

“First Silence Then Sounding”

Revelation 8:1-13

Intro:

- * Talk about an event where there is first silence then a sounding of something.
- * Illustration: Military funeral or the calm before the storm.
- * This is what happens as John continues to see the vision of the future judgments.

Reflecting on the Word: What does John see as he continues to look?

1. Silence (8:1-5)---Preliminary

1 When the Lamb broke the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.

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.---**Hebrews 9:4; Exodus 30:1, 3; Revelation 5:8; Numbers 4:11;**

1 Kings 7:50; 2 Chronicles 4:22

4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel's hand.---**Psalm 141:2; Revelation 6:9-11**

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.---**Leviticus 16:12; Ezekiel 10:2; Exodus 19:16; Revelation 4:5; 11:19; 16:18**

2. Sounding (8:6-13)---Pouring Out

6 And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound them.

7 The 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.---**Exodus 9:23ff; Isaiah 28:2; Ezekiel 38:2; Joel 2:30**

8 The second angel sounded, and something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea; and a third of the sea became blood,---**Jeremiah 51:25; Exodus 7:17ff; Zephaniah 1:3**

9 and a third of the creatures which were in the sea and had life, died; and a third of the ships were destroyed.---**Isaiah 2:16**

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.---**Revelation 6:13; 9:1**

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.---**Deuteronomy 29:18; Proverbs 5:4; Jeremiah 9:15; 23:15; Lamentations 3:15, 19; Amos 5:7**

12 The fourth angel sounded, and a third of the sun and a third of the moon and a third of the stars were struck, so that a third of them would be darkened and the day would not shine for a third of it, and the night in the same way.---**Exodus 10:21ff; Isaiah 13:10; Ezekiel 32:7; Joel 2:10, 31; 3:15; Revelation 6:12ff**

13 Then I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in midheaven, 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!”---**Revelation 4:7; 12:14**

Responding to the Word:

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Word Studies

Censer:

A fire pan used for burning incense

Incense:

A substance that produces a fragrant odor when burned

Prayers:

Petitions or requests made to God

Took:

To get into one's hands or take physically; Perfect Indicative Active

Prepared:

To make ready or suitable or equip in advance for a particular purpose or for some use, event or other purpose; Aorist Indicative Active

Fell:

To descend in free fall under the influence of gravity; Aorist Indicative Active

Called:

To become identified by a specific word or name; Present Indicative Passive

Wormwood:

An herb of the genus *Artemisia* known for its extremely bitter taste

Wormwood:

The property of becoming bitter or having a harsh, unpleasant taste

Struck:

To be or become affected or afflicted suddenly usually adversely sometimes with an implied divine agent; Aorist Indicative Passive

Midheaven:

Midair, some point in the air above ground level

Woe: