Revelation 8

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A. The Seventh Seal opened - Silence followed by Seven Angels

1 And when he had opened **the seventh seal**, there was **silence in heaven** about the space of half an hour.

Zechariah 2:13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

*Why the pause?

God acting in a weird way

• God must behave outside of His normal Character

Isaiah 28:21 For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his **strange(be foreign; alien)** work; and bring to pass his act, **his strange(act foreign) act**.

Ezekiel 18:27-32

- 27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.
- 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?
- 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.
- 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and **make** you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
- 32 For I HAVE NO PLEASURE IN THE DEATH OF HIM THAT DIETH, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.
- God's Nature
 - I John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for GOD IS LOVE.
 - I John 4:16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. GOD IS LOVE; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
- 2 And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.

Numbers 10:1-10 - Moses at Sinai

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

Assembly of the congregation

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

One Trumpet Alert = The **leaders** gather

4 And if they blow but with **one trumpet**, then **the princes**, which are **heads of the thousands** of Israel, **shall gather themselves** unto thee.

First Alarm

5 When ye blow an alarm(battle cry), then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward.

Second Alarm - South camp moves

6 When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys.

The Priests blow to gather the whole congregation

7 But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, **the priests, shall blow with the trumpets**; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations.

<mark>War</mark> Alarm

9 And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, **then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets**; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and **ye shall be saved from your enemies**.

Celebration over Sacrifice

10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, **ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings**, and over the **sacrifices of your peace offerings**; that they may be to you for **a memorial before your God**: I am the LORD your God.

Hosea 8:1-14

Israel turns to Golden Calves and Altars of Sin

God's Frustration stated

- 1 Set the trumpet to thy mouth. He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD, BECAUSE THEY HAVE TRANSGRESSED MY COVENANT, AND TRESPASSED AGAINST MY LAW.
- 2 Israel shall cry unto me, My God, we know thee.

Israel Chooses the way of the enemy

- 3 ISRAEL HATH CAST OFF THE THING THAT IS GOOD: the enemy shall pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.
- 5 **Thy calf**, O Samaria, hath cast thee off; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency?
- 6 For from Israel was it also: the workman made it; therefore it is not God: but **the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.**
- 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: it hath no stalk: the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, **the strangers shall swallow it up**.
- 8 Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
- 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired lovers.
- 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.
- 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
- 12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.
- 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it; but the LORD accepteth them not; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins: they shall return to Egypt.
- 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

B. Another Angel - The Golden Censer

- 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the PRAYERS OF ALL SAINTS upon the golden altar(the altar of incense) which was before the throne (the ark of the covenant).
- 4 And the smoke(picture of the power of the Holy Spirit) of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's(messenger) hand.
- 5 And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Another connection to the Tabernacle

Leviticus 16:11-14

- 11 And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which *is* for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which *is* for himself:
- 12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the vail:
- 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:
- **14** And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

The Prayers of the saints seem to become the judgement on the earth Revelation 6:9-10

- 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
- 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

C. 7 Angels Blow their trumpets

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets **prepared**(**make ready**) **themselves to sound**.

1. The First Angel with a Trumpet - Hail and Fire

7 The first(cardinal number) 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.

Isaiah 28:2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, *which* as **a tempest of hail** and **a destroying storm**, as **a flood of mighty waters overflowing**, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

2. The Second Angel with a Trumpet - Burning like a Mountain

8 And the second(ordinal) angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood;

Jeremiah 51:25 - God speaking about Babylon

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the LORD, which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.

9 And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.

3. The Third Angel with a Trumpet - Bitter Water

- 10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters;
- 11 And the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

Jeremiah 9:15

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, **with wormwood**, and give them water of gall to drink.

Exodus 15:23 And when they came to Marah, **they could not drink of the waters** of Marah, for **they were bitter**: therefore the name of it was called Marah.

4. The Forth Angel with a Trumpet - The sun, moon and stars smitten

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise.

Ezekiel 32:5-8

- **5** And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.
- **6** I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of thee.
- 7 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.
- **8** All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

Matthew 24:29-31

- 29 Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:
- **30** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.
- **31** And he shall send his angels with **a great sound of a trumpet**, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

5. The **bold Warning** of the angel

13 And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, to the inhabiters of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!

Revelation 9:1-21

The Fifth Angel with a Trumpet

- 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit.
- 2 And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.
- 3 And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.
- 4 And it was commanded them that they should **not hurt the grass of the earth**, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.
- 5 And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.
- 6 And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
- 7 And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men.
- 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions.
- 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots of many horses running to battle.
- 10 And they had tails like unto scorpions, and there were stings in their tails: and their power was to hurt men five months.
- 11 And they had a king over them, which is the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is Abaddon, but in the Greek tongue hath his name Apollyon.
- 12 One woe is past; and, behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

The Sixth Angel with a Trumpet

- 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
- 14 Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.
- 15 And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men.
- 16 And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.
- 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone.

- 18 By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths.
- 19 For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
- 20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues **YET REPENTED NOT** of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
- 21 Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Revelation 10:7 - The Seventh Angel with a Trumpet