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### CHAPTER 8

<sup>8</sup> When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. <sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> Now the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared to blow them.

<sup>7</sup> The first angel blew his trumpet, and there followed hail and fire, mixed with blood, and these were thrown upon the earth. And a third of the earth was burned up, and a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

<sup>8</sup> The second angel blew his trumpet, and something like a great mountain, burning with fire, was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. <sup>9</sup> A third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

<sup>10</sup> The third angel blew his trumpet, and a great star fell from heaven, blazing like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. <sup>11</sup> The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many people died from the water, because it had been made bitter.

<sup>12</sup> The fourth angel blew his trumpet, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of their light might be darkened, and a third of the day might be kept from shining, and likewise a third of the night.

<sup>13</sup> Then I looked, and I heard an eagle crying with a loud voice as it flew directly overhead, "Woe, woe, woe to those who dwell on the earth, at the blasts of the other trumpets that the three angels are about to blow!"

(Revelation 8:1-13 ESV)

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### Insights

At the **seventh seal** in chapter 8, the Messianic Kingdom has continued for a thousand years. The first resurrection and the ensuing ascension of the elect were long before the seventh seal.

At this time, Mystery Babylon is a legend. Armageddon is a windswept graveyard, renamed Hamon-Gog one thousand years ago. The beast and his prophet are in the lake of fire, ancient history since the wrath in 16 and Jesus' return in 19. 8 is at the end of time when the span of life is extended. (Is. 65:20) In the Kingdom, generations give birth to their children's children after all who survived God's earlier wrath have died till the dead rise.

The Kingdom is referred to four times in 20:4-7; it was also foretold in the Psalms and Prophets. The thousand years meet the end of time, and heaven is speechless for half an hour. The Lord opens **the seventh seal**, approaching the end of all things. As an angel's hand wafts the saints' prayers with the smoke of incense to God, its fiery censor is cast down to earth, and seven angels who stand before the throne of God take up their trumpets.

Chapter 8 begins with silence in heaven by an unspeakable event: rebellion against the King begins to rise **near the last day**. (9:20-21; 11:7-10; 11:17-18; 20:7-9; Ps. 2) The first trumpeter blows his horn, and God's wrath begins. In all, four trumpeters call for plagues that precede the **three great woes**, the last three trumpets in chapters 9 and 11.

The first four initiate the catastrophes: 1.) Hail and fire fell in Egypt when Pharaoh refused to let the Hebrews go; but here hail and fire are mixed with blood. Massive areas of the earth and its trees are burned. 2.) An enormous asteroid falls into the sea; a third of its waters turn to blood, and a third of its ships sink; multitudes perish. 3.) A toxic substance falls to embitter a third of the rivers and streams; many die. 4.) A third of the day and of the night darken. Temperatures plummet, signaling death. Though God reveals His mighty arm, will their false narratives blind multitudes till **the last day**?

In chapter 9, **three great woes** begin by a terrible event: The devil's locusts rise out of perdition. Chained, locked, and sealed in its pit for a thousand years, *Satan*, "the enemy," is *Abaddon*—"the destroyer." Its **key** unlocks the abyss as well as the era of the trumpets and the identity of the destroyer. (See 20:1-3)

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9 Then the fifth angel sounded: And I saw a star fallen from heaven to the earth. To him was given the key to the bottomless pit.<sup>2</sup> And he opened the bottomless pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. So the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke of the pit.<sup>3</sup> Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.<sup>4</sup> They were commanded not to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.<sup>5</sup> And they were not given *authority* to kill them, but to torment them *for* five months. Their torment *was* like the torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man.<sup>6</sup> In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them.

<sup>7</sup> The shape of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle. On their heads were crowns of something like gold, and their faces *were* like the faces of men.<sup>8</sup> They had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' *teeth*.<sup>9</sup> And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings *was* like the sound of chariots with many horses running into battle.<sup>10</sup> They had tails like scorpions, and there were stings in their tails. Their power *was* to hurt men five months.<sup>11</sup> And they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in Hebrew *is* Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apollyon.

<sup>12</sup> One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things.

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,<sup>14</sup> saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."<sup>15</sup> So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.<sup>16</sup> Now the number of the army of the horsemen *was* two hundred million; I heard the number of them.<sup>17</sup> And thus I saw the horses

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in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses *were* like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.<sup>18</sup> By these three *plagues* a third of mankind was killed—by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.<sup>19</sup> For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails *are* like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

<sup>20</sup> But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.<sup>21</sup> And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. (Revelation 9:1-21 NKJV)

### Insights

A vast international rebellion fomented, and the **seventh seal** begins with seven angels, each with his trumpet, in chapters 8, 9, and 11. After the thousand years of peace under Messiah, even before Satan is loosed, sinful humanity proves peace on earth is not what people want, but rather, rebellion and sedition against the governance of God. If they'd repent and believe, they'd gain righteousness and peace but, refusing to repent, are perpetually restless and dissatisfied in every way.

In 20:1-3 John saw *an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit* to lock up the dragon and bind him for a *thousand years*. God's enemies are at His command. An angel falls to earth with **a key**. At the fifth trumpet, **he opens the pit**; out of its smoke, multitudes of tormentors rise like locusts with their king, the destroyer.

20 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.<sup>2</sup> He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is *the Devil* and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;<sup>3</sup> and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while. (Rev. 20:1-3 NKJV)

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Last to rise out of the farthest depth of the bottomless pit, the dragon ends his role in Revelation. (20:1-3, p. 106; cf. 9:2, 11) Our hardships may be from the enemy, but God uses them to purify, strengthen, and reward us for faith that endures; but death repays the sinner. (Is. 54:16-17; Job 1:6-12; Gen. 45:5-8; Rom. 8:31-39)

**Three woes** begin by the last three trumpets, starting in 9:1 and finishing in 11:19. The era of the seven trumpets is revealed at the **fifth trumpet**, the **first great woe** and its **key**, handed to the fallen angel who **unlocks the pit** after Yeshua has reigned for a thousand years. The lord of the locusts is *Abaddon*, rising as a prisoner out of the pit. (Cf. 20:7-8) Before him we see his army, rushing out like locusts, yet these *locusts* don't destroy the earth, but torment people, only sparing those with the seal of God:

<sup>13</sup> In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. (Eph. 1:13-14 NKJV)

Again repentance is the message on the Day of the LORD, but it's not in the nature of a rebel to repent. The **fifth trumpet** in 9:1 signals the **first woe**. Its tormenters are like scorpions; their victims writhe in excruciating agony for five months.

In closer study, their swarms neither look like locusts nor like anything natural: if they're men, their hair is like women's; if women, their faces are like men; if human, their teeth are like lions' teeth. The crowns only *appear* to be gold in 9:7. Nothing about them seems earthly. In a way, they're unreal, but they torment sinners as God commands His enemies.

At the **sixth trumpet**, the second woe releases four angels who were bound at the Euphrates. A thousand years before, the river dried for the sixth angel to pour his bowl of wrath in 16:12. Kings of the East had crossed its riverbed, marching to Armageddon. Now angels of the river are let go to kill a third of mankind by an army of two hundred million. (9:13-19; 20:7-9 till in 20:10 Satan is destroyed; cf. 11:18-19; cf. 20:11-15; Ezk. 38:10-23)

Their "sorceries" are drugs, or potions, sold by drug dealers and sorcerers to seduce minds and physically addict people to the powers of the spirit world. [Gr.: *pharmakeia* in 9:21] *Pharmakeia*

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are used in primitive and sophisticated cultures till the end, but saints must rule over their own flesh. (1 Thes. 5:6; 1 Pet. 4:7; 5:8)

<sup>9</sup> And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one....<sup>11</sup> And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. (Zec. 14:9, 11) [“Safely inhabited” is a key to its time.]

Zechariah depicts Messiah’s city, safely inhabited. Meshech and Tubal are to the east and west in Turkey. The Black Sea is north; Ukraine and Russia are above it. Israel is at peace till Gog rises:

38 The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>“Son of man, set your face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him <sup>3</sup>and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. <sup>4</sup> And I will turn you about and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you out, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great host, all of them with buckler and shield, wielding swords. <sup>5</sup> Persia, Cush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet. <sup>6</sup> Gomer and all his hordes; Beth-Togarmah from the uttermost parts of the north with all his hordes—many peoples are with you.

... <sup>8</sup> After many days you will be mustered. In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, the land whose people were gathered from many peoples upon the mountains of Israel, which had been a continual waste. Its people were brought out from the peoples and now dwell securely, all of them. ...

<sup>10</sup> “Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day, thoughts will come into your mind, and you will devise an evil scheme <sup>11</sup>and say, ‘I will go up against the land of un-walled villages. I will fall upon the quiet people who dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having no bars or gates,’ <sup>12</sup> to seize spoil and carry off plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and the people who were gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell at the center of the earth. ...

<sup>14</sup> “Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: On that day when my people



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Israel are dwelling securely, will you not know it? <sup>15</sup> You will come from your place out of the uttermost parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great host, a mighty army. <sup>16</sup> You will come up against my people Israel, like a cloud covering the land. In the latter days I will bring you against my land, that the nations may know me, when through you, O Gog, I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.  
(Ezk. 38:1-6, 8, 10-12, 14-16 ESV) [Read all of Ezk. 38.]

At the sixth trumpet, their *horses* are likely military vehicles, killing a third of mankind by the fire and brimstone out of their mouths and the harm in their tails.

Ezekiel 38 and 39 seem repetitive because Gog rises against Israel before and after the thousand years; so does Satan, who's first healed and then is locked in the pit till the end.

Prophecies that are redundant are generally repeated in time. We would not expect the trumpets, which begin in chapter 8, to be blown at the end of time; however, 8 is separated from the other six seals to distinguish the era of the trumpets from the earlier judgments. And then there are the **keys**. In the same way, in Ezekiel 38, Gog rises against Jerusalem for the second time, but after the millennium when she is *safely inhabited*. In 20:8 Satan is the coordinator of Gog and Magog, *to deceive and to gather them for battle*:

<sup>7</sup> When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison <sup>8</sup> and will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth—Gog and Magog—and to gather them for battle. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. <sup>9</sup> They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves. But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. <sup>10</sup> And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (Rev. 20:7-10 NIV)

Gog and Magog cover the earth as Babylon had till the last bowl of God's wrath when Yeshua returned. Then the beast and false prophet were cast into the lake of fire as birds of prey ate the dead in Armageddon. After the thousand years, Abaddon, the

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destroyer, is released from the pit. Ezekiel 38 has neither burial grounds nor birds to feast on corpses. This is how it ends:

<sup>17</sup> “Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you he of whom I spoke in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel, who in those days prophesied for years that I would bring you against them? <sup>18</sup> But on that day, the day that Gog shall come against the land of Israel, declares the Lord GOD, my wrath will be roused in my anger. <sup>19</sup> For in my jealousy and in my blazing wrath I declare, On that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. <sup>20</sup> The fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the field and all creeping things that creep on the ground, and all the people who are on the face of the earth, shall quake at my presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall tumble to the ground. <sup>21</sup> I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Lord GOD. Every man’s sword will be against his brother. <sup>22</sup> With pestilence and bloodshed I will enter into judgment with him, and I will rain upon him and his hordes and the many peoples who are with him torrential rains and hailstones, fire and sulfur. <sup>23</sup> So I will show my greatness and my holiness and make myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD. (Ezk. 38:17-23; cf. Rev. 11:19)

The **sixth trumpet** triggers the first part of the **second woe**, divided from its last part by chapter 10. The insurrection is first made evident in 9:20-21 but must have been fomenting for years. Angels that were bound at the Euphrates River were loosed to call for an army of two hundred million troops who kill a third of mankind by three plagues—fire, smoke, and brimstone, the same as the judgment from the Almighty. He uses His enemies as an arsenal against the evil they represent; this is evident throughout biblical history and continues to this day.

9:19 finishes the first part of the second woe. After chapter 9, 11:3-14 complete the remainder of the second woe, ending at **the third woe, the last trumpet**. The final battle in chapter 20 calls the armies of Gog and Magog to the mountains of Israel for their destruction. The last prophecies are without delay as the angel swore to the Maker of all things (in 10:6).

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### CHAPTER 10

<sup>10</sup> Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, surrounded by a cloud, with a rainbow over his head. His face was like the sun, his legs were like fiery pillars, <sup>2</sup> and he had a little scroll opened in his hand. He put his right foot on the sea, his left on the land, <sup>3</sup> and he cried out with a loud voice like a roaring lion. When he cried out, the seven thunders spoke with their voices.

<sup>4</sup> And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write. Then I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders said, and do not write it down!"

<sup>5</sup> Then the angel that I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. <sup>6</sup> He swore an oath by the One who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it: "There will no longer be an interval of time, <sup>7</sup> but in the days of the sound of the seventh angel, when he will blow his trumpet, then God's hidden plan will be completed, as He announced to His servants the prophets."

<sup>8</sup> Now the voice that I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the scroll that lies open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land."

<sup>9</sup> So I went to the angel and asked him to give me the little scroll. He said to me, "Take and eat it; it will be bitter in your stomach, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

<sup>10</sup> Then I took the little scroll from the angel's hand and ate it. It was as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I ate it, my stomach became bitter. <sup>11</sup> And I was told, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, languages, and kings." (Revelation 10:1-11 HCSB)

#### Insights

An angel interrupts the judgments of the vision, holding out a little scroll for John to take and taste, swallow, and digest its difficult message. **In the midst of the second of three woes**, a voice from heaven prepares the prophet to speak again.

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A mighty angel crowned with grace roars like a lion. Now we see through dark glasses, but we'll see clear eyed and face to face after the living and the dead rise to be judged when the earth and its works are exposed. (Rev. 11:18; cf. 1 Cor. 13:9-12)

John took the little scroll and ate it. This means he read the scroll and received its words. At first it seemed sweet, but after he swallowed its contents, its reality hit his stomach. It was not at all as he'd expected it to be; he felt dismayed. The angel told John he must prophesy again but to the world and to kings. Once more, he knew he must take up his cross and endure to the end.

John is living in a vision that isn't fulfilled till three thousand years past Patmos. Not just his location, but his whole world changes: he sees the Kingdom of David's Son, Yeshua.

In 11:1 John is told to measure its temple, which he knows was razed to the ground twenty-five years before Patmos. Next he's warned not to measure its outer court that belongs to the unbelievers who tread the city underfoot. Its future is foreign to John's understanding of the Kingdom to come.

It seems that John is one of the two witnesses, appointed to judge the earth for 1,260 days. He'd speak as the voice of Christ in the latter part of the second woe. All that came before the end prepared the way for this moment in time. Although tradition mentions John's natural death, from the isle of Patmos, by the Lord's command, he'd carry the cross for the last time:

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" <sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true. (Jn. 21:20-24 ESV)