS PLAGUES

BOWLS	TRUMPETS	EXODUS PLAGUES
1st Bowl (16:2): on land (Greek <i>gē</i>); festering sores	1st Trumpet (8:7): on earth (Greek <i>gē</i>); third of land burned up	6th Plague (Exod 9:8–12): dust over land; festering boils
2nd Bowl (16:3): on sea; sea to blood; all sea creatures die	2nd Trumpet (8:8–9): on sea; sea to blood; third of sea creatures die	1st Plague (Exod 7:20–21): Nile to blood; fish die
3rd Bowl (16:4): on rivers and springs; blood	3rd Trumpet (8:10–11): on rivers and springs; turn bitter	1st Plague (Exod 7:20–21): Nile to blood
4th Bowl (16:8–9): on sun; people scorched	4th Trumpet (8:12): on sun, moon, and stars; third of sun, moon, and stars turn dark	9th Plague (Exod 10:21–23): darkness
5th Bowl (16:10–11): on the throne of the beast; darkness; people in <i>agony</i>	5th Trumpet (9:1–11): the Abyss opened; darkness; locusts <i>torment</i> people	8th and 9th Plagues (Exod 10:12–15, 21–23): locusts; darkness
6th Bowl (16:12–14): on Euphrates; river dried up; deceptive demonic spirits like frogs	6th Trumpet (9:13–21): four angels released at the Euphrates; third of people killed	2nd Plague (Exod 8:2–7): frogs from the Nile River; magicians' secret arts
7th Bowl (16:17–21): into the air; lightning, rumblings, thunder, severe earthquake, huge hailstones	7th Trumpet (11:15–19): lightning, rumblings, thunder, earthquake, severe hailstorm	7th Plague (Exod 9:22–25): thunder, hail, lightning



God responds to the 5th seal of Revelation 6:9-10

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God's Mercy even in His Wrath

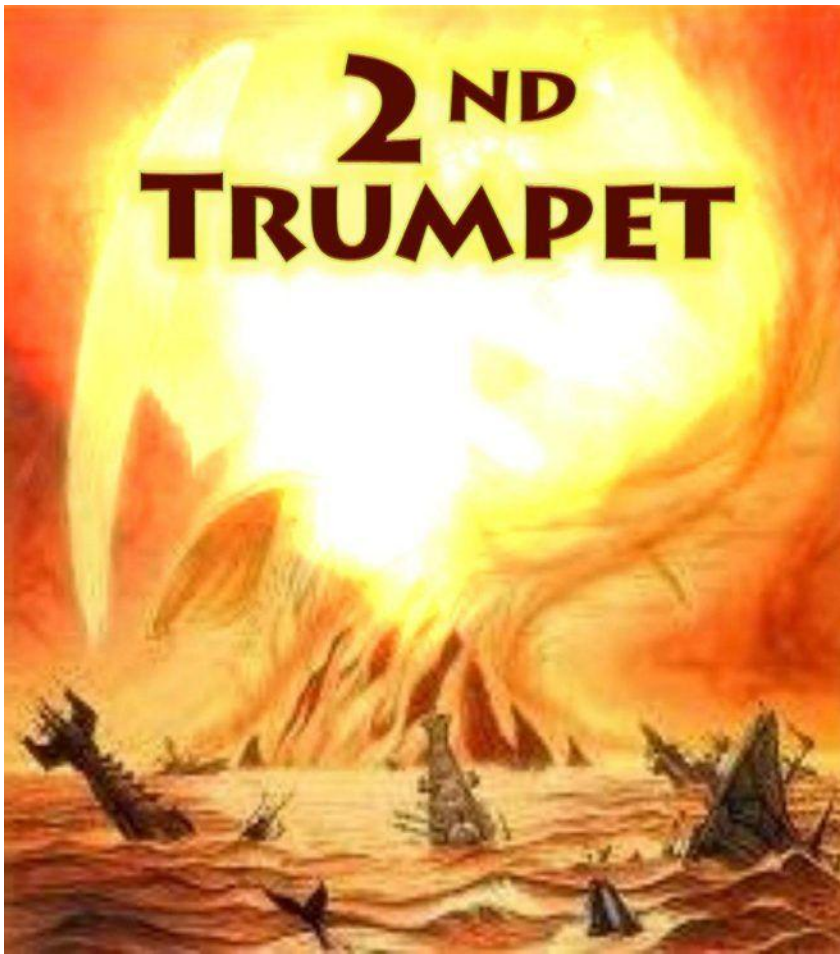
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“The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.”

1st trumpet Revelation 8:7



2nd Trumpet Revelation 8:8



3rd trumpet Revelation 8:10



4th Trumpet

4TH TRUMPET

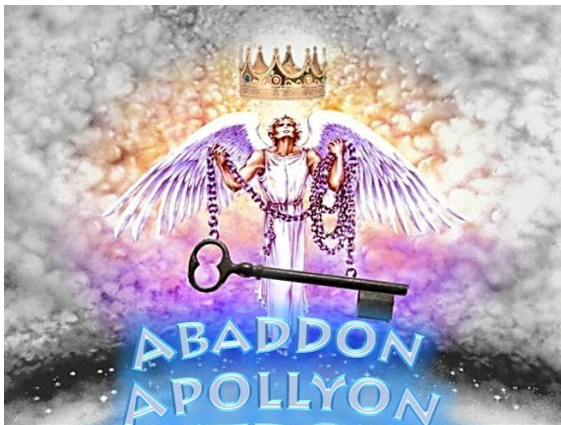


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"1/3RD OF THEM WERE DARKENED"

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5th Trumpet Revelation 9:1



6th Trumpet Revelation 9:13

4 ANGELS RELEASED

EAT SCROLL

7 SEALED THUNDERS

PROPHECY AGAIN

KILL 1/3RD

TRAMPLE HOLY CITY 42 MONTHS

PROPHECY 1,260 DAYS

SPANS 3 CHAPTERS!

6TH TRUMPET WOE 2

3 1/2 YEARS BUILT IN!

7th trumpet Revelation 11:15

