

## Revelation 15

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Since the sounding of the Sixth Trumpet, we have been in a period of overview (the Trumpet Intermission) which ends here.

The Seven Trumpets have sounded, the Seven Bowl Judgments are about to commence.

Today we will look at this category, the Seven Trumpet Judgments, before moving on to the Bowl judgments.

Rev 8:1 When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 8:3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand.

Rev 8:5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake.

Rev 8:6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

- 1st Trumpet- hail and fire, mingled with blood showers the earth. One third of trees and all grass burned up.
- 2nd Trumpet- something like a great mountain burning with fire cast into the sea and a third of the sea became blood.
- 3rd Trumpet- a great star (called Wormwood) fell from heaven and struck the rivers and springs, turning them poisonous, and many men died from drinking this poisoned water.
- 4th Trumpet- one third of the sun, moon, and stars struck. One third of the day has no light, nor one third of the night. Three "woes" announced!
- 5th Trumpet- AND first woe- star falls from heaven (satan) given the key to the pit, he opens the pit and massive smoke billows forth darkening the air. Then a horde of supernatural locusts rise out of the pit, (commanded not to harm the grass, any green thing, or any tree but only those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads). They are not given power to kill, only to torment for 5 months, so bad that men cry for death from the pain but cannot have it. This horde has a king, Abaddon in Hebrew, Apollyon in Greek.
- 6th Trumpet- God's voice is heard instructing the sixth Angel to release the four angels who have been bound at the Euphrates. These prepared angels are released to kill a third of mankind! The number of their forces is 200 million. They kill with fire, smoke, and brimstone. The surviving two thirds of humanity do not repent of their idolatry, worship of demons, murders, sorceries, sexual immorality, or their thefts.

Trumpet INTERMISSION-

10:1-11

Mighty angel comes down from heaven clothed with a cloud. A rainbow was on his head, his face like the sun, his feet like pillars of fire.

He has a little book in his hand. And he sets one foot on the sea and one foot on the land and roars with a loud voice- seven thunders utter their voices, but their sayings are sealed.

He then swears by Him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and earth and everything in them that there should be no more delay.

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, the mystery of God would be finished, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

John is instructed to take the book from the hand of the angel and eat it. It will be sweet as honey in his mouth, but bitter in his stomach. He is then told that he must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.

Chapter 11 introduces starts with measuring the Temple (in Jerusalem) but leaving out the outside which has been given to the Gentiles for forty-two months. We are then introduced to the two witnesses, who testify before the Temple for three and a half years, are killed, their bodies lay in the

streets for three days, then they're raised and taken to heaven. Immediately there is a massive earthquake and a tenth of the city fell. This is the second "Woe".

The Seventh Angel sounds his trumpet and praise breaks out in heaven declaring "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" The 24 Elders fall on their faces and worship God,

Rev 11:17 saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

Rev 11:18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth."

Then the temple of God in heaven is opened, the ark of His covenant is seen, and there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, and earthquake, and great hail.

Chapter 12 shows Israel in pain about to give birth to the Christ child, and introduces the treat fire red dragon- Satan- ready to devour her child. But the child is caught up to heaven to God and His throne.

The woman (Israel) flees to Petra where she is protected for 1260 days (3 1/2 years).

War breaks out in heaven, Michael and his angels cast Satan and his angels out of the presence of God to the earth. This is the 3rd "Woe". He is furious and concentrates his efforts on destroying Israel, but she is protected in the place prepared for her.

Chapter 13 introduces the Beast, the False Prophet, and the Image of the Beast. We're shown his great power, his ability to deceive the nations (all those who are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb), his great blasphemies, his power to make war and overcome the saints, and his authority over all nations, tribes, and tongues. All the earth will worship him (except those whose names are in the Lamb's book!) and take his mark as a sign of their allegiance and worship on their right hands or their foreheads.

Chapter 14 is one of victory, and warning!

It opens with the victorious 144K Jewish witnesses, shown in a gathering at Mount Zion with the Lamb, having His Father's name written on their foreheads. Praise is heard from heaven, the 144K sing a song only they can sing

Then the warnings: Three angels fly through the heavens making proclamations.

"Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water."

"Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication."

"If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.

And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Then the encouragement:

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Rev 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Then there are two reapings shown:

vs 14-16 is the reaping of the righteous by One like the Son of Man, seated on a white cloud, with a golden crown on His head, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Mat 24:29 "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Mat 24:30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mat 24:31 And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

vs 17-20 shows another angel coming out of the temple with a sharp sickle prepared to reap the wicked, and another angel with power over fire crying to the angel with the sharp sickle "thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe."

The wicked are reaped and cast into the great winepress of the wrath of God, where they are trampled underfoot by Jesus Himself. (Armageddon).

What is with the reaping???

Example:

Gen 15:13 Then He said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

Gen 15:15 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

Gen 15:16 But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

The wicked were given time to repent, but they did not. Before God would drive them out and let the Israelites possess the land, He gave them, God showed the full extent of His mercy to the wicked inhabitants of the land in giving them ample time to repent. It was not until that time had expired that God drove them out and let His people inherit the land.

Likewise, the Millennial Kingdom will not be set up until the iniquity of the earth has reached its fullness and been dealt with!

Martinism- Do the trumpets blast and then take a seat? Or do they continue their blast through the entire period?

I would suspect that they sound throughout.

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The events of the Book of Revelation are a crescendo of events, one right after another. I wonder if the Trumpets continue to sound as a warning and a testimony of the fulfillment of God's agenda.

During this period there will be catastrophe upon catastrophe, judgment upon judgment. No relief, no time to breathe, no hope, no joy. God is coming in like a flood.

For the righteous, we have been told what to do when the enemy comes in like a flood:

Isa 59:19 So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

Isa 59:20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.

Isa 59:21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this [time and forevermore."

But what can be done when GOD comes in like a flood? Who can make war with Him? Who can defeat Him? Who can prevail?

NOBODY!!!!

It appears hopeless, but it is not. There is one refuge that can provide a haven against the flood of judgment and wrath of God: The CROSS!

Now let us re-read Chapter 15:1-4

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