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West Valley End-Time Ministries Newsletter

"Infinity"

Immortality, life that never ends, is a wonderful reality that Jesus promises to all who come to Him in faith. Eternal life in a perfect land is the inheritance of every follower of Christ and something that we can look forward to with certainty and great anticipation! And immortality **begins** the moment a sinner embraces the Person and saving grace of our Savior. **Note: Immortality has a beginning point, but it has no end** — a concept that is not difficult for our human minds to comprehend.

However, infinity (the infinite), that which has no boundaries in time and space is much more difficult, if not impossible, for our consciousness to grasp. **Example:** **Our universe has no boundaries — it is infinite!** If you were to begin a trip through space **at the speed of light** (186,000 miles per second!), your journey would never end! Traveling **at the speed of light**, it would take one million years to reach the edge of our own galaxy. And to reach the next closest galaxy would take another million years, traveling at the speed of light. And if this doesn't yet boggle your mind, check this out: If you held a dime up to the sky, that small dime would block your vision to a very small piece of space in which astronomers tell us one million galaxies exist! Our universe has no boundaries. Our universe has no beginning and no end. Our universe is **infinite** in space.

How could God possibly create such an expanse? It's hard to understand how even God could create such an infinite expanse, until you realize that **God Himself is infinite, having no beginning and no end!** God is as infinite in time as His universe is infinite in space. Which is why Jesus could say to the Jews, "Before Abraham was, I AM." (John 8:58) — something they couldn't/wouldn't believe!

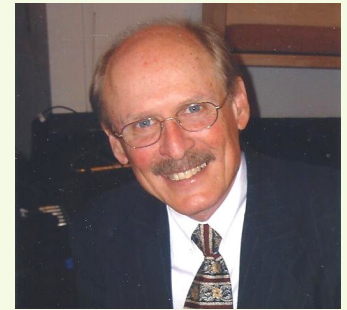
One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Micah 5:2 —

"But you, Bethlehem, ... Out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be ruler in Israel — **whose goings forth are from of old, from the days of eternity.**"

This is the God we serve. This is the One who chose us to enjoy eternity with Him "before the foundation of the world." Ephesians 1:4. And in Him, we now live in eternity!

In Him,

Pastor Chilson

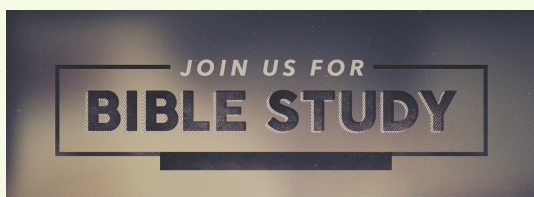


Pastor Darrell Chilson

"We are living in the season of Christ's return."

Jesus said, "Watch and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

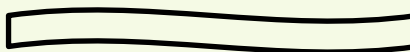
The mission of West Valley Ministries is to help Christ's followers recognize the signs of His approaching return and be prepared for that Great Day.



John 8 – Part 4

Abraham's Seed Vs. Satan's Seed

37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** "I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." **39** They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. **40** "But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. **41** "You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father--God." **42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. **43** "Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. **44** "You are of [your] father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own [resources], for he is a liar and the father of it. **45** "But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. **46** "Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? **47** "He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."



Before Abraham Was, I AM

48 Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" **49** Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. **50** "And I do not seek My [own] glory; there is One who seeks and judges. **51** "Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death." **52** Then the Jews said to Him, "Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and You say, 'If anyone keeps My word he shall never taste death.' **53** "Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the prophets are dead. Who do You make Yourself out to be?" **54** Jesus answered, "If I honor Myself, My honor is nothing. It is My Father who honors Me, of whom you say that He is your God. **55** "Yet you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, 'I do not know Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do know Him and keep His word. **56** "Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw [it] and was glad." **57** Then the Jews said to Him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?" **58** Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I AM." **59** Then they took up stones to throw at Him; but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.



“THE JUDGMENTS OF GOD” PART 2

We now examine the second and final set of **warning judgments** prophesied in the Book of Revelation which come upon the earth just before Jesus returns – the Seven Trumpets of Revelation chapters eight and nine. **The first four trumpets are** presented in Chapter 8 and are **literal catastrophic events** which come in sequence upon the earth **and have a great impact on the earth itself**. **The fifth and sixth trumpets represent spectacular forces of a spiritual nature which affect people** – those who have rejected Christ and His special messengers as they have served as the voice of God in the earth calling the world to **worship** Christ, the Creator (Revelation 14:6, 7), just as the False Prophet has been calling the world to **worship** the Antichrist (Revelation 13:12-14). Let’s look at these events in the order in which they are presented.

THE SEVEN TRUMPETS: Revelation 8 and 9

The First Trumpet: Revelation 8:7 – Hail and Fire Mingled with Blood

The first angel sounded: And **hail and fire followed, mingled with blood**, and they were thrown to the earth. And **a third of the trees** were burned up, **and all green grass** was burned up.

In this text, and the text of the following three trumpets, please note that the term **“one-third”** is used to describe the extent of the effects of each of these catastrophic events upon the earth. **“One-third”** is in contrast to **complete** devastation of the **entire** earth and sea as God demonstrates His mercy in these judgments. These judgments are **warning judgments**, intended to call the world to an allegiance to a God of might and power – a God of mercy, “unwilling that ANY should perish” (2 Peter 3:9) as He gives the world a little longer to see clearly who He is and the consequences of refusing to follow Him before He brings an end to evil and evildoers and brings in the evil-free forever He has promised those who place their faith in Jesus Christ.


The Second Trumpet: Revelation 8:8, 9 – A Great Mountain on Fire


Then 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. And **a third of the living creatures** in the sea died, **and a third of the ships** were destroyed.

While this text does not use the term “asteroid”, a term I’m sure John had never heard in his day, the description of this judgment is likely just that – an huge asteroid which falls into the sea and has all the effects upon the earth portrayed by Hollywood in the movie “Deep Impact.”

The Third Trumpet: Revelation 8:10, 11 – A Great Star Falls from Heaven

Then 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 water**. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter.





The Fourth Trumpet: Revelation 8:12 – Sun, Moon and Stars Darkened

Then the fourth angel sounded: And **a third of the sun** was struck, **a third of the moon**, and **a third of the stars**, so that a third of them were **darkened**. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.

This event again speaks of darkening of **“a third”** of the lights of the heavens – a **partial darkness** upon the earth in contrast to the **worldwide** event described by Jesus in Matthew 24, immediately preceding His glorious return in the clouds of heaven. Notice Jesus’ account of the final events preceding His return.


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. **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. Matthew 24:29, 30.


The Fifth Trumpet: Revelation 9:1-3, 11 – Demons Released in the Earth

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. 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. Then out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth. And to them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ... And **they had as king over them the angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in Hebrew [is] Abaddon [Destruction], but in Greek he has the name Apollyon [Destroyer].

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**. 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. In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them. Revelation 9:4-6.

Note two important identifying characteristics of this **“star”** and **“angel.”** This **“star”** is **fallen (past tense) from heaven**. Revelation 12:3, 4 speaks of the Dragon (Satan) and the **“stars”** (angels) he drew with him when he was cast out of heaven. The **“angel of the bottomless pit”** is none other than Satan as portrayed in Revelation 20:1-3. This event, which lasts for “five months,” is none other than the release of Satan and his demons in the earth, allowing them to “harm only those who do not have the seal (mark) of God in their foreheads.”





The Sixth Trumpet: Revelation 11:13-15 – Papal Armies Released in the Earth

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "**Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.**" 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.

Just as with the previous Trumpet, the source of this judgment is found in just one term – "**the great River Euphrates**". The river Euphrates (the river over which ancient Babylon was built) is also mentioned in Revelation 16:12, and is a reference to **Babylon** – another name for **the Church of Rome** and the subject of Revelation 14, 16, 17 and 18 where God's judgment upon her is described for her corruption and her slaughter of His people. Thus, just as Satan and his armies are released in the earth under the 5th Trumpet, so the corrupt power of Rome and her armies are released in the earth under the 6th Trumpet. It is under these two judgments that these two powers of evil, along with the False Prophet, make their final advance upon the people of the world before they face their own "perdition". Under the Fifth Trumpet, "those who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads" are "tormented". Under the Sixth Trumpet, one-third of mankind is killed! (Revelation 9:15, 18).

The Seventh Trumpet: Revelation 11:15, 19 – The Seal Which Connects All the "Seven's" of Revelation Together at the End of All Things! (Another Study).

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great **voices** in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. ... And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in his temple the ark of his testament: and there were **lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.** Revelation 11:15, 19.

In our next segment, we will address the Seven Last Plagues – the seven judgments of God upon the forces of evil and their subjects, intended to make known to them that God will not be mocked – judgments which will "stop them in their tracks" and in their pursuit of the "saints" – the Church. These judgments are similar to the plagues brought upon Egypt as God forced Pharaoh's hand to let His people go when nothing else could persuade him, and these seven plagues at the end of time are both similar in purpose and in kind.

Stay tuned!

